

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year C, 1ST & 2ND DECEMBER 2018**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

Today's gospel challenges us to be realistic about the way things are going, to weather the inevitable storm that will rage and not to lose hope in the future. The danger is that we see the terror clearly and allow this to destroy our hope. The future holds out hope because of God's previous actions. Each Advent we retell the story of God's love. We see how God has shown his love for us when we look at his Son Jesus. Only as we keep looking at Him through the coming year, can a reason for hope be kept alive. It is only then that we can measure up to the first reading's challenge 'to practise honesty and integrity in the land'.

**Deacon Terry**

**PARTNERSHIP MATTERS**

The Partnership is holding a series of services during December, to which everyone is invited. The first of these is a service of Readings and Hymns at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 4.00pm pm this Sunday, 2nd December.

Thereafter the programme is: 9th December at St Aidan's; 16th December at St Bernadette's; 23rd December at St Columba's; 30th December (Feast of the Holy Family) at St Cuthbert's (all on Sundays) The Partnership Penitential Service will be on Wednesday 19th December at St Mary's, Cullercoats.

These services offer a valuable opportunity to reflect prayerfully on the meaning of Advent and Christmas, and to celebrate the gift of family life.

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

**PARISH NOTICES**

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2018**

We have included an additional sheet this weekend, detailing the Advent and Christmas Calendar for the Partnership.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Mary Richardson, who died on 23rd November, aged 99 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am on Monday, 10th December at St Edward's Church, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**OPEN CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS**

St Edward's and Immaculate Heart of Mary Churches are opening their doors on Saturday, 22nd December and Sunday, 23rd December. We welcome visitors, families and passers-by to visit and enjoy a time of quiet and peace in the midst of the Christmas rush.

St Edward's Church will be open Saturday 10.00am till 4.00pm, Sunday 12.00pm till 4.00pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be open Saturday 2.00pm till 5.00pm, Sunday 2.00pm till 4.00pm

There will be sheets at the back of both churches for volunteers to cover each one hour rota. There must be two people for each hour.

For further information ring Sheila Clapperton on 0191 2528935 or Chris Gunning on 0191 2669035.

**FOOD BANK**

The people of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish are always generous in their donations to the Bay Food Bank, but during Advent we have the chance to show the true spirit of the season by trying a reverse Advent calendar. Instead of receiving a small gift as we open the calendar door each day, perhaps we could donate a small gift to the food bank. It need not be anything expensive, a carton of long life milk, a tin of beans, or a packet of biscuits are all very welcome and if lots of us donate half a dozen items each week it will soon mount up. If you regularly donate then thank you very much and if you haven't done so in the past, this would be a great time to start! Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS FOR DEPAUL**

Whitley Bay churches are filling 120 bags for the homeless and disadvantaged young people looked after by DEPAUL. Boxes are in each church. We are asking Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church for multi packets of biscuits (Kit Kat, Penguin etc), St Edward's Church for jars of coffee and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for jars of jam.

**PARISH MONDAY CLUB**

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 3rd December in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Mass, when we'll have our 'Mince Pie Morning' and everyone is very welcome.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The next Journey of Faith session takes place this Monday (3rd December) in St Edward's parish rooms. The topic is 'The Old and New Testament', linked to Advent.

### **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be the Christmas walk on Tuesday, 4th December. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. We will take lunch at The Cannon, Earsdon at 1.30pm. If you intend to come for lunch please leave your name with Peter Weighill 0191 2512917.

### **PARISH MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION TEAM**

There will be a meeting of the team after 10.00am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Wednesday, 5th Dec.

### **MINDFULNESS**

The mindful hour for December will be next week on Wednesday, 5th December at 7.00pm in St Edward's Church. The theme this month will be 'Letting Go'. All are welcome.

### **MEETING - EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - 15TH DECEMBER**

There will be a meeting for all Parish Eucharistic Ministers to review current practice at 10.30am on Saturday, 15th December, in the parish rooms at St Edward's Church. Mgr Andrew.

### **JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP**

Our Christmas Carols coffee/Irish coffee, mince pies and raffle will be held on Sunday, 16th December after mass at St Edward's Church. Donations of wine, chocolates or biscuits would be gratefully received. These can be left in the Justice and Peace box in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

### **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

This annual parish event will take place this year at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Sunday, 16th December at 4.00 pm, when we will welcome children from Star of the Sea School. Please join in this lovely celebration. The service will be followed, as usual, by light refreshments.

### **A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS - 22ND DECEMBER, 7.30PM**

At **Celebration of Christmas** at St Edward's Church featuring the Felling Male Voice Choir, the Scott Singers, a sketch 'No Room at the Inn' and congregational carols. Tickets £5.00, which includes refreshments, and are available after weekend Masses, parish office, Tom and Sheila Clapperton 0191 2528934, Jim Humble (Immaculate Heart of Mary Church) and Ryan Blakey 07723 722480.

### **OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA, 23RD DECEMBER**

We will be having a festive Tombola on Sunday, and would like to ask for donations of gifts please.

### **'SAVE THE DATE', 31ST JANUARY 2019 AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH**

During Holocaust memorial week at the end of January Gay Keenaghan will speak to us. Born Gabrielle Weiss in 1927 in Vienna to a Catholic mother and a Jewish father, Gay will give us an insight into her early life in Vienna and her journey on the 'Kinder Transport'. Gay now lives in our Partnership and attends Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. More information will be given nearer the date.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

We wish to thank you for the generous response to our appeals throughout the year, and also for your valuable contributions to our collections after weekend Masses. A Very Happy Christmas.

**READERS ROTA, ST EDWARD'S CHURCH** The rota for December to March is now ready for collection.

### **GIFT AID - LETTERS OF THANKS**

PLEASE collect your letter from the back of church to avoid postage. If you wish to join the Gift Aid scheme or have any questions, please contact Michael Reynolds on 0191 6704364 or Michael Cosgrove on 0191 2866006. Thank you for your generous support.

### **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.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **DIOCESAN VACANCY**

Senior Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. The successful candidate will be experienced in office management and general administration and will manage the full Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking process. Closing date: 10th December. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 2433301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

#### **NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY**

On Wednesday, 5th December Marie Therese Mayne will speak about 'The Open Treasure Exhibition at Durham Cathedral'. Meet at 2.00pm at St Joseph's, High St West, Gateshead. Non-members welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 1st December	9.30am. Angela Allen (AT)	6.00pm Judy Ashton (LA)	
Sunday 2nd December <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Dennis Riddell (AL)
Monday 3rd December <b>ST FRANCIS XAVIER</b>	10.00am Philip Rafferty (P&GR)		
Tuesday 4th December <b>ST OSMUND</b>	7.00pm Vocations to the Priesthood (Tynemouth Catenians)		
Wednesday 5th December	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.000am Marian Dimascio (PO & LD)	
Thursday 6th December <b>ST NICHOLAS</b>	9.30am Margaret Thomson (MS) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 7th December <b>ST AMBROSE</b>		10.00am June Mangan (LD)	
Saturday 8th December <b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	9.30am Angela Cooke (T&GL) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 9th December <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11.00am Mary Dalby (birthday) (MD)		9.30am The Cosgrove Family (MC)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
9th December, 12.30pm (Mgr Andrew)	Hughie James Mclduff

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are ill: Anne McLaughlan and Margaret Duffy. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Mildred Agnes Mann, Julia Judge, Rita Hetherington and Elizabeth Mary Richardson.

#### 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)

**A comprehensive Parish Directory is held in the parish office. The directory contains names and contact numbers for those responsible for various groups and activities associated with our parish.**

**This can be viewed in the parish office or you can telephone the number overleaf if you have an enquiry.**

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

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 2ND DECEMBER 2018

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

#### First Reading

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

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

#### Psalm

**Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14**

**Psalm Response:** *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour
2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.
3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and law.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant

#### Second reading

**1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

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.