

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B, 12th & 13th May 2018**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

The gospel develops the love God has for us as explained in the letter of John. Jesus' prayer to the Father is often called the priestly prayer of the Lord. The prayer brings hope not only for the disciples but for all generations to come. The themes which come out are the closeness of Jesus to the Father. He raises His eyes to heaven and earnestly prays for those given to him. The disciples are to remain true to His name and be one with the Father as He is one with the Father. He loves them dearly as he loves us too and he has faithfully passed on to them what was given to him. In saying this he also realises theirs and our vulnerability. They are to remain in the World, but at the same time not be a part of it. In the prayer, Jesus asks the Father to protect them from the evil one who is not far away. A time will shortly come when He will send the Holy Spirit upon them, giving them the power to speak out boldly. In our Christian lives we continue to be consecrated (made sacred) in the truths of our faith and for this gift we continue to give thanks to Our Lord and Saviour.

**Deacon Terry**

**PARISH NOTICES**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: Liturgy of the Eucharist**

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their families for their final preparation session for their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

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

**PENTECOST NOVENA OF PRAYER – PARTNERSHIPS FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

From Ascension Thursday, there is a Novena (nine days) of prayer to Pentecost and the birthday of the Church, and the launch of the 18 Partnerships. Prayer resources are available on the diocesan website.

**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](mailto: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 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. (Molly Hudson died peacefully on 30th April at St Joseph's Nursing Home. 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.)

**ST EDWARD'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Church Council will be 14th May. If you have any matter you would like to be raised please contact your representatives (details on display in the Narthex).

### **PARISH MONDAY CLUB**

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 14th May in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Service, 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. Everyone is very welcome.

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHILDREN'S MASS**

On Wednesday 16th May we welcome the Year 1 children from Star of the Sea Primary School to our 10.00am Mass.

### **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'.

### **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.

### **FAIR TRADE**

There will be a sale of goods in the Narthex at St Edward's Church next Sunday, 20th May.

### **PARISH MONEY COLLECTION COUNTING TEAMS**

Following the successful transfer of the parish office from St Edward's Church to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, we would now like to establish a single centralised counting team who would count and bank the collection money from all three churches on a rota basis. Ideally, the new team will be based at Immaculate Heart of Mary. We are immensely grateful to the individual teams at each church, who have undertaken this task for many years and will continue to form the basis of the new centralised team. If anyone else is interested in this volunteer activity and would like to assist the new team on a rota basis, please contact Janet at the parish office.

### **APPEAL FOR ADULT HELPERS FOR SUMMER ACTIVITY LUNCHESES 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.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

### **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA'S ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER & 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!

### **ENCOUNTER, SATURDAY, 9TH JUNE 2018**

Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU. To book/information see [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) or email [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org) or telephone 016973 45623/07516 075896

### **ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

The bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from Friday, 7th to Sunday, 9th September 2018. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. If you would like to attend at Liverpool Echo Arena on Saturday, 8th September 2018, the cost of the ticket can be covered by your partnership (if no partnership places are available or you are unable to find out, please contact us). If you wish to attend, please email us at [liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk) or call 0191 2433312 or 0191 2433313 for a booking form. The form can be also downloaded from our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) Forms must be returned by Friday, 25th May 2018. Your partnership may be organising transport to and from the event. Please speak to your parish priest for more information. Information on the full Adoremus event and how you can attend the Friday Symposium/Sunday Pilgrimage Mass is also on the website.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	<b>OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S</b>
Saturday 12th May <b>SS NEREUS &amp; ACHILLEUS</b>	9.30am Ann Gibson (MS) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 13th May <b>7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	11.00am Jayne Storey (JS)		9.30am Jim Donnelly (AD)
Monday 14th May <b>ST MATTHIAS</b>	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 15th May	7.00pm Tatyana Zinovyeva (Catholic Women's League)		
Wednesday 16th May	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Molly Hudson (JT)	
Thursday 17th May	10.00am James Faley (St Edward's Prayer Group) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 18th May <b>ST JOHN</b>		10.00am Special Intention (LC)	
Saturday 19th May <b>ST DUNSTAN</b>	9.30am Claire Campbell (JH) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Pat Claydon (JC)	
Sunday 20th May <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am John Hesthagen (AD)

<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD</b>
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, Molly Hudson and Fr Paddy Laydon.

#### **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:**

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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, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.**

**For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email [parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto: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

### 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 13TH MAY 2018

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

#### First reading

**ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26**

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers - there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place - . He said, "My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. "For it is written in the Book of Psalms: *May another take his office.* "Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

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

#### Psalm

**Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20**

Response: ***The Lord has set his sway in heaven.***

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
3. The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,  
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

#### Second reading

**1 John 4:11-16**

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel

**John 17:11B-19**

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

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

#### Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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