

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year B, 3RD & 4TH NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The last line of the reading from Deuteronomy is very special because it is the command that rules Israel's life. The faithful Jew recites this passage morning, noon and night and in prayer carries the text literally before his eyes, on his hands and on the doorposts of the house so that they remain always aware of the most important loyalty in life. For Christians, there is one God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The letter to the Hebrews was written for Christians of a Jewish origin who still longed for the rituals of the Temple. Christ's offering is the fulfilment of the objectives and devotion expressed in the rituals of the Temple. The basic command of Judaism is also ours, and this is, as Christians, to love God above all things. Jesus adds to this another commandment of the Old Testament, the love of neighbour. He wins the admiration of one of the Scribes to which our Lord replies 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God'. The readings this week all centre around one theme: the covenant in the lives of the people. From her earliest years, the Church is a family of saints and sinners. She is the place where we learn to love God and our neighbour as Christ intends, where we can walk on 'both legs' of these two great commandments. To serve God is joy and happiness, bringing light and colour into our lives.

Deacon Terry

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen

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

MGR ANDREW LEADING A RETREAT IN CREWE

Mgr Andrew will be directing a retreat for retired Bishops and priests in Crewe from Monday 5th November until Friday, 9th November. Word and Communion will therefore be held in place of the weekday Masses this week.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE – CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Finance Committee has agreed a way forward regarding the cleaning and maintenance of our churches, meeting rooms and other facilities. This means that they will be cleaned each week, including toilets and meeting rooms. Any maintenance matters, such as the replacement of light bulbs, dripping taps or other repairs, are to be reported to the Parish Secretary who will keep a record of what needs to be done. The Committee is looking for a voluntary on-call 'handyman' who would be available to help out with maintenance matters, as required. Major repairs would always be handled by appropriate contractors. If you are interested in the handyman role, or think you know of someone who might be interested, please contact the Parish Office on 0191 2527066 or by email to parishofficeolss@btconnect.com.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will take place on Monday, 5th November from Newburn to Heddon on the Wall. A pleasant walk along a variety of surfaces with only one steepish climb. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. For more information contact Pat Kerr on 0191 2807764 or Margaret Graham on 0191 2529569.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 5th November in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Service, when our topic will be TV Reviews, and everyone is very welcome to come and discuss programmes they have (or haven't!) enjoyed.

MINDFULNESS

The Mindful Hour for November will be on Wednesday, 7th November at 7.00pm in St Edward's parish rooms. This month the theme is non-Judgement. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in mindfulness in the context of the Christian faith. All welcome.

PARISH AND CHURCH COUNCILS JOINT MEETING

There will be a joint meeting of all three Church Councils with the Parish Council in the parish rooms after the 9.30am Mass at St Edward's Church on Saturday, 10th November to explore the future use of parish assets and resources.

CHURCH COUNCILS MEETINGS

- St Edward Church Council meeting has now been postponed to Monday, 12th November in order to accommodate the Journey in Faith meeting which will take place in the Parish rooms on Monday 5th .
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Council will meet on Thursday, 8th November at 7.00pm in the meeting room.

Anyone wanting to raise a matter for discussion should contact one of their church council members, whose details are displayed in the Narthex.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual Remembrance Service for our Partnership Parishes will take place on Thursday, 15th November at 7.30pm in St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay. This is a service of prayer, readings and music where we remember all those we love who have died, particularly those who have died within the last year. The names of those entered in the Parish Death Registers over the last 12 months will be read out at the Service. If there is anyone who has died since November 2017 who is not on our Register but you would like them remembered at the Service, please give their name to the Parish Secretary. This invitation is open to everyone in our community. If you know of anyone who may not see the bulletin please extend the invitation to them if you think they would like to attend.

SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SWEP)

North Tyneside Council have a SWEP when the temperature reaches zero between November - March. Those that don't have shelter can sleep in Oxford Street Methodist Church Hall, Whitley Bay. They arrive at around 9.30pm and leave at 8.00am after breakfast. We are looking for volunteers to stay over with our guests and we also need donations of gloves, beanie hats and any unwanted adult sleeping bags. This year the premises will open at 7.00pm and extra volunteers will be required to fill this slot from 7.00pm - 9.30pm. For more information contact Chris Lincoln 07549 015896 or email whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk. Thank you.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

There will be a planning meeting held on Wednesday, 14th November in the upstairs room at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church after morning Mass.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH - ESSENTIAL PAINTING

There is to be essential painting work to be carried out at Immaculate Heart of Mary week beginning Monday 26th November. To enable the painters to complete the job as quickly as possible the church will be closed and all activities cancelled for the week. Your patience will be appreciated.

PIETY STALL ROTAS

Rotas for St Edward's Church are now ready for collection in Narthex.

FAIR TRADE SALE

The last Fair trade sale raised £125 in the sale of goods. We would like thank all those who have supported these sales at St Edward's Church over many years. Due to the closure of the Team Valley depot, we will no longer be holding Fair Trade sales. Thanks especially to Jenny Hooper who has sourced the goods over many years.

CONGRATULATIONS

Following an unannounced inspection by North Tyneside Environmental Health department on Wednesday, 31st October, we offer our congratulations to the team at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church who run the monthly luncheon club as, once again, we have been awarded a 5 star rating for food hygiene.

OTHER NOTICES

CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

At the meeting at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 7th November, at St Joseph's, Gateshead Dr M Stansfield will speak about 'Finchale Priory in word and deed'. Non-members welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 3rd November	9.30am Vladislava Kulvietiene (PS) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Margaret Quinn (GQ)	
Sunday 4th November 31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Brian Houldershaw (JH)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 5th November	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 6th November	7.00pm Word & Communion		
Wednesday 7th November ST WILLIBRORD	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Word & Communion	
Thursday 8th November	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 9th November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA		10.00am Word & Communion	
Saturday 10th November ST LEO THE GREAT	9.30am Brian Houldershaw (ME)	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 11th November 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am The Dead of the 2 World Wars		9.30am Tom Witheridge (TW)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
4th November, 12.30pm (Mgr Andrew)	Chester Kent	
4th November, 12.30pm (Deacon Neil Munro)		Maisie O'Hara Roberts
11th November, 12.30pm (Mgr Andrew)	Kiara Christina Joana Mateus	

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 Philip Rafferty, Norah Leonard, Valerie Gibson and Alex Gribbon.

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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Cluster Website 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.

READINGS AT MASS

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 4TH NOVEMBER 2018

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

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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

Psalm

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

Psalm Response: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Second reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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.

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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.