

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 8TH & 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

Every week at the start of Mass Fr Andrew says; "Welcome to any visitors who are present" and this is a genuine remark. All *are* welcome to the Mass, regardless of age, wealth or health. The Mass is open to all, there are no distinctions. To be present at the great sacrifice that Jesus made is for all of us. In the first reading God says to the faint hearted "Courage, do not be afraid – look your God is coming". The gospel is a story of healing, not only for the fortunate person who met the Lord, it is for everyone, because each of us is in need of Jesus' healing power in our lives. If you cannot hear or perceive the message in the readings, then give it some thought and in time you will hear and take benefit from the teaching. How do I know this? I know because God always favours the weak and marginalised, those in most in need will experience the healing power of God's love. It will transform you and give you courage and strength to carry on. When you do experience Jesus' love then you too will exclaim "He has done all things well".

**Deacon Terry**

**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**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

This weekend, 9th September 2018 is a day of special prayer for those involved in education and next weekend will be Home Mission Sunday. Second collections will be taken at all Masses.

**PASTORAL LETTER**

This weekend a pastoral letter from Bishop Seamus regarding the Pope's recent letter to the people of God is being distributed .

**PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – WEEKDAY MASSES**

Weekday Masses are now permanently changed to allow for one daily Mass in the Parish. Mass at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, will be at 7.00pm on Tuesdays, and 9.30am on Thursdays and Saturdays. Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, will be at 10.00am on Wednesdays and Fridays. Mass times changed to accommodate funerals and weddings will be announced in advance. Mgr Andrew.

**FATHER TOM**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen (Nellie) Waugh who died on 3rd September 2018 aged 95 years. Her Funeral will take place on 14th September with Requiem Mass at 1.00pm at Our Lady's & St Edmund's Church, Backworth, followed by burial in Earsdon Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**PARISH MONDAY CLUB**

The Parish Monday Club meets in the Parish Rooms at St Edward's after the morning Service. We have tea/coffee and cake and, twice a month, speakers, who usually give their fee to charity, and there is no membership list or subscription. If you are interested in a particular speaker or would like to give a talk yourself, please come and meet us. There is a 'Welcome' Coffee Morning on 10th September and everyone is very welcome.

**THE MINDFUL HOUR**

The Mindful Hour for September will be on Wednesday, 12th September at 7.00pm in St Edward's parish rooms. This month the theme is Trust. In learning to trust our inner self the more we can learn to empathise with others. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in mindfulness in the context of the Christian faith. All welcome.

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 13th September. If you have any items for discussion, please contact a member of your Church Council (details in the Narthex).

### **FAIR TRADE SALE**

The next Fair Trade Sale will be held at St Edward's Church on Sunday 16th September.

### **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>.

### **COFFEE MORNINGS IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

- Our annual Parish Macmillan coffee morning is being held on Wednesday, 19th September at 10.45am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. We need tea sinkers, coffee drinkers, cake bakers, scone makers, biscuit eaters, dish washers, ticket sellers, clearer uppers, but most of all **YOU** and as many of your friends as possible to come along. Over the past 5 years we have raised in the region of £5,000 so please come along and lend your support. For further information contact Chris on 07984 963769.
- Sheila Higgins is holding a coffee morning from 10.00am on Friday, 28th September to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Everyone is welcome. For those that haven't been to Sheila's house before and would like to attend, please call Sheila on 0191 2533168.

### **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will take place on Thursday, 20th September. Jim Gunning will lead a 5 mile circular walk from Blanchland to Derwent Reservoir. This walk is over well-signed paths and tracks over fields and by a river, one short climb and a short stretch of road walking. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park at 9.30am. For further details contact Jim on 0191 2669035 or 07932 696795.

### **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.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP ST EDWARD'S)**

The month of September each year is SVP 'National Awareness month' during which the society publicises some of the works in which members nationally are involved in seeking, finding and helping those in need. A series of posters are being displayed on parish notice boards, highlighting some of these works.

### **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME LED BY MONSIGNOR ANDREW, 20TH - 24TH MAY 2019**

For more information please pick up a flyer from the back of church. Booking forms will be available from Monday, 10th September. The 30 places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING - IN PURSUIT**

YMT are launching a Discipleship Program beginning with a residential weekend at the Youth Village on 29th and 30th September. Applications are invited from young people 16 - 21 years who wish to deepen, grow in faith and learn to lead. This will be an interactive, relevant programme for young people in our diocese. Supported by the Partnerships, young people will have the opportunity share with others, listen to informed speakers and apply a real sense of discipleship in practical ways. Contact details: Youth Ministry Trust: Phillip Salkeld - [inpursuit@ymt.org](mailto:inpursuit@ymt.org), 01207 592244, Facebook page: IN Pursuit - [www.hnyouthtoolkit.org.uk/inpursuit](http://www.hnyouthtoolkit.org.uk/inpursuit)

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 8th September <b>BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	9.30am Pat Perry (VA) 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.30 - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm Rev C B Flaherty (AW)	
Sunday 9th September <b>23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00 People of the Parish		9.30am Enis Meenaghan (MK)
Monday 10th September	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 11th September	7.00pm Lennon, Mulcahy & Conroy Families (TL)		
Wednesday 12th September <b>THE HOLY NAME OF MARY</b>	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am George Burn (HS)	
Thursday 13th September <b>ST JOHN CHRYSOSTUM</b>	9.30am Peggy Lazzari & Mary Graham (ME) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 14th September <b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>			1.00pm Requiem Mass, Ellen (Nellie) Waugh
Saturday 15th September <b>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</b>	9.30am Judy Ashton (CWL) 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.30 - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm Kathleen Woodward (CWW)	
Sunday 16th September <b>24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Robert Conlan JC)		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	OUR LADY & ST EDMUND	ST EDWARD
9th September, 9.30am Mass	Elijah James Jude Gibson	
16th September, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)		Avery Rose Reiling

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are ill: Joan Samson, Anne McLaughlan, Moya Finlay, Margaret Duffy and Patrick Fitzsimmons. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Ann Jenkin, Mildred Frances Hire and Ellen (Nellie) Waugh.

**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.

**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)

**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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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

### First Reading

**Isaiah 35:4-7**

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

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

### Psalm

**Psalm 145(146):7-10**

**Response:** *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

### Second reading

**James 2:1-5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Mark 7:31-37**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

### Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.