

**TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 25th & 26th August 2018**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

Moses has passed away, the Exodus and the wandering is now over. The people are settled in a 'land flowing with milk and honey'. Joshua is in full control, so he calls a meeting of all religious leaders to stand before God and declare their true allegiance 'Are you to serve the Lord, or are you to serve the Gods of the country you are now in?' Joshua and all the people choose the Lord. This decision parallels that which is given in the gospel. Jesus says 'are you going to accept me as the true bread from heaven and eat my flesh and drink my blood or not? These words are spirit and come from above – can you accept them? Some who had been following him now began to drift away. For us, Jesus' teaching about the bread of life leads us to a decision. Will we choose Jesus or will we stay where we are, satisfied with the lives we are living? Choosing Jesus will bring us deeper and deeper into the mystery of the Eucharist and how we are to live our lives in the future. Are we willing to go there ?

**Deacon Terry**

**PARTNERSHIP MATTERS**

The next meeting of the Partnership Development Group will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 5th September 2018 at St Aidan's, Wallsend. The Partnership Finance Committee will meet prior at 6.00pm.

The most recent publication giving an information update is available in the Narthex. Additional copies can be requested from the Parish Office.

**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.

**Can we please remind everyone that on coming in to church for Mass,  
your mobile phones should be turned off or set to silent.**

**PARISH NOTICES**

**POPE FRANCIS: LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Pope Francis has responded to new reports of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse. In an impassioned letter addressed to the whole People of God, he calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such "atrocities". A shortened version of the Pope's letter will be read at this Sunday's Masses.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mildred Frances Hire, of Monkseaton, who died on 19th August 2018. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 30th August at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 10.00am followed by burial at Earsdon Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**FATHER TOM CUNNINGHAM**

Welcome to Fr Tom as he settles in to his new home at Redesdale Court beside North Tyneside General Hospital. He would love to see friends from the Parish. His room number is 5 and the telephone number at Redesdale Court is 0191 2931340. Postcode NE29 9QS. It would be sensible to telephone before visiting.

**PARISH CHARITY COFFEE MORNING.**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Coffee Morning in aid of Jacobs Well on August 20th. It was an enjoyable morning and through a combination of donations and sales we raised the grand total of £540.10 which is greatly appreciated by all at Jacobs Well.

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH 2018 - 2019**

The new Journey of Faith meetings begin on Monday, 24th September at 7.00pm in the parish room at St Edward's. These sessions are for all those interested in joining the Church, and for all who are already members of the church but would like to refresh and deepen their understanding of their faith. Meetings will take place approximately every other week and a full programme will be shared in early September. If you would like to explore further becoming a Catholic, please contact Mgr Andrew, Deacon Terry or Margaret Scott directly or via the Parish Office.

### **OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Congratulations to St Thomas More Academy students who sat the more demanding GCSE exams and 80% achieved grade 4 and above—equivalent to A\* A B and C in the old system of marking. We wish them well in their future education and career choices.

### **WELCOME**

We offer a very warm welcome to holiday makers in the area and those visiting family and friends.

### **SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND LUNCH CLUB**

Attention all parents, grandparent and carers. There are organised activities with lunch included, for school children at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church running from 12.30pm till 2.00pm on Monday 27th August, and it's FREE. No booking required, just turn up on the day. An adult must accompany any children attending. See notices at the back of each church for more details.

### **READERS ROTAS, ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

The rota for August – November is ready for collection from the Narthex.

### **TREASURE HUNT CANCELLATION**

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the fundraising Treasure Hunt and Afternoon Tea this weekend has had to be cancelled. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### **PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB**

The next parish luncheon club will be held at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 29th August.

### **ST EDWARD'S CHURCH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on Monday, 3rd September. If you would like to raise any issues please contact one of the Council members (details in the Narthex).

### **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Thursday, 6th September. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk starting from The Sun Inn at Morpeth. This is a mainly flat walk, apart from 2 short stretches, along riverside paths and farmland passing Mitford Castle. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park at 9.30am. For further information contact Jim on 0191 2669035 or 07932 696795.

### **COMPLINE**

Compline is taking a summer break and will resume on Thursday, 6th September at 7.00pm at St Edward's.

### **DEPAUL UK - WALK - CAMINO DE SANTIAGO 14TH - 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018**

DePaul UK is a National Charity which supports people who are homeless, disadvantaged and vulnerable especially young people in our local area. Each year the Charity sets a Challenge to raise funds and this year it is to walk a section of the ancient pilgrimage way to Santiago de Compostela from Sarria a distance of 110kms (68 miles). Bill Crumbley is walking for the charity and would be grateful for any sponsorship in supporting this very worthy cause. The aim is to raise £2,000. Sponsorship forms are available to complete in all 3 of our churches in the Parish and he has a just giving website for anyone who wishes to use this: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BillCrumbley>.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **REVIVING THE PASSION FOR CHRIST**

You are invited to a day on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 10am-4pm 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 060 628.

#### **THE DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE FOR PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

The conference is to be held on 15 September at Sacred Heart School, Fenham, 10am-3.30pm. A day designed to inspire, support, connect and equip all those, clergy and laity alike, who are involved with the development of our partnerships. Booking essential.

#### **DAY OF REFLECTION FOR ALL MINISTERS**

To be held at Ushaw College, Durham on Sat 29 Sept 10.30am-3.30pm. Please contact Janet if you are interested.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 25th August <b>ST LOUIS</b>	9.30am John Young (L&BH) 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>  12.00Noon Wedding Jessica Nieurzyla & David Mark Tutill	5.30 - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish (especially all those preparing for the new academic year) (Parish Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 26th August <b>21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Adriana Arnone (MA)		9.30am Ann Jenkin RIP (AG)
Monday 27th August <b>ST MONICA</b>	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 28th August <b>ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO</b>	7.00pm Judy Ashton (MHD)		
Wednesday 29th August <b>THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Enis Meenaghan (EH)	
Thursday 30th August <b>SS MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANN LINE AND MARGARET WARD</b>		10.00am Requiem Mass Mildred Frances Hire	
Friday 31st August <b>ST AIDAN</b>		10.00am Kathleen Woodward (EH)	
Saturday 1st September	9.30am Nikolai & Tatyana Zinovyeva 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.30 - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm Alan Watson (AW)	
Sunday 2nd September <b>22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Judy Ashton (St Edward's Prayer Group)		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
2nd September, 12.30pm (Mgr Andrew)	Nora Ethel Anne Gunn

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are ill: Joan Samson, Anne McLaughlan, Moya Finlay and Margaret Duffy. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Eileen Grant, Barry Summers, Ann Jenkin and Mildred Frances Hire

**Priests' telephone numbers**

Fr Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr John McElhone 0191 2623820,  
Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.  
Deacon Terry McGann: contact via Parish Office 0191 2527066.

**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.

**Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

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## READINGS AT MASS

### TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 26TH AUGUST 2018

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

#### First reading

**Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm

**Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23**

**Response:** *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal.
3. They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
4. Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken.
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

#### Second reading

**Ephesians 5:21-32**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**John 6:60-69**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.' 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.