

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 10th & 11th February 2018

World Day of Prayer for the Sick and Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

We are fortunate that Leprosy is better understood now than it was in Jesus' time, and if diagnosed you will be treated and likely to recover. In the past, because it was contagious, you were forced into isolation, cut off from everyone and condemned to live with others who were outcast from society. People believed that you had sinned and this had caused the illness. It was therefore unusual for the Leper in the Gospel to approach Jesus. He says to him – almost expecting to be sent away - "if you want to, you can cure me". Is the man taunting Jesus? Of course our Lord cures him, but in doing so, the roles are reversed. Now, Jesus can no longer go openly about because the man tells everyone what he has done for him. How do we approach Jesus - as a friend who will do anything for us or someone other people seem to know? Mark's gospel gives us the human side of Jesus - be it critical, angry, impatient and fearful more so than the brilliant teaching of Matthew or the high theology of John. **Deacon Terry**

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2018 - JOURNEYING TOGETHER

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. We are marked on our foreheads with blessed ashes with the Sign of the Cross. This sign exposes us to the gaze of all, that we are a people of faith and penance, and that we desire to enter this penitential season of forty days full of hope that God our Father will pour on us his grace and mercy through our drawing closer to his Son, Jesus.

We are grateful to those of our parish community who met on 6th February to plan this season of prayer, meditation and action towards the great liturgies of Holy Week. The Diocesan Department for Spirituality has chosen 'Journeying Together' as the theme for Lent 2018, and picks up on Pope Francis: 'We need a church capable of walking at people's side ... a church which accompanies them on their journey' (World Youth Day, Brazil). We need to communicate God's message of love, forgiveness and mercy in ways that people can understand. And we need to be reminded of that message ourselves. The diocesan resources are available at <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/spirituality>.

The praying of the Stations of the Cross in our three churches during Lent is an opportunity to walk and pray with Jesus.

A Lent Reflection Group will be available on Friday 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March at 10.45am in the Upper Meeting Room at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Poems and other readings will give a focus to shared reflection and prayer. Christians from the other local churches will be invited to join.

We are also invited to support the DePaul Trust's project: 'Forty Nights of Nightstop - and walk through Lent with the homeless. Leaflets and boxes will be distributed next weekend. 23rd February is CAFOD Friday Family Fast Day. On Laetare Sunday, 11th March, there will be a CAFOD 'Share the Journey' walk between our churches to join Catholics around the world in raising awareness of the refugee crisis. Further details in next week's bulletin.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available throughout Lent on Saturdays at St Edward's Church, 10.00am - 10.30am, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 5.15 - 5.45pm, and by appointment. The Sacrament is also available at regular times posted in the churches of our Partnership Parishes.

The children being prepared for First Holy Communion will make their First Confession at St Edward's at 6.00pm on 7th March. Children's Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday at 10.00am at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church.

PARISH NOTICES

HCPT LOURDES PILGRIMAGE EASTER 2018 - BAKE SALE

Some of our young people who are working with handicapped children in Lourdes this Easter, will hold a cake sale this Sunday after the 11.00am Mass at St Edward's, to help raise funds for their trip.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 12th February in St Edward's parish rooms at 10.00am, when Marta Josephs will talk about the challenges facing Jewish people in the modern world and everyone is welcome.

	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S
Mondays in Lent	Word & Communion	Word & Communion	
Tuesdays in Lent	6.45pm: Stations of the Cross & Mass		
Wednesdays in Lent	8.00pm - 9.00pm Prayer Group in the Parish Rooms		
Thursdays in Lent		7.00pm, Stations of the Cross (commencing 1st March)	
Fridays in Lent		10.45am, Lent Reflection Group in the Upper Room	Good Friday, 10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross
Saturdays in Lent	10.00am, Confessions	5.30pm, Confessions in the Ground Floor Meeting Room	
Sundays in Lent		12th March, 4.00pm, Justice & Peace: CAFOD Stations of the Cross	

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH – RENOVATION WORK

Work is being carried out at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and the building will be closed from Monday 12th – Friday 16th February (no group activities). Fr Tom will **NOT** be celebrating Mass. The work will hopefully be completed within the week but please be patient if it takes longer.

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.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Tuesday, 20th February. Please meet David Armstrong at WEST MONKSEATON METRO STATION at 9.30am, prompt. We will travel to Cullercoats then walk south down the coast to Tynemouth Castle. Follow the River Tyne up stream passing the Fish Quay, Ferry Landing and Royal Quays to Percy Main Metro Station to return home. For more information please contact Peter Weighill, 0191 2512917.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S** Next meeting Wednesday, 21st February at 6.00pm in the church. All welcome.
- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** Next meeting Wednesday, 21st February at 7.00pm.

LENT REFLECTIONS

On the five Fridays between 23rd February and 23rd March we'll be meeting, with invitees from other local churches, to think, talk and pray about what Lent means to each of us as individuals. (Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, commencing at 10.45am, for no longer than an hour). We'll be basing the reflections on 'The heart's time' by Janet Morley. This is an anthology of poems relevant to Lent with some inspiring commentary by the author. More details next week. Any queries to Tony Garland (0783 1339123).

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday, 2nd March at St Edward's Church at 2.00pm we join women all over the world to celebrate 'All God's Creation is Very Good'. Everyone is welcome.

JANUARY COLLECTIONS

Loose Plate - £2247.58

Standing Orders - £2937.67

Envelopes - £1205.76

Catholic Racial Justice - £85.53

SPUC White Flower Appeal - £526.73

Many thanks for your generosity.

USED STAMPS – THANKS

Over many years, I have been taking used postage stamps to Mr John Dixon in South Shields who sold them in aid of the Medical Missionaries of Mary. He has done this for 50 years and raised over £50,000. Unfortunately, John is no longer able to continue due to age and suffering a stroke. Also, his wife developed dementia and sadly died this month. I will still collect used stamps and send them to St Joseph's Home in Newcastle, if parishioners would still be happy to save them. Mrs Ann Donnelly, Our Lady's & St Edmund's Church.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
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)
Monday 12th February	9.30am Word & Communion		
Tuesday 13th February	7.00pm Albert & Lily Riley (EW)		
Wednesday 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am Malcolm Louvre (LL) 7.00pm People of the Parish 8.00pm Prayer Group		
Thursday 15th February	9.30am Margaret Last (J&BD) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 16th February	9.30am Thanksgiving (AF)		
Saturday 17th February	9.30am Vladislava Kulvietene (PS) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 18th February 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Margaret Thomson (St Edward's Choir)		9.30am Margaret Reynolds (MR)

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 and Joan Skelton. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Norah Annie McLackland, Charles Donachy, Josie Gilboy and Kay Robson.

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.

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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

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 11TH FEBRUARY 2018

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

First reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 31:1-2,5,11

Response: ***You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ. I do The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him. On 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.