

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, Year B, 24th & 25th March 2018

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Here we have the third of four songs in Isaiah and it is sung by an unknown Servant of the Lord who is totally dedicated to him. Through suffering, this Servant brings to fulfilment the salvation that the Lord intends for Israel and for the world. Jesus saw himself in the terms of this Servant, and all four songs feature throughout the liturgy of Holy Week. We have all seen pictures and paintings of that first Palm Sunday as Jesus rides on a donkey into Jerusalem. The people spontaneously wave palms to salute him. Jesus, however, doesn't wave back to the people. He is profound and solemn but at the same time resolute about what he is to do. With courage and confidence in God the Father, He moves forward to Jerusalem. We all have a Jerusalem ahead of us – it might be an illness, a change of life, the loss of a loved one or perhaps some uncertainty. Jesus shows us how to move towards our Jerusalem. Palm Sunday and the Passion teach us that whatever lies in our future, Jesus has been there first. He knows and he shows us the way that will lead to Easter.

Deacon Terry

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP – VISION STATEMENT

The Partnership Development Group worked with Amy Cameron - Diocesan Discipleship Coordinator - and agreed the following vision statement:

We aim to be open to the Holy Spirit in prayer and humble trust, creating a vibrant Church for the future, a welcoming faith community called to grow in the love of God.

We aspire to bring Jesus into the community, providing opportunities for all to find their way in the Church to belong, participate and thrive.

The group will now work with this vision to develop the aims and purposes of our partnership of six parishes in North Tyneside. Mgr Andrew.

	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S
Mondays in Lent	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am 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	
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	

JAMES FALEY – RIP

Mrs Joan Faley, Monsignor Andrew and his sisters, Catherine and Patricia and families, thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Jim Faley's funeral will be celebrated with Requiem Mass at St Patrick's Church, Fairfield, Stockton on Tees at 12.00noon on Easter Wednesday, 4 April 2018. May he rest in peace. Amen.

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2018 - JOURNEYING TOGETHER

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available throughout Lent on Saturdays at St Edward's Church, 10.00 - 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.

Children's Stations of the Cross will be held on Good Friday at 10.00am at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jayne Storey who died on 8th March. Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Edward's Church on Monday, 26th March at 12.00pm followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection **today** for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places)

PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

There will be no meeting on 26th March because of the Requiem Mass on 2nd April 2018 (Bank Holiday). We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 9th April

OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCH ROTAS

The new rotas from April onwards are now available at the back of church.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 5th April when Joan & Tony Phelan will lead a walk from Wolsingham around Tunstall Reservoir. Please meet at 09.30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park.

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 EDWARD'S CHURCH CLEANING

If you have any spare time to help prepare the church for the Easter celebrations please contact the Parish Secretary so a suitable date and time can be arranged.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next luncheon club will take place at 12 noon on Wednesday, 28th March at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

GIFT AID

Please collect your new envelopes, which start on Easter Sunday 1st April 2018, from the back of church. If you no longer have a tax liability or have any questions or wish to join the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Michael Reynolds (0191 6704364). For every **£52 per year** (£1 per week) that you donate, **£13 per year** must be paid in income tax/capital gains tax.

DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DAY CONFERENCE

The conference will be held on Sat. 14th April at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, North Shields. Inspirational speakers, John Battle, former MP and now Director of Church Action on Poverty, Fr John Armitage, former member of East London Citizens now Director of the National Shrine at Walsingham and Sara Bryson, Community Organiser for Tyne & Wear Citizens. Everyone welcome but bring a packed lunch, beverages provided. See church noticeboards for further information.

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

The Walk has been rearranged for Sunday, 15th April starting from Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church walking to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church then continuing on to St Edward's Church. A total of 3½ miles. We don't want your money, only the total number of miles walked in solidarity with refugees around the world. More information to follow.

NORTHERN MEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2018

The pilgrimage to our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham will take place this year on Friday and Saturday 29th & 30th June and Sunday 1st 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.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH ROTAS

The new Piety Stall rotas are ready for collection in the Narthex. New volunteers very welcome- Ring 252 8769.

OTHER NOTICES

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS or those interested in becoming catechists, will take place this year within the Youth Ministry Conference on Saturday 12th May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn. Details on the booking form.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 24th March	9.30am Donato Di Giorgio (AW)	6.00pm People of the Parish (especially the children preparing for first Holy Communion) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 25th March PALM SUNDAY	11.00am Mary Hegarty (JH)		9.30am Mary Ann Murphy (PC)
Monday 26th March	12.00noon Requiem Mass	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 27th March	6.45pm Stations of the Cross and	10.00am Barbara Turkington	
Wednesday 28th March	9.30am John Joyce (J&MR) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Liam Campbell (M&CMCA)	
Thursday 29th March HOLY THURSDAY		7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Vigil of Prayer Holy Souls	
Friday 30th March GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion		10.00am Stations of the Cross led by young people
Saturday 31st March HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm Easter Vigil		
Sunday 1st April EASTER SUNDAY	11.00am Nickolai Zinovyeva (PS)		9.30am Jayne Storey (A&CG)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD	OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND
1st April 2018 9.30am Mass (Fr Andrew)		Emily Rose Yeo & Arielle Morland
7th April 2018 11.00am (Fr Andrew)	Riley Frances Hazel Rawlings	

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: John Little, Norma Smith, Tatyana Zinovyeva, Judy Ashton 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, Doreen Smith, Jayne Storey and James Faley.

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 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
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, 25TH MARCH 2018
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly".' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 21:8-9,17-

20,23-24

*Response: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

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| 1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' | 3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! |
| 2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones. | 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons. |

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Memorial Acclamation

==Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.