

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, Year B, 3rd & 4th March 2018

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The Ten Commandments are ancient laws that sound like restrictions but, when you think about them, are actually ways to set ourselves free. They heal us and free us from the materialistic world of today. A world which values possessions first, then other people and finally puts God last. The order of the commandments reverse this so that God comes first, then people and finally things. The first four call on us to let God be the only God in our lives, to revere and respect everything that is connected with Him, the fifth calls on us to respect our family relationships. The sixth to the eighth call on us to respect the community and the property of others and the last two call on us to look at our own behaviour to see how the Gospel shapes them. The demonstration in the temple shows Jesus in action demanding a complete reversal of standards. The temple building, as the centre of worship was no longer important. True worship can take place anywhere. Lent is a time to cleanse our Temple, not just to hope for things to go away, but as Jesus does, to remove and expel all the distortions in our life.

Deacon Terry

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2018 - JOURNEYING TOGETHER

A Lent Reflection Group will be available on Friday 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 available at the back of all Churches. 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.

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, 5.30 - 6.00pm, 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

	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	

PARISH NOTICES

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Due to weather conditions we had to cancel the Women's World Day of Prayer. We plan to invite all the churches to a service in a few weeks time.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 5th March St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Service, when our topic will be 'Memories of School Days' and everyone is very welcome to come and share their memories.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

A reminder that the Council will meet on Monday, 5th March at 6.00pm.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The walk on 7th March will take us through Tyne Riverside Country Park at Newburn to Heddon-on-the-Wall, Wylam and return on the other side of the river. Approximately 7 miles easy walking with one moderate climb. Ground muddy in places. Meet 9.30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park. Further information from John Charlton, 0191 2522088.

THE MINDFUL HOUR FOR MARCH

On Wednesday 7th March at 7.00pm in St Edwards parish rooms. The theme will be on self-discovery.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next session on the Journey in Faith will be held on Thursday, 8th March in the parish room at St Edward's Church at 6.30pm.

LENT REFLECTIONS, FRIDAYS AT 10.45AM, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH: 'THE HEART'S TIME' BY JANET MORLEY

For the session on 9th March we'll be looking at 'Friends' Meeting House, Frenchay, Bristol' (p 60); 'The Moment' (p 66); and 'The Trees' (p 72). Queries to Tony Garland (07831 339123).

POPE FRANCIS' 'SHARE THE JOURNEY' CAMPAIGN (CAFOD): OUR LENTEN PROJECT

On Sunday 11th March at 2.30pm the Parish will hold a walk from St Edmund's to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (2 Miles) then on to St Edward's Church (1 1/2 Miles) as our contribution to the 'Walk Around The World' in support of refugees and migrants. There is limited parking at Sainsbury's in Backworth but Northumberland Park Metro Station is very close to St Edmund's. You can do as much or as little of the walk that suits you. Those not wishing to walk can gather to pray at St Edward's Church where tea and coffee will be provided. There will be transport available for you to be reunited with your vehicle if necessary.

NORTH TYNESIDE GENERAL HOSPITAL (RAKE LANE)

Saturday Mass in the hospital Chaplaincy (10.30am) will resume as from 17th March. New Chaplaincy volunteers are welcome; please contact Fr Stephen Watson or Fr Lee Barrett on 0191 2934268 (Chaplaincy office). Patients requiring a chaplaincy visit should ask the ward staff to contact the RC Chaplain, or relatives can ring the Chaplaincy office.

FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY a priest is on call 24/7.

DE PAUL TRUST - 'FORTY NIGHTS OF NIGHTSTOP'

Thank you to everyone who took a box. There are still boxes available. These will be collected in Church after Easter.

VISIT TO GOSFORTH ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE

A visit to the Orthodox Synagogue in Gosforth has been arranged for Monday, 12th March at 7.00pm. If you would like to go please contact Fiona Wraith by email fionawraith@btinternet.com or the Parish Office as soon as possible.

EASTER EGG TOMBOLA OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCH

We would be pleased to receive donations of chocolate eggs for our annual Easter Sunday fundraiser and coffee morning to be held after Mass on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your usual generosity.

ST THOMAS MORE STUDENTS - LOURDES

Students would like to thank those who bought cakes and gave donations at St Edward's Church recently, raising over £200. Twenty two students have also benefited from a Catenian Bursary award of £100 each towards their pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter to help look after handicapped children. For more information on the Bursary Fund, contact www.thecatenians.com.

NORTHERN MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2018

The above annual pilgrimage to our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham will this year take place on Friday and Saturday the 29th & 30th of June and Sunday 1st of July. The cost, which includes coach travel, bed, breakfast and evening meals plus a traditional Sunday lunch is £150. A £50 deposit is required to secure a place. For details contact John Ross 0191 4404391 or John Robertson 0191 4877790.

OTHER NOTICES

THE SUMMIT – A LIVELY EVENING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP, TEACHING AND TESTIMONY.

You are invited to the next 'Summit' gathering, 'Behold the Lamb!' which this time is taking place in St Joseph's Sunderland, SR4 6HP on 6th March 7.00 - 9.00pm.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

On Wednesday, 7th March, Alastair Fraser will speak about 'The Books of Ushaw', 2.00pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 3rd March	9.30am Carmel McManus (LL) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Michael Hodgson (TH)	
Sunday 4th March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Joan McCarthy (M&DK)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 5th March	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 6th March	6.45pm Stations of the Cross and Mass - Malcolm Louvre (LL)	10.00am Tony O'Hare (M&CMcA)	
Wednesday 7th March SS PERPETUA & FELICITY	9.30am Josie Gilboy (Catholic Women's League) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Sean Aherne	
Thursday 8th March ST JOHN OF GOD	9.30am Annir Kurian (PS) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	
Friday 9th March ST FRANCES OF ROME	9.30am Alf Louvre (LL)	10.00am Mary Kennedy	
Saturday 10th March	9.30am Dennis Welsh (SC) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Sarah & Francis Murphy (TM)	
Sunday 11th March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Aleksander Ktymov (PS)		9.30am People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: John Little, Norma Smith, Tatyana Zinovyeva, Judy Ashton, Jayne Storey and Joan Skelton. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Kay Robson, Margaret Mary Bell and Doreen Smith.

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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Priests' telephone numbers

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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
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, 4TH MARCH 2018

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

First reading

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 18:8-11

Response: ***You have the message of eternal life, O Lord.***

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| 1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. | 3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. |
| 2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. | 4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. |

Second reading

Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in 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.