

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 20th & 21st January 2018

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Nineveh was the sworn enemy of Israel. It was known for its brutality. For this reason it became the symbol of wickedness in the ancient world. It is to this despised city that the Jonah is sent to make a pronouncement of judgement and punishment. He only enters one third of the way in and there proclaims the message he received from God. The number forty symbolises a significant biblical period of time. It was the length of time of the Flood, of Moses' conversation with God on Mount Sinai and the length of time Elijah took travelling to Mount Horeb. A period of forty days is given to the Ninevites. The reading ends with the people turning from their evil ways, and God turning from the evil that threatened them. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. His message was to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, but he could not do this on his own. The announcement of good news is followed by the calling of fishermen Simon, Andrew, James and John. The abruptness with which these men leave their familiar lives is an indication of the radical nature of life in the kingdom of God. We all have our part to fill whether we are aged, busy parents or lively youngsters. By working together, we each make a unique contribution and give each other companionship.

Deacon Terry

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER - THE DIACONATE

This Sunday, a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Séamus will be read by our Deacon, Terry McGann, on the meaning and purpose of the Diaconate.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Charles Anthony Patrick Donachy, of Monkseaton who died on 27th December 2017 aged 78. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Edward's Church at 12.00pm on Tuesday, 23rd January, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Josie Gilboy of Whitley Bay who died on 7th January aged 85. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Edward's Church at 10.00am on 25th January followed by burial at Preston Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

FAIR TRADE SALE

The next Fair Trade sale will be held today at St Edward's Church.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 22nd January in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Service, when we'll have a 'Newspaper Review' and everyone is very welcome to come and share comments on recent news items.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Tuesday, 23rd January 2018 at 7.00pm at St Edward's in the Parish house. If you would like any matter raised, please contact one of your Church representatives (details in the Narthex).

NEED FOR NEW SACRISTANS AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

As we are all aware our Parish functions as a result of a large number of volunteers giving up their time to support our Parish Priest, Fr Andrew, and serve the Parish community. However increasingly as those people get older it is unreasonable to expect parishioners who have dedicated themselves to the Parish and their Church to carry on regardless until ill health intervenes.

Currently, there is a need for new Sacristans at St Edward's to assist not only on Sunday but also during the week and we therefore invite both adults and young people who are interested in serving the Parish and St Edward's Church in this way to contact the parish office parishofficeolss@btconnect.com or telephone 0191 2527066 in order to be considered.

A training course through the Diocese will then be organized for this purpose to enable applicants to understand the importance of the Sacristan's duties in our Sunday and weekday celebrations.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next journey in faith session is on 25th January 2018 at 7.00pm, and will be held in St Edward's Church to celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. This is for those to be received into the Church at Easter. This will be the first time the eight candidates on the journey in faith will have the opportunity to assemble publicly and declare their intention to move forward into full communion in the Catholic Church. The Church, in carrying out its mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become members of the Body of Christ. It marks their reception and first acceptance by the Church through the Parish community. All are welcome to attend. Deacon Terry.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next Parish Walk will be on Tuesday, 6th February when Peter Weighill will lead a 7 mile stroll from the oldest railway bridge in the world, Causey Arch. We will also be passing Beamish Museum, so will spy many ancient items most of which we can remember from our youth. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please telephone Peter on 0191 2512917.

RED BOXES

St Edward's Church - it is now time for the first quarter of the year for mission boxes to be emptied. The books are now ready in the Narthex for collection. Could all monies, including parishioners who bring their boxes to the church, be returned to Mary Nugent by the end of this month.

THANKS

Last weeks collection for SPUC raised £562. Thank you for your generosity.

OTHER NOTICES

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018 – 24th JANUARY, ST PAUL'S CHURCH, WHITLEY BAY

There will be a Unity Service in St Paul's Church, Whitey Bay, at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 24th January. Everyone is welcome to attend.

REVIVE THE PASSION FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

Following its very successful launch on 6th January, you are invited to a day on Saturday, 27th January 2018 10.00am - 4.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields with Fr Michael Hickey and Michael & Hilda Hedley to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world. Tea and coffee will be provided but bring your own lunch. To book a place please telephone Fr Michael on 07912 060628.

RC CHAPLAIN POST AT HMP DURHAM

A Chaplaincy job in an establishment which provides pastoral and faith specific care to prisoners and staff. The minimum qualification for this post is normally the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies. 37 hour working week - this role requires working regular unsocial hours. Salary: £25,920 - £29,176 Closing date for application is 30th January 2018. Further details can be found at: www.justicejobs.tal.net

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TYNESIDE CIRCLE

The next talk is by Bernard Robinson on The Lord's Prayer at St Mary's Church Hall, Farringdon Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY on Wednesday 31st January 2018 7.30pm. All welcome.

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | |
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| DAY | ST EDWARD'S | IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY | OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S |
| Saturday 20th January ST FABIAN | 9.30am Bob Vaughan (JMCD) 10.00am CONFESSIONS | 6.00pm Agnes Hall | |
| Sunday 21st January 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 11.00am Daniel Riveroll Soria (EM) | | 9.30am People of the Parish |
| Monday 22nd January ST VINCENT | 9.30am Word & Communion | 10.00am Word & Communion | |
| Tuesday 23rd January | 12.00pm Requiem Mass Charles Donachy | 10.00am Jane Storey's Welfare (AG) | |
| Wednesday 24th January ST FRANCIS DE SALES | 9.30am Paddy Gribbon (JC) 8.00pm Prayer Group | 10.00am Mary Warren (J&DJ) | |
| Thursday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL | 10.00am Requiem Mass Josie Gilboy | 10.00am Michael Boyle | |
| Friday 26th January SS TIMOTHY & TITUS | 9.30am Word & Communion | 10.00am Kathleen Jones (LC) | |
| Saturday 27th January ST ANGELA MERICI | 9.30am Margaret Thomson (PK) 10.00am CONFESSIONS | 6.00pm People of the Parish (Pastoral Care Team) | |
| Sunday 28th January 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 11.00am Joseph Scanlan (GR) | | 9.30am Ted Vose (MW) |

| BAPTISM | OUR LADY & ST EDMUND | ST EDWARD |
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| 21st January, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry) | Alice Morland | |
| 28th January, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew) | | Edward Robert James |

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: John Little, Norma Smith, Tatyana Zynovieva, Norah Blewitt, Judy Ashton, Jane Storey, Paul Thomson and Joan Skelton. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Margaret Thomson, Robert Chrisp, Paddy Gribbon, Maureen Cairns, Norah Annie McLackland, Charles Donachy and Josie Gilboy.

Hospital Chaplaincies

North Tyneside General Hospital, Rake Lane, North Shields & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Northumbria Way, Cramlington: Contact Fr Stephen Watson or Fr Lee Barrett on 07768 387393.

RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals: Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, at St Teresa's, Heaton Road, Newcastle on 0191 265 5290.

Newcastle General Hospital: Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

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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, Fr John McElhone 0191 2623820, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.

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

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

First reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 24:4-6,7-9

Response: **Lord, make me know your ways**

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.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me.
because of your goodness, O Lord.
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.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him. 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.

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