

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 22ND & 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

The first part of today's gospel recounts Jesus' prediction of his death and resurrection; the second is a report of the disciples quarrelling over their status within the community. Although initially they may be seen as separate in fact they can be linked. In both of them Jesus instructs his disciples about matters they have not been able to grasp fully. Identifying himself as the Son of Man, Jesus tells His disciples that He will be handed over to the Pharisees and the Scribes and be put to death and after three days He will rise from the dead. It is interesting to note that they were afraid to ask Him about this because they were arguing as to who is considered the greatest. He senses their misunderstanding and turns their thoughts on its head by taking a little child and comparing himself to one. Jesus' protection is His Father; His trust is placed in the God who will ensure His protection. When suffering comes, He refuses to abandon trust in the Father and thereby He becomes vulnerable, like a little child. Unless we can accept and welcome vulnerability, we will never be able to understand the way of Jesus. He offers a permanent challenge to His followers to welcome the powerless and to take to heart the weakest in our community. This vulnerability is something that, Jesus not only shares, but values.

**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**

**WELCOME TO FR MARTYN STEVENS**

A warm welcome to Fr Martyn Stevens, a priest from the St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society, who will celebrate Mass and make an appeal this weekend at our three churches.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Dempsey of West Allotment, who died on 12th September, aged 78 years. His Funeral service will be held at 10.30am on Thursday, 27th September at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church, followed by interment at Earsdon Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**MONSIGNOR ANDREW ON HOLIDAY**

Monsignor Andrew will be on holiday 16th September - 5th October. All enquiries should be made through the Parish Office. Any emergencies will be covered from St Mary's, Cullercoats - 0191 2513770. Next weekend Fr Michael Hickey will celebrate the Masses.

**MARTIN CLARK**

We would like to offer Martin our grateful thanks and say how much we have appreciated his skills and expertise, along with all the work he has done for us over many years as our Parish Caretaker. Martin has given us his generous support and we offer our continuing prayers and very best wishes for him and his family as he moves on to new employment with Newcastle University.

**PARISH MONDAY CLUB**

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 24th September in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Service, when Steve Stone will update us on the work of the Friends of the Brierdene. This promises to be a very interesting talk and everyone is welcome.

**COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

Sheila Higgins is holding a coffee morning from 10.00am on Friday, 28th September at 1 Kielder Road, South Wellfield, Whitley Bay to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Everyone is welcome. (Sheila - 0191 2533168)

**PARISH WALKING GROUP**

On Friday, 5th October, Gerry Latimer will lead a six mile walk from Bolam Lake, taking in Shortflatt Tower and Bolam Church. The walk is mainly flat, with no steep climbs, along farm tracks and one quiet roadway. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for a 9.30am departure. Any further information from Gerry on 0191 2516989.

## **JOURNEY IN FAITH**

The first session of this year's Journey in Faith starts on Monday, 24th September. For those considering coming along, or who know someone interested, Session 1 will start at 7.00pm in the parish room at St Edward's with refreshments and mutual introductions. We will then move into the church where Deacon Terry will lead a session looking at the layout of a Catholic Church and explaining formal practices such as genuflecting, blessing with holy water and so on. At this session a programme will be shared for the rest of the Journey. If you have not yet expressed an interest but would like to come along, please contact Deacon Terry or Margaret Scott directly or via the Parish Office.

## **PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB**

The next parish luncheon club will be held at 12.00noon on Wednesday, 26th September.

## **PRAYER OF REPARATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – SATURDAY, 6TH OCTOBER**

The Bishop has asked all parishes in the Diocese to hold a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for all victims of abuse. This will take place on Saturday, 6th October following the 9.30am Mass in St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay. Please make a special effort to attend.

## **ROTAS**

- **OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCH:** The rotas are ready for collection at the back of church.
- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH:** New Rotas are in the docket at the back of the church.

## **OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S 100 CLUB**

Thank you to all who have participated in the 100 Club over the past 10 years and more. It has sadly been decided to close it this year as the trend would be that we give out more prize money than subscriptions. I have a document of every winner in that time, if anyone would like to view it, just contact me on 0191 2534518 and I will arrange a viewing. Marie Rooney.

## **JAM JARS**

Ann and Joan are appealing for empty 1lb jam jars for their jam making charity. In addition, any donations of small amounts of brandy or whisky would be appreciated, to make the jam extra special. Please leave at the back of church or contact Ann on 0191 2584454 if you require collection.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **CCRS SPECIALIST PARISH CATECHESIS MODULE**

The purpose of this module is to enable participants to gain an understanding of parish catechesis and to develop approaches to working within a parish setting. Dates: Saturday, 6th and 13th October 2018, 9.30am – 3.30pm at St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Buffet lunch is provided both days. Cost: £120.00 (waged) and £60.00 (unwaged). Applicants intending to engage, or already engaged, in local parish ministry may find their parish willing to assist with the course fee. Please contact your parish priest for further information. Please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle no later than Friday 28th September 2018 at [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone 0191 2433313 to register or for more information.

### **CELEBRATE 20TH – 21ST OCTOBER**

'Celebrate' this year will be held on 20th & 21st October at St Joseph's Academy in Hebburn. It will be our 5th Celebrate conference in the North East. This year we welcome David Wells. David is well known throughout the diocese as an extraordinary communicator of the Gospel. We also have Ronan Johnston leading worship. Further details from Peter Hodgson 07758 323403 or email [japa.thehodgies@ntlworld.com](mailto:japa.thehodgies@ntlworld.com)

### **YOUTH SUNDAY PREPARATION**

An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at Cardinal Hume Catholic School on Sunday, 7th October 3.00pm to 5.15pm. This year's Youth Sunday is on 25th November, the Feast of Christ the King. The theme is JOY. 'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' Romans 12:12.

This Youth Sunday we celebrate the truth that Jesus shows us we can have joy in Him. Joy because He has set us free to live the life we were created to live even through the challenges of life. Each church is invited to be represented by adults and young people (Year 9 and above) and there will be an opportunity to plan together and to meet other groups in the same partnership. Music and other resources will be available. Please contact the parish office if you would like to go along. Further details are available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

### **FLAME**

The National Catholic Youth Congress, takes place at Wembley Arena on 2nd March 2019. Booking forms are out this month in partnerships and secondary schools and it is hoped that coaches will leave from pick-up points in every area. The cost will be £40 per person which includes coach travel and Wembley ticket. Further information from YMT on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 22nd September		<b>NO CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm Maureen Langlands	
Sunday 23rd September <b>25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Judy Ashton (M,S&DS)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 24th September <b>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</b>	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 25th September	7.00pm Word & Communion		
Wednesday 26th September <b>SS COSMAS &amp; DAMIAN</b>	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Word & Communion	
Thursday 27th September <b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b>	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline		10.30am Funeral Service, Michael Dempsey
Friday 28th September <b>ST LAURENCE RUIZ</b>		10.00am Word & Communion	
Saturday 29th September <b>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL</b>		<b>NO CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm Antonio & Adelaida Gonzalez (A&A)	
Sunday 30th September <b>26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Judy Ashton (Monday Club)		9.30am People of the Parish (especially those suffering religious persecution) (Parish Pastoral Care Team)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
23rd September, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Agnes Chipchase
30th September, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Jude Oliver Tate

**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 Ellen (Nellie) Waugh, Terry Poppelwell, Angela Cooke and Michael Dempsey.

**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:**

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](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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018**  
*The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.*

**First Reading**

**Wisdom 2:12,17-20**

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

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

**Psalm**

**Psalm 53(54):3-6,8**

Psalm Response: ***The Lord upholds my life.***

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| 1. O God, save me by your name;<br>by your power, uphold my cause.<br>O God, hear my prayer;<br>listen to the words of my mouth. | 3. But I have God for my help.<br>The Lord upholds my life.<br>I will sacrifice to you with willing heart<br>and praise your name for it is good. |
| 2. For proud men have risen against me,<br>ruthless men seek my life.<br>They have no regard for God.                            |   |

**Second reading**

**James 3:16-4:3**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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.