

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B, 28th April & 29th April 2018**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

Paul's conversion, on the road to Damascus, was dramatic and life changing. Eventually he decided to make contact with the Church in Jerusalem and try to join the Apostles. They cannot cope with his fiery methods and find it difficult to believe he has changed. After all, he was responsible for agreeing to the death sentence of some of the brothers. To most he is a 'loose cannon' and is asked to go off to Tarsus. Paul was anxious to prove that he was as good as the Apostles. When he has gone, Luke tells us that the Churches were left in peace. Paul's lesson to us is his abiding love and commitment. The two commandments in John's letter show his firm belief in the power and name of the risen Christ and love of one another. A vine is an extraordinary plant which can grow to a huge size and spread over a large area. From one single root it yields grapes along its branches. Jesus uses the vine as a symbol of the new Israel, He is the vine and we are the branches. It sums up the first two readings. The only source of fruitful energy for the Christian is union with, and dependence on, the life flowing from the risen Christ.

**Deacon Terry**

**PARISH NOTICES**

**MONSIGNOR ANDREW ON RETREAT**

Monsignor Andrew will be away from 1st to 4th May on retreat.

**PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS 2018**

This year's Confirmations will be celebrated by the Bishop on 19th July. Young people in Year 9 upwards are invited to apply. Application forms are available at the back of each church and by email from the Parish Office parishofficeolss@btconnect.com. The preparation programme which has been produced by our Partnership Youth Ministry Co-Workers, will be announced soon and will take place at St Thomas More Academy, Lynn Road, North Shields.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Claire Campbell, who died on 18th April. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St Edward's Church at 11.00am on Tuesday, 8th May, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**PARISH OFFICE RELOCATION**

The office reopens on Monday, 30th April at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Any Mass intentions, payments, expenses claims or correspondence from St Edward's will need to be dropped through the letterbox in the priest's study.

**PARISH MONDAY CLUB**

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 30th April in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Service, when (by popular request!) Marta Josephs will return to tell us her Father's story: his experiences in the Concentration Camp and his life after that, everyone is very welcome.

**THE MINDFUL HOUR**

The Mindful Hour for April will be on Wednesday, 2nd May at 7.00pm in St Edwards parish rooms. The theme will be 'the courage to be'. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in mindfulness in the context of the Christian faith. All welcome.

**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.

### **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/late deliveries we intend to cancel the current order of The Universe, Catholic Times or Catholic Herald. If you would like to continue receiving either publication each week, please let our Parish Secretary know by the end of the month 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.

### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

The Bay Foodbank are grateful for our continuing generosity. At the moment they particularly need tins of meat, potatoes and tins or packets of custard.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING APRIL**

- Northern Brethren Fund for Sick & Retired Priests - £533.90
- Little Sisters of the Poor - £1140.37
- Forty nights of Nightstop collected to date - £1290.50

Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **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)).

#### **NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY**

At the next meeting, at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 2nd May, in St Joseph's, Gateshead, Jim Hughes will speak about the origins of 'Hail Queen of Heaven'. Non-members welcome.

#### **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

Bishop Séamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 5th May at 11.00am to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by at least two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the diocese and to the wider North-East community.

#### **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA'S ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY ISLAND OF LINDISFARNE**

To be led by our Bishop Promoter The Rt Rev Paul Mason on Saturday, 2nd June 2018. Highlights include: Celtic Prayer on the Beach at 11.00 am and concelebrated Mass at the Church of St Mary the Virgin 2.00pm (Saturday Safe Crossing Times 8.55am to 4.14pm). All are welcome!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 28th April <b>ST LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT</b>	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 <b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	11.00am Maureen Savage (JH)		9.30am Br Aidan OSCO (EM)
Monday 30th April <b>ST PIUS</b>	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 1st May <b>ST JOSEPH THE WORKER</b>	7.00pm Word & Communion		
Wednesday 2nd May <b>ST ATHANASIUS</b>	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Word & Communion	
Thursday 3rd May <b>SS PHILIP &amp; JAMES</b>	9.30am Word & Communion		
Friday 4th May <b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>		10.00am Word & Communion	
Saturday 5th May	9.30am James Faley (Monday Club) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 6th May <b>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	11.00am Jayne Storey (SH)		9.30am John & Jan Shippen (SM&BS)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD	OUR LADY & ST EDMUND
29th April 2018, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Charles Alexander Picton	
6th May 2018, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Katie Elizabeth Tarala	
6th May 2018, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)		Charlotte Olivia Frost

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edward)	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	(0191) 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk	(0191) 6432080
<b>Cluster Website</b>	<b>www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</b>	

#### 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.

## READINGS AT MASS

### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 29TH APRIL 2018

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

#### First reading

**Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

#### Psalm

**Psalm 21:26-28,30-32**

Response: *You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.      3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.      They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.      declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!      'These things the Lord has done.'
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him;  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

#### Second reading

**1 John 3:18-24**

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**John 15:1-8**

Jesus said: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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.