

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, Year B, 7th April & 8th April 2018**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

During Eastertide, we hear stories about the earliest Christian communities. The unity of these people is stressed, how they shared everything and that no one was in any need. It is because man and woman are made in the image of God, that we are able to care for one another in the same way as God cares for us. The other feature of these early Christians was their bold proclamation of the Resurrection of the Lord. Christian love comes through the second readings during this time, all taken from the first letter of John. This Love, which overcomes the materialistic world we live in, is built on faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Thomas refuses to believe his friends have seen the risen Lord, and will need real proof before accepting this. However when he does encounter Jesus he is the first to recognise him as God, "My Lord and my God" he says. We need to encounter the living God in our lives. The Holy Spirit, which lives in all of us, gives us this assurance. It is a spirit which is real and personal. When we gather each Sunday and at other times, we share this common inheritance as we celebrate together our belief.

**Deacon Terry**

**PARISH NOTICES**

**SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a special collection today for the Northern Brethren Fund (Sick & Retired Priests).

**GRATEFUL THANKS**

- Mrs Joan Faley and her family thank the parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea for their many kind words of consolation and Masses following the recent death of Jim Faley. It was also a great support to have parishioners present for his funeral. Many thanks and prayers.
- To all those who made our reception into the Church on Saturday evening such a wonderful evening and celebration, we would like to express our most sincere gratitude and thanks. The Parish family of Our Lady Star of the Sea have welcomed us all so lovingly and warmly. Let this be the beginning of our walk together in Christ. With a special mention to our Sponsors and those involved in our spiritual direction, without whom this could not have been possible. Thanks to those who celebrated the baptism of Emily and Arielle on Easter Sunday and joined us all in the Parish family. Amanda, Farren, Lillian, Ruth and Ryan.

**PARTNERSHIP MATTERS**

The latest edition of the bi-monthly *Partnership Matters* news update is now available on the front page of the diocesan website ([www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)). Items highlighted in this edition include: Ideas how parishes can involve young people, the Council of Laity, how to develop spiritual discernment, an update on the Communications Project. There is also some clarification on the Property and Community Review and key events.

**PARISH MONDAY CLUB - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

There will be no Monday Club on 9th April. We hope everyone has had a happy Easter and look forward to our return on 16th April.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE**

There is a meeting at St Edward's Parish Room on Tuesday, 10th April at 6.00pm.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH**

The next journey in faith session is on Marriage and Holy Orders, in the parish rooms at St Edward's on Thursday, 12th April between 7.00pm and 8.30pm

**COMPLINE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

Compline will resume on Thursday, 12th April.

**WHITLEY BAY DAY OF PRAYER**

Due to the cancellation of the Women's World Day of Prayer, we are holding a service 'All God's Creation is Very Good' on Friday, 13th April at 2.00pm at St Edward's Church.

## **DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DAY CONFERENCE**

The conference will be held on Saturday, 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.

## **CAFOD: 'SHARE THE JOURNEY'**

This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called *Share the Journey*. You can *Share the Journey* by joining us on a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world. Parishes across England and Wales, including our own will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles - the distance around the world. CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migrations. Our Walk is on Sunday 15th April 2.30 pm starting at St Edmund's walking to Immaculate Heart (2 miles) then onto St Edward's a distance of 1½ miles (3½ miles in total). You can do as much or as little of the walk as you wish. Transport will be available back to your vehicle if required. Northumberland Park Metro station is close to St Edmunds. Bring the baby in the pram or the dog on its lead. All are welcome. We are not after your money only your miles walked.

## **WALKING GROUP**

On Thursday, 19th April, Gerry Latimer will lead a seven mile walk along the south bank of the River Wear from South Hylton Metro station in Sunderland to Fatfield, returning along the north bank, skirting the Washington Wildfowl Trust. **Meet at West Monkseaton Metro Station - don't forget your passes - for the 9.33am to South Shields**, changing later for South Hylton. Further information from Gerry 0191 2516989.

## **MISSION BOXES**

It is time for the Spring collection.

- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH:** Please bring your boxes to church and leave in the Narthex or Reception office. If your box has just been emptied, please take a Spring magazine from the Narthex. Many thanks.
- **ST EDWARD'S CHURCH:** Please bring your boxes to church. The books are now ready in the Narthex for collection. Could all monies, including parishioners who bring their boxes to the church, be returned to Mary Nugent by the end of this month.

## **SUMMER ACTIVITY LUNCHESES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN**

Volunteers required to help to run an exciting Churches Acting Together venture in Whitley Bay, Monkseaton area. Our Parish will be involved for the first time this summer and we have been asked to provide adults to help with games and crafts for the children, or to work in the kitchen preparing and serving meals. First aiders with current certification also required. The scheme runs throughout the summer holidays and covers around 2 hours over the lunch time period. Any help at all would be appreciated, even if you can offer a couple of hours or attend just one session. Please contact Parish Office to find out more, thank you.

## **40 NIGHTS OF NIGHTSTOP**

The boxes that you've filled during Lent can be placed in the large box at the back of each church over the next 2 weeks.

## **WALKING WITH REFUGEES**

In the past two or three years the number of refugees supported by Walking With has more than doubled. They need our help with food donations more than ever. While doing your weekly shop could you pick up an extra tin of soup, meat, fruit or dried goods to boost their stock to help these needy people? There is a box at the back of Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **BARN DANCE IN AID OF WALKING WITH**

Taking place on Friday, 20th April 7.30 - 10.30pm at St Bernadette's Church Hall, Station Road, Wallsend. Bar, Raffle, Tombola. Tickets from Ann Donnelly, telephone 0191 2584454.

### **ROSARY ON THE COAST, 29TH APRIL**

This is a day of pilgrimage and prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith, for the grace to build a culture of life and for true peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples & nations. On Grand Parade, Tynemouth (please see the poster in church or click on [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk)).

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 7th April <b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>	9.30am Carmel McManus (LH)	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 8th April <b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	11.00am In Thanksgiving (JH)		9.30am Gerry McGleave (AL)
Monday 9th April <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am James Faley (J&MR)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 10th April	7.00pm Maureen Cairns (RM)	10.00am Lylis Cooke (PC)	
Wednesday 11th April <b>ST STANISLAUS</b>	9.30am Jayne Storey (EW) 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Holy Souls (SR)	
Thursday 12th April	9.30am John Joyce (R&SR) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Phillip (LT)	
Friday 13th April <b>ST MARTIN</b>	9.30am Dipak Mukherjee (J&MR)	10.00am Darragh Crowley	
Saturday 14th April	9.30am Jayne Storey (St Edward's Flower Group)	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 15th April <b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	11.00am Derek & Elizabeth Fawcett (EF)		9.30am Geraldine Rodgers (KR)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
7th April 2018 11.00am (Fr Andrew)	Riley Frances Hazel Rawlings	
15th April 2018, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Emilia Grace Bowness	
15th April 2018, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)		Olivia Joy Ward

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are ill: John Little, Norma Smith, Tatyana Zinovyeva, Judy Ashton, Joan Skelton and Maureen Langlands. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially 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.

#### Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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 Star of the Sea Primary School starofthesea.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk (0191) 6432080  
**Cluster Website** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

#### Priests' telephone numbers

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](mailto: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

### 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 8TH APRIL 2018

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

#### First reading

**Acts 4:32-35**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm

**Psalm 117:2-4,15-18,22-24**

*Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.'
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

#### Second reading

**1 John 5:1-6**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. 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.