

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 3rd & 4th February 2018

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Job was in a bad place and had lost everything. He reflects on the problem of sickness and suffering then says: "Why should I suffer?" He feels God is oppressing him, but at the same time clings to him as his one hope of release. Sickness and death worry us at times as it does anyone who believes in a loving God, but it is also a reminder that this brilliant, complicated and sophisticated creation - humanity, must return to God in God's own good time. As Jeremiah explains, the pot cannot complain to the potter: 'Why did you make me like this?' Is it the consequence of our revolts against God that confidence in him gives way to fear and mistrust? The snippets gathered in the Gospel reading give us a sample of Jesus' activity - of healing and prayer. It reminds us that He does respond when we pray for the needs of our nearest and dearest. We can follow his example. A greeting, a look, a smile, a touch can bring the peace of Christ to someone in desperate need of reassurance. By going off to pray, Jesus demonstrated where his strength came from - union with God his Father. It is the basis of our strength too, when times seem hard to endure.

Deacon Terry

PARISH NOTICES

OUR LADY'S & ST COLUMBA'S PARISH, WALLSEND - INDUCTION MASS, FR DAVID SMITH

Congratulations to Fr David Smith who will be formally inducted as Parish Priest of Our Lady's and St Columba's Parish, Wallsend, at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 6th February.

A PARISH WELCOME

We welcomed into the order of Catechumens on the 25th January 2018, Ryan Blakey, Ruth Morland, Amanda and Farren Yeo and Lillian Holgarth. These friends will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. The Lord has called them on to a journey in faith and we give them our heartfelt blessings and good wishes. Monsignor Andrew and Deacon Terry.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next session on the Journey in Faith will be held on Thursday, 8th February and will take place in the downstairs meeting room at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 5th February in St Edward's parish rooms after the Service, when we will have a raffle and our topic will be 'TV Reviews'. Everyone is very welcome to come and discuss programmes they have enjoyed - or not!

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.

LENT & EASTER 2018 PREPARATION MEETING

There will be a meeting for all interested in planning the Seasons of Lent and Easter at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the upstairs room at 10.45am on Tuesday, 6th February. All are welcome.

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.

THE MINDFUL HOUR

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th February at 7.00pm in the parish rooms at St Edwards. The theme will be on Healing.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH – RENOVATION WORK

To enable necessary work to be carried out at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, the building will be closed from Monday 12th – Friday 16th February, which is the school half-term break. There will be no group activities during that week. Fr Tom will celebrate Mass at 10.00am on the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of that week in the upper meeting room. The work will hopefully be completed within the week but please be patient if it takes longer. The work includes upgrading of lighting, retiling of the ladies' and disabled toilets, refurbishment of the parquet floor and the kitchen.

JUSTICE & PEACE, ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The next meeting of the group will be on Tuesday, 13th February at 6.00pm in the Parish rooms.

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.

SWEP (SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROVISION)

As this winter has been much more severe, the original overnight provision temperature of -3 has been raised to -0 before the provision is available for homeless people to have shelter. This has meant that the number of current volunteers are being used far more frequently than it was first thought. Therefore more volunteers are urgently being requested. If you could help please contact Deirdre James on 0191 2513740 deirdrejames40@yahoo.co.uk

ADVANCE NOTICE OF PARISH SECRETARY HOLIDAY

Our Parish Secretary will be on holiday for the week beginning Monday, 19th February. Therefore, if you have any work you need doing please bear this in mind and give as much forward planning as possible.

OTHER NOTICES

CCRS SPECIALIST PARISH CATECHESIS MODULE

Saturday 17th & 24th March 2018, 9.30am – 3.30pm, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. 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. Contact Eamonn Diffley by Friday, 2nd March 2018 at eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313 to book or for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
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)
Monday 5th February ST AGATHA	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 6th February ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	7.00pm Word & Communion	10.00am Margaret Murphy	
Wednesday 7th February	9.30am Paddy Gribbon (CWL) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Lawrence Anastasi (JA)	
Thursday 8th February ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA	9.30am Lily Sweeney (LL) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Thanksgiving (Ryan)	
Friday 9th February	1.00pm Memorial Mass, Peter Longstaff	10.00am Donal Hickey (L&BH)	
Saturday 10th February	9.30am Josephine Devlin (LL) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm Lawrence Anastasi (JA)	
Sunday 11th February 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Pat & Mary Healy (MT)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD	OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND
11th February, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Angus William Taylor	
11th February, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)		Fraser Alexander Holliman

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 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

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 4TH FEBRUARY 2018

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

First reading

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 146:1-6

Response: ***Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.***

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us. Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils. 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.