

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 27th & 28th January 2018

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Deuteronomy is the last of the five books of the Law. In this book God promises that he will raise up another leader, a second Moses. God's final messenger was Jesus, and, just like Moses, he was persecuted at birth by the king and later had to flee into exile until his persecutor was dead. Just as Moses gave the Law on the mountain, Jesus taught us his Sermon on the Mount. He gave bread in the desert just as Moses had done. So when Jesus taught 'with authority' in the synagogue he was seen as acting like Moses, the teacher. Power without authority always looks dangerous; authority without power is comical. Jesus taught with both power and authority. He was invested with the power of the Spirit at his baptism and subsequently acts with authority. In the gospel, when Jesus speaks, He commands the evil spirit that is dominating the man's life to leave him alone. Immediately the man is freed. The people were astonished and marvelled at such teaching, saying 'here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it'. We are blessed with a Church that has inherited this and teaches with authority.

Deacon Terry

PARISH NOTICES

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER

Sunday, 28th January is a day of special prayer for Racial Justice.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 29th January in St Edward's parish rooms after the Service, when Nigel Thomas will give a talk with the intriguing title "Who Killed JFK?" and everyone is very welcome to come and hear his theory. (Advance Notice! On 5th February we'll be having a raffle for which donations will be gratefully received!)

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.

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. More information from Peter on 0191 2512917.

THANKS

- John Blewitt offers his thanks to people that have prayed for his wife Norah who has been named in our 'Prayers for the sick' list in the bulletin for some while. Norah has now been discharged from hospital and is recuperating at home.
- The Fair Trade sale held last week at St Edward's Church raised £60 in the sale of goods with further donations totalling £26.75. Thank you for your support.

COULD YOU PLAY THE ORGAN AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH?

We are currently looking for people willing to play the organ at the St Edward's Church 11.00am Sunday Mass, and at choir practices on Tuesday evenings after Mass. We have 2 organists at the moment, but if one of them is away it puts pressure on the one remaining, so we would like to increase the pool. You may be a pianist with no experience of playing the organ. However, our current organists would be happy to help and the Diocese provides training for 'reluctant organists'! If you, or someone you know, might be interested please get in touch with Pauline Keavey via the Parish Office. Many thanks.

URGENT REQUEST

The food stocks at the Hexham & Newcastle Diocesan Refuge for the destitute asylum seekers are now **extremely low** and there is a great need for donations of tinned tomatoes, tinned fish and meat (not pork). Please consider bringing a couple of tins with you next time you come to Mass and place them in the Justice and Peace cupboard. The food will then be taken straight to the Refuge to assist in feeding those who are receiving no support from the State.

OTHER NOTICES

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.

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, partnerships of Brinkburn and Heavenfield, Northumberland, full-time, 3 year fixed-term contract. Closing date: 2nd February.
- Parish Secretary, Our Lady and St Columba, Wallsend, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed-term contract. Closing date: 31st January.
- Parish Secretary, St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed-term contract. Closing date: 30th January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301 or human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

CCRS SPECIALIST PARISH CATECHESIS MODULE

Saturday 17th and 24th March 2018, 9.30am – 3.30pm, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Buffet lunch is provided both days and the cost is £120.00 (waged) and £60.00 (unwaged). Applicants intending to engage, or already engaged, in local parish ministry may find their parish willing to assist with the course fee. Please contact your parish priest for further information. The purpose of this module is to enable participants to gain an understanding of parish catechesis and to develop approaches to working within a parish setting. It offers an introduction to the theology, principles and goals of parish catechesis. Please contact Eamonn Diffley no later than Friday, 2nd March 2018 at eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3313 to book or for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 27th January ST ANGELA MERICI	9.30am Margaret Thomson (PK) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish (esp for the increase of vocations to the priesthood) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 28th January 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Joseph Scanlan (GR)		9.30am Ted Vose (MW)
Monday 29th January	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 30th January	7.00pm Maureen Cairns (AM)	10.00am Harry & PeggyLazzari (PH)	
Wednesday 31st January ST JOHN BOSCO	9.30am Bill & Mary Dynes (AW) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Veronica Mooney (Sr Monica) & Joe Mooney (PS)	
Thursday 1st February	9.30am Greta & Sam Worthen (P&GR) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Jayne Storey (MS)	
Friday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.30am Terry Dee (P&GR)	10.00am Mary Usher (CCU)	
Saturday 3rd February	9.30am Des Mohan (AM) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 4th February 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Freddie, Rose, Michael & David Anderson (Anderson Family)		9.30am Ted Vose (MW)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
28th January, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Edward Robert James

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: John Little, Norma Smith, Tatyana Zynovieva, 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 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.

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, 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 parishofficecolss@btconnect.com or telephone 0191 2527066.

Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12.00 noon on Thursdays.

READINGS AT MASS
4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 28TH JANUARY 2018
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'" The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

Response: ***O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'***

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| 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. | 3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' |
| 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. | |

Second reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside. 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.