

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 30th September & 1st October 2017

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The prophet Ezekiel was speaking during the exile of the Jews. There was a tradition that the sins of the parents are visited on their children, but God says this is not the case and an individual is responsible for his own misgivings. The message is if you do wrong, then change your behaviour and do what is right. That is God being fair to them, what he wants them to do, what he wants us to do as well. In the second reading Paul gives us that great hymn about our Lord's life and asks us to model ourselves on it. His state was divine – he is God.

In becoming man, he emptied himself of all things making himself totally obedient to the Father, even to enduring the cross, before being exalted and vindicated. In the same way, we should be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our frailties, acknowledging always that he is Lord, to the glory of the Father. The gospel today, from Matthew, is the parable of the two sons. Our lives should imitate the first son. Even though we may not fully understand all that is being asked of us, we are do it and carry on, because it is the will of our Father.

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

MONSIGNOR ANDREW ON HOLIDAY

Mgr Andrew is away 1st – 15th October for his annual break. Deacon Terry McGann can be contacted on 07785 906599. The following priests are available in an emergency: Fr Martin Stempczyk - 0191 2513770; Fr John McElhone - 0191 2623820; Fr Chris Hughes - 0191 2575801.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

There is a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop this weekend, regarding education and training for the development of the new Partnerships. Leaflets are also available.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER

6th October is Family Fast Day - a day of special prayer in Thanksgiving for the needy and hungry of the world.

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA) – PARISH APPEAL: 7TH/8TH OCTOBER

Welcome to Fr Tommy Faherty, SMA, who is visiting the Parish to make an appeal on behalf of the Society of African Missions. There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the SMA at all the Masses.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Further to the item that has been mentioned in the bulletin over the last few weeks, here are more details of the Journey in Faith programme, which will begin on 12th October in the parish rooms at St Edward's on Thursday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. This programme is not only for people wishing to come into the Church. It is a great opportunity for anyone to brush up on the faith and its practice so the programme is open to all. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a welcomer and or make the teas and coffees and then join the evening please get in touch with Deacon Terry on 07785 906599. You will be most welcome.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 2nd October in the Parish rooms at St Edwards after the Service, when Bob Mitchelson will tell us about 'The History of Benton'. This is Bob's newest talk which promises to be as interesting and informative as his previous presentations, and everyone is very welcome.

MINDFUL HOUR

The mindful hour for October will be on Wednesday, 4th October in St Edward's. The theme will be St Francis of Assisi.

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Saturday, 11th November, from 1.00pm to 4.00 pm. There is 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 another week before an invitation will be extended to others from the Partnership if numbers allow.

RED BOXES - ST EDWARD'S

The last quarter of the year for mission boxes to be emptied has arrived and books are now ready in the Narthex for collection. Could all monies collected please be handed to Mary Nugent by the 31st October.

THANKS

Maureen Cave would like to offer her thanks for all the cards, prayers, Mass intentions and good wishes during her daughter's recent operations and recuperation. Cheryl is recovering well and leading a normal life again.

OTHER NOTICES

CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

At the next meeting at 2.00pm on 4th October Dr Sheridan Gilley will speak on 'The Origins of Durham University'. Non-members are welcome. Please note the new venue - St Joseph's, High Street West, Gateshead.

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 Deacon Terry or contact the Parish Office.

MULTIFAITH WALK FOR PEACE

The multifaith walk for peace is on Sunday 15th October. See poster in Narthex/back of church for details.

A CHURCH WITHOUT PRIESTS?

Professor Werner Jeanrond, Master of St Benet's Hall, Oxford University will give a lecture at Holy Name Church, Jesmond on Thursday, 26th October at 7.00pm on *A Church without Priests? The need for new forms of leadership in the Catholic Church*. One of the most important theologians working in Britain today Professor Jeanrond believes the renewal of our Church requires a radical rethinking of ministry.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
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) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sun 1st October 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Edward Simpson (MS)		9.30am Bridie Brown (AD&JS)
Mon 2nd October THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tues 3rd October	7.00pm Word & Communion	10.00am Thanksgiving (A&GL)	
Wed 4th October ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Sheila Mooney (PS)	
Thur 5th October	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Donor's Intentions	
Fri 6th October ST BRUNO	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Angela Allen (AT)	
Sat 7th October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm May & Albert Arkley (AR)	
Sun 8th October 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Pat Higgins (SH)		9.30am People of the Parish

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 & Clifford 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:

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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
26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 1ST OCTOBER 2017
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 24:4-9

*Response: **Remember your mercy, Lord.***

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| 1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. | 3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. |
| 2. In you I hope all day long
because of your goodness, O Lord.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me. | |

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.' 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.