

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 7th & 8th October 2017

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The vineyard that the Lord planted was the image of the house of Israel, it delivered him sour grapes. The Psalm says "you brought a vine out of Egypt. Why have you broken down its fences". The question we have to consider is can we transfer the image of the vineyard to the Church? Philippi was one of Paul's favourite communities and he concludes one of his letters by encouraging them to be cheerful and grateful. The word that Paul uses; 'thanksgiving', is the word used for the Eucharist which is the great prayer offered by Christ to the Father in the name of us all. In the gospel Jesus is saying to the leaders of Israel that their leadership is faulty and because of this the promise God made to them will be taken away and given to others. As a Church, what we have to ensure is that we remain worthy of this and that as tenants of God's Christian vineyard we produce good fruit for the Lord. **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 for his annual break until 15th October. 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.

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA) – PARISH APPEAL

Welcome to Fr Tommy Faherty, SMA, who is visiting the Parish this weekend 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 9th October in St Edward's Parish rooms after the Service, when we'll have 'TV Reviews', and everyone is very welcome to come and talk about programmes they have enjoyed (or not!).

FAIR TRADE

There will a Fair Trade sale next Sunday, 15th October in the Narthex at St Edward's Church.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next church walk will take place on Wednesday, 18th October and will be led by David and Pauline Warren (telephone 0191 2515404). We will walk from Stocksfield to Riding Mill over good footpaths and minor county roads and will cover about 7 miles. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am and bring either bus pass or money for return journey from Riding Mill to Stocksfield.

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

The total for the Macmillan Coffee morning has risen to £1,100. Once again many thanks to all have contributed in any way.

PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

The latest edition of the bi-monthly news update on Partnerships is now available on the front page of the diocesan website (www.rcdhn.org.uk). It includes information on Developing Discipleship, Communications and a feature from Blackfriars Partnership. Contributions of news items from Partnerships are always welcome.

Our own Tynemouth Priory Partnership Development Group met on 13th September and will meet again on 18th October to look at our strengths and challenges. There is a good spread of age, experience, qualifications and skills within the group, and a shared vision to promote a lively and effective Church within the Partnership area. Our parish representatives are Bill Crumbley and Joe James.

GIFT AID

Gift Aid letters are available at the back of church/Narthex. PLEASE collect your letter and accept the parish's thanks for your support. For information about Gift Aid telephone Michael Cosgrove on 0191 2686006 or Michael Reynolds on 0191 6704364.

OTHER NOTICES

JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

- Deputy Head of the Diocesan Department for Education – full time, term-time
- Administrator, Dept for Adult Formation and Evangelisation - full time, fixed term contract until Aug 2019
- HR Administrator, Department for Finance, 15 hours per week

For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 2433301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

MULTIFAITH WALK FOR PEACE

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

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
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
Mon 9th October BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tues 10th October ST PAULINUS OF YORK	7.00pm Word & Communion	10.00am Donor's Intentions	
Wed 11th October ST JOHN XXIII	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Kay & Pat McGovern	
Thur 12th October ST WILFRID	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Fonce McGrath	
Fri 13th October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Margaret McGrath	
Sat 14th October ST CALLISTUS	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Lino Avantaggiato (MQ)	
Sun 15th October 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Cheryl Bridgeland Thanksgiving (MC)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S
Sunday, 15th October 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Eliza Charlotte Brook

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 Fr Anthony Donaghue, David Martin Anderson, Angela Brown, David Preston and Norah Porter.

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

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 8TH OCTOBER 2017

The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
4. And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures.' It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' 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.