

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 23rd & 24th September 2017

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Thank God (*he's not like us !*)

This Sunday's readings are about how different God is from each of us - 'my thoughts are not your thoughts'. It is good that He is, because we need to be liberated from selfishness, laziness, scheming and greed. God's ways are not ours. He does not need to 'think things out' with a yes or no or plan what to do whilst weighing up the consequences. God's love for us is entirely generous and limitless. In the second reading Paul, in prison, writes about not being sure if he is to live or die. His life is totally bound to Christ, his death is the completion of this work. It is the same for each of us. Sometimes we hear people say 'don't wish your life away' but we think differently, life is a reality and a gift but so is our death, like Paul we see death as the fulfilment of life. We do not fear judgement since we totally trust in the love of God. In the gospel, our first thoughts may be similar to those workers hired at the beginning of the day that God is being unjust, but thankfully God says - stop complaining and be grateful. My love is free and open to all, whatever the situation you find ourselves in. **Deacon Terry**

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP:
BIDDING PRAYER FOR SUNDAYS
AND OTHER OCCASIONS

That in seeking the way ahead for 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

BECOMING CATHOLIC

People have already inquired about becoming a Catholic. If you or someone you know has expressed an interest, please contact Mgr Andrew or Deacon Terry. We keep in our prayers those who have expressed an interest in coming into the Church next Easter. Further details about formation will be available soon.

MISSION APPEAL

On the weekend of 7th and 8th October we welcome a supply priest from the Society of African Missions who will be celebrating the Sunday Masses.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Brown, of West Monkseaton, who died on 15th September 2017. Her funeral service will take place at Whitley Bay Crematorium on Tuesday, 26th September at 12.00 noon. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 25th September in the Parish rooms at St Edwards, after the Service, when we'll share our 'Summer Memories' and everyone is very welcome.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, 27th September at 12.00 noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. If you have not been before and would like to join us please telephone Deirdre James on 0191 2513740.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Saturday, 11th November, from 1.00pm to 4.30 pm. There will be a list at the back of each church for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who wish to attend the day. The list will be available for 2 weeks only following which the event will be opened to others from the Partnership if numbers allow.

OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCH 100 CLUB

Subscriptions are now due (£12.00). Further information from Marie Rooney 0191 2534518.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation and Holy Communion is due to begin **in December 2017**. The programme is open to all children who are Baptised Catholic from within the Parish who are in **Year 4 or above**. An introductory session for all parents and carers detailing this year's programme and timetable will be held on **Thursday 9th November 7.30pm – 9.00pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**.

If you wish your child to receive the Sacraments and take part in this year's programme you will need to contact the parish office **before Friday 20th October 2017** to enrol them. If your child **does not** attend Star of the Sea School you will also need to provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate when you return their registration form. You can contact the Parish office by telephone on 0191 2527066 or via email parishofficeolss@btconnect.com .

THANKS

- The **Fair Trade** sale held last Sunday at St Edward's Church raised £22.10 in donations and goods to the value of £90 were sold.
- Many thanks to **Tyneside A Capella and Compass Men's Chorus** who entertained us so wonderfully last Saturday night at St Edward's Church. The sum of £1,400 was raised for the charity WALKING WITH. We appreciate the support of the audience from the three churches in the Parish, of visitors and all who helped to organise the event.
- **Parish Macmillan Coffee Morning** - We raised £1,030.00 and we thank all those who came. Congratulations to those who won raffle prizes and to everyone who contributed in any way to the great success of the morning. **The Mystery Cake Ingredient** :- Cake 1 (with the lighter topping) was Sauerkraut. Cake 2 (the very dark chocolate topping) was Beetroot. We had one correct guess of Beetroot. None for cake with Sauerkraut.

OTHER NOTICES

YOUTH SUNDAY PREPARATION AFTERNOON

Sunday 8th October at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn, NE31 2ET. The meeting will explore the theme of Youth Sunday 2017 and help parishes prepare their own celebration. If any Adults and young people (School year 9 and above) are interested in attending, please speak to Fr Andrew or contact the Parish Office.

MULTIFAITH WALK FOR PEACE

The annual multifaith walk for peace is on Sunday 15th October. Please see poster in narthex or at back of church for details.

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@diocesahn.org.uk

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.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Sat 23rd September ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA	9.30am Terry Martin (AL) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Bond & Aitchison Families (CB)	
Sun 24th September 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Jeff & Ann Blakey (Golden Wedding Anniversary) (A&CG)		9.30am People of the Parish
Mon 25th September	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tues 26th September SS COSMAS & DAMIAN	7.00pm Brendan McBrearty (AM)	10.00am Pat Doherty (KY)	
Wed 27th September ST VINCENT DE PAUL	9.30am John Clark (JH) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Harry & Peggy Lazzari (PH)	
Thur 28th September ST LAURENCE RUIZ	9.30am Terry Martin (P&GR) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Eddy Simpson (EH)	
Fri 29th September SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Hayes Family	
Sat 30th September ST JEROME	9.30am Robert Conlan (JC) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (especially all students going away and starting university)	
Sun 1st October 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Edward Simpson (MS)		9.30am Bridie Brown (AD&JS)

BAPTISM	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
Sunday, 1st October 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Alexander Jonathan George Grist

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 Edward Simpson, Fr Anthony Donaghue, David Martin Anderson and Angela Brown.

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:

Monsignor Andrew (St. Edward) stedwardsne26@btconnect.com (0191) 2528021
 Star of the Sea Primary School starofthesea.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk (0191) 6432080
Cluster Website 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 or telephone 0191 2527066. Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12.00 noon on Thursdays.

READINGS AT MASS
25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2017
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18

*Response: **The Lord is close to all who call him.***

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| 1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. | 3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. |
| 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. | |

Second reading

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results-I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.' The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. Lord Jesus Christ.**

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.