

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 28th & 29th October 2017

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Compassion, kindness and fairness are all principles that hold true today. By making welcome those who have just moved into the parish, comforting those recently bereaved or those who live alone, we are practicing these principles. It is also true that we will all face the Glory of God at some time. After the consecration at Mass we remind ourselves, 'Christ will come again'. No one can see God and live but, what we know is that at some point, there will be a review of our lives and how we have acted towards others. In the Gospel the Pharisee's ask our Lord 'What is the greatest commandment?' The response he gives should be a blueprint for our lives. 'You must love the Lord with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself'. Those who practice this are a joy to be with.

Deacon Terry

PARISH NOTICES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Séamus has sent the following instruction to all Parishes.

We are blessed with many devoted and committed Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who not only help their brothers and sisters receive the Lord at Mass, but also express our concern for those who are sick and housebound. Ministers going out to those unable to join us for Sunday Mass have made it possible for very large numbers of parishioners to receive Holy Communion frequently.

On receiving the Blessed Sacrament during Mass, ministers are expected to go immediately to the home of the housebound person. For example, ministers may not take the Blessed Sacrament from a Saturday Vigil Mass to their own homes and keep it there overnight with a view to visiting the sick the next morning. Where the custom is to go to the housebound on a Sunday Morning while there is no convenient celebration of Mass on that day then provision should be made for ministers to obtain the Blessed Sacrament from the Tabernacle shortly before they exercise their ministry.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a pastoral letter from the Bishop and special collection taken for the Clergy Training Fund. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church or in the Narthex. Donations can be given until Sunday, 26th November.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, 1st November is All Saints' Day, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at St Edward's Church at 10.00am and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 7.00pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- We pray for the Repose of the Soul of Nora Porter who died on 4th October. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Edward's Church on Tuesday, 31st October at 1.00pm followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- We pray for the Repose of the Soul of John Anderson who died recently. His Funeral Service will be celebrated at Whitley Bay Crematorium on Tuesday, 31st October at 3.00pm. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 30th October in St Edward's Parish rooms after the Service, when our topic will be 'Favourite Authors' and everyone is very welcome. Sharing Fair goods will also be available at the Parish Monday Club (see below in other notices for details).

THE MINDFUL HOUR

The November theme will be on All Saints and the session is being held on Wednesday, 1st November at 7.00pm in the parish rooms in St Edward's.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will take place on Thursday, 2nd November. This will be about 6½ miles around Warkworth and will include some beach walking. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. For more information contact Pat Kerr on 0191 2807764 or Margaret Graham on 0191 2529569.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next journey in faith session is in the parish rooms at St Edward's on Thursday, 9th November between 7.00pm and 8.30pm. We then have a break until after Christmas and the programme starts again on Thursday, 11th January 2018. Further dates in 2018 will be 25th January, 1st February, 8th February, 1st March, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March and 5th April.

MISSION RED BOXES

The last quarter of the year for mission boxes to be emptied has arrived. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

- **ST EDWARD'S** - Books are now ready in the Narthex for collection. Could all monies collected please be handed to Mary Nugent by the 31st October.
- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** - Please leave your Mission box at the back of church to be emptied. There are some autumn Missionary magazines at the back of church for all to take home.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Anyone wishing to raise matters should contact one of their church council members whose details are displayed in the Narthex. **ST EDWARD'S** - next meeting is on Monday, 6th November. **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** - next meeting is on Wednesday, 15th November. **OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S** - next meeting to be announced.

GIFT AID

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

NOVEMBER ROTAS - OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND

Rotas are now available at the back of church.

ST EDWARD'S PIETY STALL

Rota is now ready for collection in Narthex. Christmas cards, Advent calendars, diaries and a good selection of items are now for sale at very reasonable prices.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year we have some special Christmas cards illustrated and produced by our own artist, Peter Hughes. These cards will be on sale at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church from Saturday, 4th November at the 6.00pm Mass. All proceeds are for Isaac's House, the home for destitute children in Uganda. Peter has made a poster for the back of church showing a preview of the cards. We look forward to your support.

THANKS

As we leave Whitley Bay to return to Edinburgh we should like to say a huge thank you to Monsignor Andrew, Father Tom and all our friends in all three churches for their love and friendship over our 31 years in the parish. We will miss you. Mari and John Morton.

OTHER NOTICES

EVENING CHRONICLE WISH TOKENS

Girlguiding North Tyneside are collecting the wish tokens to help fund events for members. If you get the Evening Chronicle could you please place the tokens in the bags at the back of church.

NE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY.

At 2.00pm on Wednesday, 1st November, Veronica Whitty will speak about 'Florence Nightingale and her Debt to the Sisters of Mercy'. Non-members welcome, please note the new venue, St Joseph's, High Street West, Gateshead.

ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH CHARITIES FAYRE

Saturday, 4th November from 10.00am - 12.00 noon at St John's on Ilfracombe Gardens, Whitley Bay. We are running the usual CAKE STALL to support Depaul and their work for the homeless. We would be grateful for any cakes, scones etc. For help to collect or deliver cakes please phone Ann Garland 0191 2965358 or Sheila Clapperton 0191 2528935. Sharing Fair goods will also be available after Mass at St Edward's on Sunday, 5th November and at the Parish Monday Club on Monday, 6th November.

SWEP (SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROVISION)

There is no single definition of Severe weather - any conditions that increase the risk of harm to people sleeping rough can be classed as severe. This project runs in conjunction with North Tyneside Council. Our local provision is held in Oxford Street. The building will be open for those sleeping on the Streets during severe weather over the winter months. A strict protocol is in place for people to access the service and Volunteers are needed to help staff the initiative. Volunteers would never be on their own at any time. This is only when temperatures drop below freezing for 3 consecutive nights. If you would like more information please contact Deirdre James 0191 2513740 or email deirdrejames40@yahoo.co.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Sat 28th October SS SIMON & JUDE	9.30am People of the Parish 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (especially the people suffering across the world) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sun 29th October 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Brian Houldershaw (JH)		9.30am Steven Hill (MW)
Mon 30th October THE MARTYRS OF DOUAI COLLEGE	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tues 31st October	1.00pm Funeral Service Nora Porter 7.00pm Margaret Reynolds (MR)	10.00am George Burn (HS)	
Wed 1st November ALL SAINTS' DAY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION	10.00am May Glendinning (LL) 8.00pm Prayer Group	7.00pm Margaret Mary Murphy (TM)	
Thur 2nd November THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	9.30am Betty Rutherford (EW) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am All the Faithful Departed	
Fri 3rd November ST WINEFRIDE	9.30am Fr Michael Conaty (MS & EH)	10.00am Alan Rowe (RR)	
Sat 4th November ST CHARLES BORROMEIO	9.30am Fr Michael Conaty (P&GR) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (and especially those who have died during the last year)	
Sun 5th November 31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Alan Rowe (RR) (and those who have died during the last year)		9.30am John Convey (TW) (and those who have died during the last year)

BAPTISM	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
Sunday, 5th November 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Mason James Sykes & Luscia Sophia Sykes

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Rev Andrew France, Norma Smith, Tatyana Zynovieva, Norah Blewitt, Maureen Langlands and Judy Ashton. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Nora Porter, Fr Michael Conaty, Peter Longstaff and John 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.

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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.

READINGS AT MASS

30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 29TH OCTOBER 2017

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

First reading

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

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

Psalm

Psalm 17:2-4,47,51

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength

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| 1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. | 2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. |
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Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

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

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