

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING, Year A, 25th & 26th November 2017

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

When we think of Kings what comes to mind are crowns, processions and majesty. Christ's kingdom is based on God's Kingship and Jesus came to show us what God's Kingship is. His first proclamation was 'the Kingship of God has come upon you'. In the first reading we see that it is about a loving shepherd, sheep are creatures that wander around in no particular way and often run the wrong way when danger approaches. We do just the same, we need God's care to keep us on track. Jesus, the good shepherd loves us and keeps us safe, He gave his life for us - true Kingship. The gospel tells us we will be judged on our treatment of those in any kind of need. The reason why we do this is that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ.

Deacon Terry

PARISH NOTICES

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP OF CATHOLIC PARISHES

The Partnership Development Group (PDG) met on Wednesday, 15th November and welcomed Fr David Smith, incoming parish priest of St Columba's, and also of St Anthony's, Walker, which is in the neighbouring partnership. The meeting also welcomed Alan Muir, joining it as a Finance rep from St Mary's parish. Arrangements were made for the first meeting of the Partnership Finance Committee, following the diocesan guidelines. It was agreed that the Partnership's Advent Penitential Service will be at St Edward's, Whitley Bay on 19th December at 7.00pm. The meeting considered the need to consult the parishes on the necessary reduction of the number of Sunday (& vigil) Masses in the partnership. In particular, there is an urgent need to harmonise Mass times between St Columba's and St Anthony's, which will have a knock-on effect on those in the rest of this partnership. It was noted that the first stage of this review process would take place very soon. Mgr Faley attended St Columba's advisory group on 16th November to initiate the process. The gathering of views on our collective strengths and weaknesses in our parishes will be discussed at the next meeting, with a view to forming a mission statement and plan of action for the development of the partnership as a living and effective local church. The next meeting of the PDG will be on 20th December at St Cuthbert's, North Shields at 7.00 pm, following a Finance Committee meeting at 6.00pm.

YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION

This weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Seamus and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) wish to thank you for your generous contributions to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. There will be a special collection to support the work of YMT. Envelopes are available if you would like the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation.

PARTNERSHIP WELCOME TO FR DAVID SMITH – OUR LADY'S & ST COLUMBA'S WALLSEND

The Bishop has appointed Fr David Smith as Parish Priest of Our Lady's & St Columba's Wallsend, with responsibility also for St Anthony's Walker. Fr Smith takes up his appointment next weekend – 1st Sunday of Advent. Following a consultation with the parishioners of both parishes, Sunday Masses have been reduced to one for each parish as follows: St Columba's, Wallsend - Sunday at 9.00am and St Anthony's, Walker - Sunday at 10.30am. Mgr Andrew Faley, Partnership Dean.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Rev John Andrew France, Vicar of St Alban's, Earsdon who died on 16th November, aged 49 Years. His Funeral Service will take place on Friday, 1st December at 12.00 noon followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium at 1.30pm. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

There will be no meeting in the Parish Rooms on 27th November as it's our Christmas Lunch. We look forward to seeing everyone at The Sandpiper in time for our booking at 12.30pm on the 27th.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next luncheon club will be held on 29th November at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 12 noon.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next Parish walk will be the Christmas walk on Friday, 1st December. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am for a 6 mile stroll which will finish in Earsdon village. Lunch will be taken in The Cannon Inn. Please contact Peter Weighill if you want to stop for lunch, this invitation goes out to everyone -walkers and non walkers alike. Peter Weighill (0191 2512917).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: GATHERING AND THE WORD, 2nd & 3rd December

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their families for the beginning of their journey in preparation for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion The first session on 'Gathering & the Word' will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 2nd December, and at St Edward's for the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 3rd December. Please keep them and the Catechists in your prayers. **Parking:** Please note, because of the additional numbers, parking may be difficult in the church car parks. We suggest therefore, if possible, and as a matter of courtesy and consideration to our elder or infirm parishioners, candidate's families attending mass at Immaculate Heart Church park in Sainsbury's car park and those attending mass at St Edward's church park at the Playhouse.

THE MINDFUL HOUR FOR DECEMBER

Wednesday 6th December in St Edward's parish rooms at 7.00pm. The theme will be Advent.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP - ST EDWARD'S

- If anyone has any ladies' or gents' hats, winter scarfs or gloves that they would like to donate for the asylum seekers, they would be appreciated. If you can help, there will be a box in the Narthex until Sunday 10th December.
- The Christmas Coffee Morning at St Edward's will take place on Sunday the 10th of December after Mass. There will be coffee, mince pies, Irish coffee and a raffle. We would be grateful for donations of wine, chocolates or biscuits for the raffle. These can be left in the box provided in the Narthex or given to a member of the group. Everyone is very welcome to this event.

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.

FAIR TRADE SALE AT ST EDWARD'S

The Fair Trade Sale last weekend raised £16.15 in donations and the sale of goods amounted to £104.50.

CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR DEPAUL - URGENT APPEAL

We're collecting items for the Christmas Bags, which we fill for the homeless young people, looked after by Depaul. We have been asked to fill 120 bags with:

St Edward's 60 jars of Coffee, Our Lady's and St Edmund's 50 Multi packs of Chocolate (Mars, Snickers etc) Immaculate Heart of Mary. 60 Jars of Jam. Boxes will be in each church until 3rd December. For further information phone Ann Garland 0191 2965358 or Sheila Clapperton 0191 2528935. Thank you.

OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

We are holding our Annual Christmas Tombola on Sunday 24th December after Mass and would be grateful for any donations of suitable prizes or unused gifts that could help our fundraising for The International Refugee Trust.

OTHER NOTICES

DIOCESAN VACANCY FOR REFUGEE PROJECT WORKER, 12 MONTH CONTRACT, 18 HOURS PER WEEK

A Project Worker is required to assist the Diocesan Department for Justice and Peace manage the day to day running of the Refugee Project in Newcastle. Candidates must have experience of working frontline or in a supporting role with vulnerable and/or disadvantaged groups. Essential requirements include strong interpersonal skills, the ability to listen to and work effectively alongside a range of stakeholders, including clients, volunteers and donors, and have experience of dealing with difficult situations. Closing date 6th December 2017. Further information on the role is available from John Dowling, Refugee Project Manager, on 07427837813. Application pack available via website www.rcdhn.org.uk Interviews will take place on Friday, 15th December 2017.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Sat 25th November ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA	9.30am Eric, Helen & Tony Riley 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (and those coping with illness) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sun 26th November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING	11.00am David Anderson (AA)		9.30am Shirley Riley (MW)
Mon 27th November	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tues 28th November	7.00pm Giovanni Arnone (MA)	10.00am Katie Mooney (PS)	
Wed 29th November	9.30am Christina Nolan (EW) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Donor's Intentions	
Thur 30th November ST ANDREW	9.30am Living & Deceased Members of The Scanlan Family (GR) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Ailiesh Doherty	
Fri 1st December	9.30am Bob Thompson (HT)	10.00am Betty Daley	
Sat 2nd December	9.30am David Black (LRJ) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Margaret McGettigen (CMcN)	
Sun 3rd December 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11.00am Edward Simpson (SS)		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
Sunday, 26th November, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Finlay Davison
Sunday, 3rd December, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Harriet Dunn

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: 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 John Anderson, Brenda Currer, Raymond Crozier and Rev Andrew France.

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
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING, 26TH NOVEMBER 2017
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest—it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 22:1-3,5-6

*Response: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. | 3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. |
| 2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. |

Second reading

Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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.