

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 16th & 17th June 2018

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The Jews were exiled in Babylon and were longing for their true home in Jerusalem. Ezekiel had the task of keeping their spirits up, even as the realisation came upon them that they had lost everything - their homes, their King and their Temple. He uses the metaphor of the cedar tree to explain that despite their problems they should put their faith in God, who had never left them and was still in control of the situation. We can often feel isolated and seem to be on our own when faced with difficult times, but it is in these times that our faith sees us through. St Paul puts it a different way, we live this life through faith whilst waiting to make our home with the Lord, but whichever situation we are in, we are intent on pleasing the Lord at all times. Mark's gospel specifically associates itself with the human side of Jesus. In describing the kingdom of God, Jesus uses imagery from around him to explain it. That of seed growing silently, in the background – we don't know how, but we are so grateful. He speaks to us in parables, ways to make us think and ponder on how our faith is at the centre of our lives and gives us hope and encouragement to continue.

Deacon Terry

PARTNERSHIP PRAYER - 2018

Risen Christ, from your abundant grace,
pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.
As we build on the deep foundations of faith
laid by the saints of these Northern lands,
and of our Tynemouth Priory Partnership:
Mary, the Mother of God, St Joseph,
St Columba, St Aidan, St Oswin,
St Cuthbert, St Edmund, St Edward and St Bernadette,
may our Partnerships continue the mission
of building your Kingdom on the earth:
to give living witness to your love,
and to your compassion and hope for our world.
We pray in trustful confidence
that your power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday, 18th June, when Pauline and David Warren will lead a 6 mile walk around Marsden Rocks and Whitburn area of South Shields. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you need any further information please phone Pauline or David on 0191 2515404.

PARISH CONFIRMATION REGISTER

We are updating the records of those who have been confirmed from 2002 to 2016. We would appreciate it if you could let the parish office know of any member of your family whom you know to have been confirmed during this period in either St Edward's, Immaculate Heart of Mary or Our Lady's and St Edmund's. Many thanks.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

On 18th June we will be going to the Earsdon Garden Centre Coffee Shop. We'll meet in the Parish House as usual after the Service and leave from there. Everyone is very welcome but please ring Mary (0191 2523134) if you have not already put your name down and would like a lift.

FAIR TRADE SALE

A Fair Trade Sale will be held at St Edward's Church today, Sunday, 17th June.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH CHILDREN'S MASS

On Wednesday, 20th June we welcome the Year 4 children from Star of the Sea Primary School to our 10.00am Mass.

ROTAS—IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

Could all welcomers, Eucharistic ministers, readers and bidding prayer writers please **CHECK THEIR DOCKETS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH** for the new rotas. Normal email service will be resumed next time. Thank you.

ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY: FEAST DAY

You are invited to our celebration of the Feast Day of St Thomas More. The Mass will be held at Our Lady and St Columba's Church on Carville Road, Wallsend on Thursday, 21st June at 6.30pm. It will be followed by music and market stalls. If possible confirm your attendance via email to mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk but if you are unable to make a decision until the last minute, please feel free to turn up on the day. This year's Mass will be celebrating 30 years since the school opened and is a wonderful opportunity to speak to the students and staff who will be there sharing experiences from this academic year.

THE MINDFUL HOUR

The Mindful Hour for July will be on Wednesday, 19th July at 7.00pm in St Edward's parish rooms. We will continue our look at the core attitudes of mindfulness by looking at Patience. The mind wanders – it is its nature and it helps to be patient with the mind as it learns to focus, connecting with the present moment. In cultivating patience, we can grow an ever deeper understanding of just who we are called to be. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in mindfulness in the context of the Christian faith. All welcome.

PARISH RETREAT TO AMPLEFORTH

Our annual Parish retreat to Ampleforth Abbey takes place from Monday, 23rd – Wednesday 25th, July and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. If you are interested in coming please contact Pauline Keavey (0191 2521790) for more details. Places are limited and a deposit of £25 will be needed no later than Sunday 24th June. If you would like more information about the Abbey, their website address is www.ampleforth.org.uk where you will find a link to their Hospitality & Pastoral Services.

OTHER NOTICES

CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS/MINISTERS – NORTH TYNESIDE HOSPITAL

There will be a meeting at 10.30am on Thursday, 21st June in the chapel to discuss current issues and ideas for the way ahead. Please spread the word and try to come.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2018

The sixth Diocesan Festival takes place Saturday, 23rd to Sunday, 24th June 2018 at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. This year's theme is '*Encounter*' and there will be talks from Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE, Sr Judith Russi and Sara Bryson. It includes prayer, liturgy, reflection, discussion and music. It is an opportunity for our whole Diocesan family to come together to celebrate and to be encouraged in our faith offering **INSPIRING** speakers for adults as well as activities for young people and children.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH INVITATION

You are invited to a day on Saturday, 30th June 10.00am - 4.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields with Fr Michael Hickey and Michael & Hilda Hedley to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world. Tea & coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Let us know if you would like to come, either through your own parish priest or Fr Michael on 07912 060628.

INTERFAITH PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Saturday, 30th June at 1.30pm in the ruins of St Mary's Chapel, located at the bottom end of Reid Park Road, Jesmond (best approached by car via Osborne Road). Since 2010, a group of Christian & Muslim women have met annually to share readings about Mary, from the Bible & the Koran. Shared refreshments will follow at Holy Name parish hall. This event is **limited to women and young children only**, but is open to women of all faiths who are keen to pray for peace and promote unity and understanding between peoples. Please see posters in our 3 churches for more information.

ST CUTHBERT'S SUMMER FAIR

The annual summer fair at St Cuthbert's will take place on Saturday, 23rd June.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 16th June ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER	9.30am Eileen Conlan (JV) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 17th June 11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Tynemouth Catenians (GR)		9.30am Bridie Brown (AD & JS)
Monday 18th June	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 19th June ST ROMUALD	7.00pm Jean Clark (MC)		
Wednesday 20th June ST ALBAN	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Abi, Mark & Fiona Smith (KS)	
Thursday 21st June ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA	9.30am James Faley (JB) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 22nd June SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE		10.00am Peter & Alberta Arrighi (LD)	
Saturday 23rd June ST ETHELREDA	9.30am Catherine Grace Leeder & Harold Thane Leeder (EF) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Patrick Quinn (GQ)	
Sunday 24th June THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	11.00am Marian DiMascio (LD)		9.30am People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Joan Skelton, Joan Samson, Anne McLaughlin and Moya Finlay. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Miriam Southwick, Clara Gallantine and Judy Ashton.

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

11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 17TH JUNE 2018

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

First reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of Israel

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.
2. The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone. 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.