

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, Year B, 21st April & 22nd April

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Peter and Paul work the same miracles that Jesus did. They were signs of his power working in them. They heal people, forgive sins and spread the Good News of the sovereignty of God, as Jesus did. Peter explains that all this is done in the name of 'Jesus Christ the Nazarene'. It is in his name and power that we hope. The first letter of John is a meditation on Christian love and its implications. The motivation of all Christian activity is the awareness that we have all been raised to be sons of God and are co-heirs with Jesus. This sonship enables us to call God 'Father' and just as Jesus' sonship of the Father consisted in doing his Father's will, so the Christian is also drawn to the same obedience. This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday and the reading from John reflects this. Sheep are renowned as being silly and contrary, starting off in the wrong direction and getting themselves into tangles and difficulties. So Jesus the Good Shepherd is kept occupied by our foibles, stubbornness, mistakes and our fears. As in the other two readings, there is this close relationship with the Father. Jesus has a devotion to his sheep and lays down his life for them and then takes it up again. He has control not only of his death but also of his resurrection. It is pure self-sacrificial love.

Deacon Terry

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION – LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

A collection will be taken for the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at all Masses this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who pay tax. We encourage people to be as generous as possible as we are very grateful for the terrific work of the Sisters in our Diocese especially the care of our sick and retired priests.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: OFFERTORY, 21ST & 22ND APRIL 2018

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their families this weekend to continue their journey in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Please keep them and the Catechists in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tatyana Zinovyeva, who died on 17th April. A Funeral Service will take place at St Edward's Church at 1.00pm on Friday, 27th April, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Claire Campbell, who died on 18th April. Funeral arrangement will be announced soon.

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

A total of 78 people plus 2 dogs walked a total of 314 miles in solidarity with our global family. These miles will be recorded with CAFOD who will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders who meet in September and December 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. These agreements must ensure refugees and migrants can live with dignity. Many thanks to those who walked but also a huge thank you to those who provided the very welcome tea and cake. A very successful Lenten and Easter Challenge.

PARISH OFFICE RELOCATION

The office will be closed next week and will reopen on Monday, 30th April at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. This will provide the Parish Priest with a suitable study and space for confidential and other meetings. Any Mass intentions, payments, expenses claims or correspondence that need to be handed in to the parish office can be dropped through the letterbox in the priest's study.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY

Monday, 23rd April will be the Ninetieth Anniversary of the opening of St Edward's Church. Mgr Andrew will say a special Mass on that day, followed by tea/coffee/cake in the Parish Rooms. Everyone is very welcome - there will be no charge but donations to the Young Vincentians, the young peoples' wing of the SVP will be much appreciated.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next luncheon club will take place at 12 noon on Wednesday, 25th April at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday, 4th May when Peter Weighill will lead a walk from Waskerley Station down Nanny Myers Incline and follow the C2C back. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more info please call Peter 0191 2512917.

MISSION BOXES

It is time for the Spring collection. Please bring your boxes to church

- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH:** Please leave your boxes 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:** The books are now ready in the Narthex for collection. Could all monies, including parishioners who bring their boxes to the church, be returned by the end of this month.
- **OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCH:** Please bring your boxes to church by the end of this month.

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.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINE

Further to unreliable deliveries we are considering cancelling the current order of newspapers and magazines. If you would like to continue receiving either The Universe, Catholic Times or Catholic Herald each week, please let our Parish Secretary know so that we can look at possible alternative arrangements.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING UPDATES

Please be aware that if you are involved in key parish activities such as taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, or working with children as a catechist, or other ministries, you may soon be asked by the parish safeguarding representatives to complete various updating paperwork to comply with Diocesan requirements. This may take some weeks to complete because of the number of people involved but in advance notice that you may receive such a request. The current safeguarding representatives in the parish are as follows: Sean Brockbank, Derek Hooper, Margaret Scott from St Edward's Church; Carol Myers, Claire Bond from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, and Lynn Cosgrove and Marie Rooney from Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church.

SUMMER ACTIVITY LUNCHEAS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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

OTHER NOTICES

ANNUAL MASS FOR JUSTICE & PEACE

On Saturday 28th April, 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Celebrant: Bishop Seamus Cunningham, Homily: Fr Chris Hughes. Everyone welcome.

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).

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 27TH JULY - 3RD AUGUST: APPEAL FOR ADULT HELPERS

We're looking for adult helpers for the 2018 Pilgrimage. Sick pilgrims and others in hotels need assistance with our 'outreach team'. We need the adult helpers before we can commit to accepting our assisted pilgrims. The pilgrimage is dependent on volunteers who give up their time generously and pay for their own pilgrimage to enable the sick and elderly to visit Lourdes. To volunteer as an adult helper you don't need any experience or qualification. All that is required is that you're willing to help during the pilgrimage, are in reasonable health and undertake (or already hold) an enhanced DBS check with the Diocese. A day of preparation will be held for all helpers prior to travelling. If you can help, you need a Booking Form to book your flight and accommodation, then you need to register as an Adult Helper. Forms are downloadable from www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or telephone Fr Peter Stott 01670 513410. Further information from Elaine Scannell, President of Hospitalité, 0191 4787864/email: elaine.scan@btinternet.com or Claire James 0191 2528649/email: claire4082@aol.com

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 21st April ST ANSELM	9.30am Vivienne Greener (EW) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 22nd April 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am Geoff Welton (EW)		9.30am Marguerite Jones (BJ)
Monday 23rd April ST GEORGE	St Edward's 90th Anniversary 9.30am People of the Parish	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 24th April ST ADALBERT	7.00pm Brendan McBrearty (AM)	10.00am Word & Communion	
Wednesday 25th April ST MARK	9.30am Word & Communion 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am James Faley (JT)	
Thursday 26th April	9.30am Jayne Storey (P&GR) 7.00pm Compline	10.00am Word & Communion	
Friday 27th April	1.00pm Funeral Service Tatyana Zinovyeva	10.00am June Carroll (LC)	
Saturday 28th April ST LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT	9.30am Darragh Crowley 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish (especially the sick, housebound and those in hospital) (Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 29th April 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am Maureen Savage (JH)		9.30am Br Aidan OSCO (EM)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
29th April 2018, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Charles Alexander Picton

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

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	

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 or telephone 0191 2527066.

Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12.00 noon on Thursdays.

READINGS AT MASS
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 22ND APRIL 2018

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

First reading

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

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

Psalm

Psalm 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

Response: *The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

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| <p>1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.</p> <p>2. I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes</p> | <p>3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.</p> |
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Second reading

1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.