

**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 16th & 17th September 2017**

### **SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

This Sunday's readings are all about forgiveness. In the first reading we are asked to remove all anger and resentfulness from our relationships with others we may disagree with, because, it will do us no good at all to harbour these thoughts and just lead to vengeance. "Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven" Therefore, overlook the offence and you will be at peace. In the second reading St Paul says the whole of our lives and even our death is for the Lord. He realises that the presence of the Spirit of Christ will guide every individual Christian, who is genuinely living for the Lord, throughout their lives. The gospel brings all this together with the story of the unforgiving servant. There is a vast difference in the sums of money owed. In today's language the servant owed the King millions of dollars, or a sum no person could ever repay, the second servant owes the first a couple of month's wages. All of this makes true the words in the Lord's Prayer "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us".

**Deacon Terry**

### **TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP: BIDDING PRAYER FOR SUNDAYS AND OTHER OCCASIONS**

That in seeking the way ahead of our partnership,  
we will be open to your Holy Spirit.  
We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:  
Holy Mary, Mother of God. *Pray for us.*  
St Joseph, *Pray for us.*  
St Columba. *Pray for us.*  
St Aidan, *Pray for us.*  
St Oswin, *Pray for us.*  
St Cuthbert, *Pray for us.*  
St Edmund, *Pray for us.*  
St Edward, *Pray for us.*  
St Bernadette. *Pray for us.*  
Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer. / Lord Hear us.*  
*Lord, graciously hear us.*

### **PARISH NOTICES**

#### **HOME MISSION SUNDAY - 17TH SEPTEMBER**

On the third Sunday of September, the Church in England and Wales celebrates Home Mission Sunday. The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards and prayer maps for families are available from the back of the church. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a regular basis, please sign up to our newsletter via [www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk) Please consider contributing to today's second collection. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

#### **FR ANTHONY DONAGHUE - FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Please remember in your prayers Fr Anthony Donaghue, who died peacefully on 9th September, aged 68 years. His body will be received into Our Lady's & St Columba's Church at 6.00pm on Sunday, 17th September. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00pm on Monday, 18th September, followed by burial in Sunderland. May he rest in peace. Amen.

#### **HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION**

With effect from the First Sunday of Advent 2017 (3rd December), two holydays of obligation are being reinstated. This decision was made by the Bishops of England and Wales, and has been confirmed by the Holy See. The days are: the Epiphany of the Lord on 6 January (transferred to the adjacent Sunday when it falls on Saturday or Monday) and the Ascension of the Lord on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter (10th May 2018).

#### **FAIR TRADE**

There will a Fair Trade sale this Sunday, 17th September in the Narthex at St Edward's Church.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Martin Anderson, recently living in Cyprus, who died on 3rd September 2017. David was originally from Whitley Bay then Wylam and Ulgham. His Requiem Mass will take place at St Edward's Church on Tuesday, 19th September at 10.00am followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

### **PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 18th September in the Parish rooms at St Edward's after the Service, when Margaret Musgrave will tell us about the work of the British Red Cross, and we will give her the money raised by the summer coffee morning. Everyone is very welcome to listen to Margaret's talk about the varied and important work carried out by the Red Cross.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

The Our Lady Star of the Sea annual Macmillan coffee morning will take place on Tuesday, 19th September at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church after 10.00am Mass. Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause. We need; cake bakers, scone makers, fairy cake mixers, brownie fixers, traybake slicers, cupcake icers, coffee drinkers, tea sinkers and as many people as possible to come along and donate a few pennies (or pounds!) to Macmillan Cancer Care. Baked goods can be dropped off at Immaculate Heart of Mary before 10.00am Mass. If you are unable to come along, but would like to make a donation, collection boxes will be at the back of each church. Thank you.

### **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Wednesday, 4th October when David Armstrong will lead a walk from Colt Crag. Please note there is no walk on 19th September. All those going to Colt Crag please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion across the Parish, especially those who have not been on one this year, are warmly invited to a day of recollection to be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Saturday 11th November, from 1.00pm to 4.30 pm. Tea and cake!! More information soon.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **YOUTH MINISTRY MODULE**

Adults who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two Saturdays 30th September and 28th October at the Emmaus Youth Village. Further information from [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

### **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AOS) – MASS AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

Celebration of Holy Mass at 12:05pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Friday, 22nd September 2017. An opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports in your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information contact [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

### **YOUTH SUNDAY PREPARATION**

An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St. Joseph's Academy, Hebburn on **Sunday 8th October 3.00pm to 5.15pm**. This year's theme is 'YES' inviting us to reflect on how Mary, as a young person, had the faith and courage to say 'Yes' to what God was calling her to do. Each church is invited to be represented by adults and young people (Year 9 and above) and there will be an opportunity to plan together and to meet other groups in the same partnership. Music and other resources will be available. Booking forms are in parishes or available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

### **500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION**

As you may be aware 2017 is being commemorated as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and a regional event to commemorate this notable anniversary is to be held at Brunswick Methodist Church, NE1 7BJ, on Saturday, 21st October from 2.00 - 5.15pm. There is no charge but if you would like to attend please email. [andrea.murray@diocesahn.org.uk](mailto:andrea.murray@diocesahn.org.uk).

### **NEWCASTLE MALE CHORUS - ANNUAL CONCERT**

The choir are holding their annual concert at 7.00pm at the People's Theatre, Heaton on Saturday, 21st October 2017. Cost £8.00. In addition to the members of our parish who are in the choir, this year's guest soloist Ruth Jenkins-Robertsson is also a parishioner. The proceeds will enable the choir to continue their many charity concerts throughout the next year, some of which have benefited groups in our parish in the past. Kevin 0191 2530376/Terry 0191 2521481.

| MASS INTENTIONS  |   |   |                             |
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| DAY  | ST EDWARD'S   | IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  | OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S  |
| Sat 16th September<br><b>SS CORNELIUS AND CYRIAN</b>                           | 9.30am Harry & Peggy Lazzari<br>10.00am CONFESSIONS                 | 6.00pm Margaret Murphy (TM)                                     |                             |
| Sun 17th September<br><b>24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>                           | 11.00am Kathleen Zamuner  |   | 9.30am People of the Parish |
| Mon 18th September   | 9.30am Word & Communion   | 10.00am Word & Communion  |                             |
| Tues 19th September<br><b>ST THEODORE OF CANTERBURY</b>                        | 10.00am Requiem Mass<br>David Martin Anderson                       | 10.00am Bill Bowstead (K&RY)                                    |                             |
| Wed 20th September<br><b>SS ANDREW KIM, PAUL CHONG HASANG &amp; COMPANIONS</b> | 9.30am John Clark (JH)<br>8.00pm Prayer Group                       | 10.00am Donor's Intentions                                      |                             |
| Thur 21st September<br><b>ST MATTHEW</b>                                       | 9.30am Word & Communion<br>7.00pm Compline                          | 10.00am Lilian & Eric Harrison<br>(Diamond Wedding Anniversary) |                             |
| Fri 22nd September   | 9.30am Jean Burnett (MEM)   | 10.00am O'Malley Family   |                             |
| Sat 23rd September<br><b>ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA</b>                            | 9.30am Terry Martin (AL)<br>10.00am CONFESSIONS                     | 6.00pm Bond & Aitchison<br>Families (CB)                        |                             |
| Sun 24th September<br><b>25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>                           | 11.00am Jeff & Ann Blakey<br>(Golden Wedding Anniversary)<br>(A&CG) |   | 9.30am People of the Parish |

| BAPTISM                                   | ST EDWARD                 |
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| Sunday 17th September 12.30pm (Fr Andrew) | Alma Elizabeth Hutchinson |

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are ill: Christopher Browne, Norma Smith, Tatyana Zynovieva, Norah Blewitt, Peter Longstaff and Maureen Langlands. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially John Clark, Brian Crumbley, Edward Simpson, Cardinal Murphy O'Connor, Fr Anthony Donaghue and David Martin Anderson.

#### **Hospital Chaplaincies**

**North Tyneside General Hospital**, Rake Lane, North Shields & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Northumbria Way, Cramlington: Contact Fr Stephen Watson on 07768 3873931.

**RVI, Freeman & Walkergate**: Please phone Fr Andrew Shaw at St Andrew's, Worswick Street, Newcastle on 0191 2321892.

**Newcastle General Hospital**: Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

#### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

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**Cluster Website** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

#### **Priests' telephone numbers**

Monsignor Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Father Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770,

Father Chris Hughes 0191 2575801. Deacon Terry McGann contact via Parish Office 0191 2527066.

**Parish Office opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10.00am—12.00noon.**

**For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email [parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com) or telephone 0191 2527066. Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12.00 noon on Thursdays.**

**READINGS AT MASS**  
**24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017**  
*The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.*

**First reading**

**Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 102:1-4,9-12**

*Response: **The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

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| 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord<br>all my being, bless his holy name.<br>My soul, give thanks to the Lord<br>and never forget all his blessings.               | 3. His wrath will come to an end;<br>he will not be angry for ever.<br>He does not treat us according to our sins<br>nor repay us according to our faults.                |
| 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,<br>who heals every one of your ills,<br>who redeems your life from the grave,<br>who crowns you with love and compassion. | 4. For as the heavens are high above the earth<br>so strong is his love for those who fear him.<br>As far as the east is from the west<br>so far does he remove our sins. |

**Second reading**

**Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.