

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B, 5th & 6th May 2018

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

At first, it came as a surprise to Peter that the salvation brought by Jesus was meant not just for the Jews alone but for all people on the earth. Peter had been prepared beforehand to accept this when he is summoned to bring the Gentile Cornelius to the faith. Whilst he is speaking the Holy Spirit comes down on the whole assembly both Gentiles as well as Jews. Sometimes we think of our own group of believers as the chosen ones, but it is God's desire that all people should turn to him and be saved. John's letter meditates on the nature of God's love for us. Love generates affection, respect, trust and a desire to come closer to each other. The gospel shows the depth of the love that Jesus has for us and is part of the discourse to his disciples at the last supper. They needed encouraging by Jesus' example of His sacrifice and by His promise of friendship. So we too are welcomed as friends, chosen and commissioned to go out and bear fruit, but reminded at the same time that there is a price to pay. There is no fruit without pruning. Jesus gave them the example of service by washing of their feet and we, figuratively speaking, have to go out and do the same.

Deacon Terry

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTIONS

There will be a special collection today for World Communications. Next weekend there will be a collection for the Lay Training Fund.

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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosaleen Walton of The Albany Care Home, Whitley Bay, who died on 25th April aged 85 years. Her funeral will be held at 2.15pm on Wednesday, 9th May at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Molly Hudson whose Requiem Mass will be held at St Joseph's Chapel, Westmorland Road, Newcastle at 11.15am on Friday, 18th May, followed by reception afterwards. May she rest in peace. Amen. (See below.)

Molly Hudson died peacefully during the night of 30th April at St Joseph's Nursing Home on Westmorland Road, Newcastle. Pippa and Andrea her daughters were with her. Molly was particularly well known to the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church where she led the choir and played the organ for many years. Pippa says that the family would be delighted to welcome as many parishioners as possible to her funeral which will be held in the chapel at St Joseph's as above. Further enquiries can be made to Ann Garland on 0191 2965358.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

If you have any matter you would like to be raised at your Church Council meeting please contact your representatives (details on display in the Narthex).

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Council will next meet on 9th May and St Edward's Church Council on 14th May.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

There will be no Monday Club on 7th May as it's a Bank Holiday. We hope everyone has a nice day and look forward to our return on 14th May when Wendy Stafford will tell the fascinating story of 'Woodbine Willie', the Rev Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy a Chaplain in the trenches in the First World War.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: Liturgy of the Eucharist, 12th & 13th May

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their families for their final preparation session for their First Holy Communion on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May. **Parking:** Please note, because of the additional numbers, parking may be difficult. We suggest therefore, if possible, and as a matter of courtesy and consideration to our elder or infirm parishioners, candidate's families attending mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, park in Sainsbury's car park and those attending Mass at St Edward's Church park in the Playhouse car park.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday, 18th May when John Charlton will lead a walk to either Cresswell or Scots Gap, depending on the weather on the day. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am. If you require more info please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

PENTECOST PREPARATION

The Journey of Faith group are meeting on Thursday, 17th May to reflect on the readings for Pentecost Sunday (20th May). This meeting will take place in the parish room at St Edward's from 7.00pm until about 8.30pm at the latest. All are welcome to this session to help us be ready for the 'birthday of the church'.

WALKING WITH REFUGEES

In the past few years the number of refugees supported by Walking With has more than doubled. They need our help with food donations more than ever. While shopping 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.

APPEAL FOR ADULT HELPERS FOR SUMMER ACTIVITY LUNCHEAS FOR CHILDREN

We have had few offers of help from this Parish for Activity Leaders to cover the six Monday sessions we are signed up for. We are required to provide an adult with current DBS to lead the first hour of the session, either indoors or outside (or both). We would be delighted to hear from anyone who can offer their help for even just one of the sessions during the school holidays. Please get in touch with the Parish office **as soon as possible** for further details. Thank you to all those who have offered their help in a catering capacity, you are on the rota and will be contacted shortly. Also, many thanks to the two ladies from the Parish who are signing up to do the first aid cover.

THANKS

Tatyana's family would like to thank most sincerely, everyone in the Sea Star of the Sea Parish for their prayers for their mother over the last 26 months, and for their kindness and cards of condolences. We particularly are grateful to those, who helped to make her funeral service so beautiful and unforgettable, especially Monsignor Andrew Faley, the attention you gave to our mother during her illness and your comforting words are deeply appreciated. God Bless You, Lidiya and Kirill Krymov.

SHARE THE JOURNEY UPDATE

You may have seen the article in the Whitley Bay Guardian last weekend, Church Views and Northern Cross also carry the article and photograph written and sent by Gerry Latimer. If you wish to continue to 'Share the Journey' all CAFOD ask is that people reflect on the journey of refugees and migrants as they walk. Individuals/walking groups can enter their miles online at <https://e-activist.com/page/16889/petition/1> You can email deirdrejames40@yahoo.co.uk or ring 0191 2513740.

OTHER NOTICES

PENTECOST NOVENA

Starting on Friday, 11th May, you are invited to join in a diocesan-wide Novena leading up to the first anniversary of the launch of our Partnerships last Pentecost Sunday. It uses the Gospel for each day and an extract from Pope Francis' new document "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be glad) to help us focus prayer on our Partnerships. It is available from the diocesan website, on the Spirituality Facebook page or you can subscribe to a daily email and get it delivered direct to your Inbox and the Department for Spirituality will send out a limited number of copies on request. Contact spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 2433302 for more information.

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE SCRIPTURE WORKING GROUP

The Bishops' Conference Scripture Working Group has been working alongside the Northern Dioceses and religious orders to organise events celebrating the Word of God. The event closest to our own diocese is to be held on Saturday, 12th May at All Saints School, York. It is open to all but might be of special appeal to clergy, school and university chaplains, Readers and students (6th form and above). More information on the poster or from Kathryn Turner spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
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 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am Jayne Storey (SH)		9.30am John & Jan Shippen (SM&BS)
Monday 7th May ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 8th May	11.00am Requiem Mass, Claire Campbell		
Wednesday 9th May	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Claire Campbell (RR)	
Thursday 10th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Holyday of Obligation	10.00am Jim Faley (J&DJ) 7.00pm Compline	7.00pm Ita Keating	
Friday 11th May		10.00am Sheila O'Leary	
Saturday 12th May SS NEREUS & ACHILLEUS	9.30am Ann Gibson (MS) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 13th May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am Jayne Storey (JS)		9.30am Jim Donnelly (AD)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD	OUR LADY & ST EDMUND
6th May 2018, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Katie Elizabeth Tarala	
6th May 2018, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)		Charlotte Olivia Frost
13th May 2018, 12.30pm (Fr Andrew)	Beatrice Ruby Joy Phillips	

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Norma Smith, Judy Ashton, Joan Skelton and Joan Samson . Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Maureen Langlands, Tatyana Zinovyeva, Claire Campbell, Rosaleen Walton and Molly Hudson.

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 2655290.

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
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, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 6TH MAY 2018

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

First reading

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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

Psalm

Psalm 97:1-4

Response: ***The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.***

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

Second reading

1 John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.

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.