

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 6TH & 7TH OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

From the beginning God created man. In the book of Genesis the man was given woman as his companion because it was not good for him to remain alone. Marriage was established as the appropriate relationship that should follow. Unique and standing apart from others. For example; teacher and pupil, friend and friend, king and people, landlord and tenant, doctor and patient. Yet of all these relationships the book of Genesis singles out one and traces it back to the very start of creation - the relationship of husband and wife. It is older than Israel and more ancient than the Church. Marriage is the only relationship where two people promise and vow to be faithful to each other no matter what happens until death. They do so not only to share their lives but also to give life. At the heart of marriage is not romance, emotion or a feeling but a very powerful vow. What about divorce? We are all touched by divorce, it is a fact in our wounded world. It shows how much we need the healing grace of God and others around us to make a marriage work, or, if there is no alternative, to find a way forward in the Church.

Deacon Terry

PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

The October / November edition of the bi-monthly *Partnership Matters* news update is now available on the front page of the diocesan website (www.rcdhn.org.uk). This autumnal edition reflects on the first year since Partnerships were established. It highlights a document entitled '*Partnerships One Year On*', how Partnerships can respond to *Laudato Si*, an update on the Partnership Conference as well as a range of activities and ideas shared from across the Diocese.

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend a special collection will be taken at Mass for Family Fast Day. CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes are available in the Narthex.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Philip Rafferty of Tynemouth, who died on Friday, 28th September, aged 58 years. His Requiem Mass will be held at 10.00am on Friday, 12th October at St Edward's Church, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium at 11.15am. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Norah Leonard, Norah Blewitt's mother, passed away on 30th September aged 99years. Her funeral service will be held at Whitley Bay Crematorium on Monday, 8th October at 2.15pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation and Holy Communion is due to begin in **November 2018**. The programme is open to all children who are Baptised Catholic from within the Parish who are in **Year 4** or above. An introductory session for all parents and carers detailing this year's programme and timetable will be held on **Thursday, 25th October 7.30pm - 9pm at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**. If you wish your child to receive the Sacraments and take part in this year's programme you need to contact the parish office **before Friday, 19th October 2018** to enrol them. If your child **does not** attend Star of the Sea School you will also need to provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate when you return their registration form. You can contact the parish office via email: parishofficeolss@btconnect.com or by phone on 0191 2527066.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 8th October in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Service, this will be a joint meeting with the SVP when Fred Haywood will talk about Dementia Awareness, and everyone is very welcome.

THE MINDFUL HOUR, WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER

To be held at 7.00pm in St Edward's parish rooms. The theme will be Non-Striving. The world we live in is stuck in 'doing-mode' most of the time. We must do this, we must achieve that, and we must beat this target. Simply being can be profoundly refreshing and with patience and practice moving closer to our goals can seem to come about by itself. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in mindfulness in the context of the Christian faith. All welcome.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

A warm welcome is extended to those who attended the first session of the Journey of Faith last Monday evening. Session 2 is on Monday, 8th October at 7.00pm (until about 8.30pm) in the parish room at St Edward's.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on 9th October at 7.30pm in the parish rooms at St Edward's Church. If anyone has a matter they would like raised, please contact one of your church council members.

RED BOXES (ST EDWARD'S CHURCH)

It is time for the final quarter of the year to empty Red Boxes. The books are now ready for collection in the Narthex, could all monies be passed to Mary Nugent by 28th October please. This includes those who bring their boxes to church to be emptied.

YOUTH CO-WORKERS

Representatives from all parishes in the partnership meet once a term to be informed and develop work with young people in our partnership. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 11th October at 6.45pm at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats. Our skills are wide ranging; in common we have our enthusiasm to help young people grow in their faith. More volunteers are welcome and needed and we would be pleased to have you come along and find out more! Further information from Michael Thompson, School Chaplain on 0191 2588340 or email mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk

MACMILLAN CANCER COFFEE MORNINGS

- Parish Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thank you very much to all those who baked, helped and attended the Macmillan coffee morning. Now that all the money has been gathered in we have made the princely sum of £750! Well done everyone.
- Sheila Higgins and family would like to offer their very grateful thanks for all those that supported the Macmillan Cancer Coffee morning held at her home on Friday, 28th September. It was wonderfully attended and Sheila would like to thank all those who attended and donated, especially the people who couldn't attend but still made contributions. A magnificent sum in excess of £400 was raised.

SVP APPEAL

Urgently required for three pregnant refugee ladies, prams, cots, covers, and baby clothes, (preferably girls). If you are able to help, please contact Rena Rowe on 0191 2522781 or Pat Shinn 0191 2529915.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE TRUST AND WALKING WITH

We are holding a small Tombola on Sunday, 14th October at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church after Mass, as this year we haven't quite reached our normal target of our usual donation of £1000. We know we can rely on your usual generosity.

Please also remember the Walking With refugee food donations. One tin per week per family would be greatly appreciated.

ST EDWARD'S - RENOVATION WORK

Over the next few weeks, there will be scaffolding around St Edward's Presbytery for the essential re-pointing of the outside walls. Unfortunately, the shelter between the back of the Presbytery and the Church will be removed due to deterioration, and to allow access to guttering and external walls.

OTHER NOTICES

CELEBRATE 20TH – 21ST OCTOBER

'Celebrate' this year will be held on 20th & 21st October at St Joseph's Academy in Hebburn. Further details from Peter Hodgson 07758 323403 or email japa.thehodgies@ntlworld.com

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 6th October ST BRUNO	9.30am Sheila Mooney (PS) Followed by Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 7th October 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Judy Ashton (CS)		9.30am Alison Mounsey (AD)
Monday 8th October ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 9th October BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	7.00pm Barry Summers (MS)		
Wednesday 10th October ST PAULINUS OF YORK	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Harry & Peggy Lazzari (PH)	
Thursday 11th October ST JOHN	9.30am David Anderson (AA) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 12th October ST WILFRID	10.00am Requiem Mass, Philip Rafferty		
Saturday 13th October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR	9.30am Aidan Cook (AC) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 14th October 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Judy Ashton (Justice & Peace Group)		9.30am Jim Pratt (D&PK)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
7th October, 12.30pm (Mgr Andrew)	Louis Thomas Patterson

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 Angela Cooke, Michael Dempsey, Monica Kennedy, Philip Rafferty and Norah Leonard.

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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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

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 7TH OCTOBER 2018

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

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 127(128)

Psalm Response: *May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.*

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| 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. | 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! |
| 2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. | |

Second reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing. 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.