

**3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year C, 26TH & 27TH JANUARY 2019**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

Ezra the priest spoke to the people from early morning until noon. The people listened to Ezra and understood what was being said. He was giving what we would call a Homily since they were not only the words of the law but also its interpretation. Nowadays a homily that long is not possible, but it does illustrate its importance in our Liturgy. In explaining about Homilies, Pope Francis has said 'It is part of the offering made to the Father and a meditation of the grace which Christ pours out during the celebration'. It was now time for Jesus to start His own ministry. He is not accepted by His own people who wanted only to know him as the carpenter. Through our liturgy and our faith God changes us into people who can go out and proclaim the Good News, transforming our lives and others in the process.

**Deacon Terry**

**CYCLE OF PRAYER**

In the time leading up to Lent, the Pope asks us to pray for these intentions:

**Peace on Earth; Christian Unity.  
The Sick and Those Who Care for  
Them; Victims of Trafficking and  
Those who Work to Combat it; the  
Unemployed.**

**When you enter church for Mass we thank you for turning off your phone or switching to silent.**

**PARISH NOTICES**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carl Hire. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 28th January at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, followed by burial at Earsdon Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Heaney of 21 Garden Terrace, Earsdon, who died on 16th January 2019. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am on 1st February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**PARISH CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY**

A parish Celebration of Ministry will take place on 23rd June (the feast of Corpus Christi), which coincides with the 40th Anniversary of Mgr Andrew's ordination. Please make a note in your diary. Further details to follow.

**PARISH MONDAY CLUB**

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 28th January in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Word and Communion Service, when we'll discuss TV programmes we have enjoyed (or not!) and have our raffle. Everyone is very welcome.

**PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will take place on Thursday, 7th February. Jim Gunning will lead a 5½ mile walk from Alnwick town centre. This is an easy walk along the banks of the River Aln via meadows and woodland on good paths with no stiff climbs! Meet at 9.30am on 7th February at Immaculate Heart of Mary car park. For further details contact Jim on 0191 2669035 or 07932 696795.

**PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB - IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, WEST MONKSEATON**

The next parish luncheon club will be held on Wednesday, 30th January at 12.00 noon.

**WHITLEY BAY - SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SWEP) FOR THE HOMELESS**

Whitley Bay Street Pastors kindly manage the night facilities in Oxford Street, Whitley Bay for those who are homeless and seeking shelter in this period of very cold weather. More volunteers are needed to cover either 7.15pm to 9-30pm or 9.30pm to 8.15am. The facilities provide warmth, a sleeping-place and a hot meal. If you want to help, please contact Chris Lincoln at [whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk) or 07549 015896.

## **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL WEEK**

On Thursday, 31st January at 7.00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, our parishioner Gay Keenaghan (nee Gabrielle Weiss) will give a talk describing her experience of escaping as a child on the Kindertransport from her native Austria. Having a Jewish father, she was at risk from the Nazis. It is a most moving story, and very well worth hearing.

## **LENT & EASTER 2019 - PREPARATION MEETING**

There will be a meeting to prepare for Lent and Easter in the upper meeting room at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, at 10.45am on Wednesday, 13th February. All are welcome.

## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE ROME 20TH - 24TH MAY 2019**

There are now two places available for anyone wishing to join the group. The pilgrimage is being led by Mgr Faley. Flights are direct from Newcastle to Rome 20th - 24th May. For further information please contact either Anne Wilson 0191 2525850 or Deirdre James 0191 2513740.

## **ST EDWARD'S TEA AND COFFEE ROTAS**

Rotas are now ready for collection in the kitchen next to the parish rooms.

## **RED BOXES**

The books are now ready in the Narthex for the first quarter of the year collection from the red boxes. Please pass all monies to Mary Nugent by 6th February, this includes those who bring their boxes to church.

## **HAVE YOU LOST YOUR KEYS?**

A set of keys has been found in the hall at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. They may be yours if you have a motorbike and perhaps a dog. They are awaiting collection in the parish office.

**THE DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKERS REFUGE** is unfortunately unable to accept any donations of clothing for the foreseeable future. Due to the large increase in the numbers attending the Refuge the volunteers are pressured to give a welcome to hundreds of clients each week and make up over 400 food bags each month. The clothing donations were gratefully received in the past, however, there is now no time or space to sort through bags of clothes and match them in suitable sizes, age-groups etc. Your donations of tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, tinned vegetables and rice are still **essential** to feeding the destitute though, as they attempt to make a new life having fled their war-torn countries, so please continue to give what you are able and leave your food gifts in the Justice and Peace cupboard in the Narthex of St Edward's Church.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **RENEWING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, SATURDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY**

Another chance to experience a day led by Fr Michael Hickey, renewing our relationship with Christ. It's a great opportunity to explore who God is, who we are, what the church is all about and our relationship to the environment. It's at St Cuthbert's, Albion Road West, North Shields and runs from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Please bring your own lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided. Please let Fr Michael know if you would like to attend on 07912 060628.

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

You are warmly invited to the celebration of Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is 'World Day of the Sick'. Mass will be celebrated on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Penshaw at 7pm. Refreshments are available after Mass. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to gather as a diocese to celebrate this feast.

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.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS &amp; OTHER SERVICES</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	<b>OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S</b>
Saturday 26th January <b>SS TIMOTHY &amp; TITUS</b>	9.30am Philip Rafferty (M,S & DS)	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish, especially those persons in our local care homes (Parish Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 27th January <b>3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Valerie Gibson (MK)		9.30am Kathleen Jones (LC)
Monday 28th January <b>ST THOMAS AQUINAS</b>		10.00am Requiem Mass, Carl Hire	
Tuesday 29th January	7.00pm Bill & Mary Dynes (AW)		
Wednesday 30th January	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Philip Rafferty (M&C McA)	
Thursday 31st January <b>ST JOHN BOSCO</b>	9.30am John & Kay Keegan (AG) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 1st February	10.30am Requiem Mass Michael Heaney		
Saturday 2nd February <b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am Darren Nugent (MN)	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 3rd February <b>4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Des Mohan (AM)		9.30am Jim Donnelly (AD)

<b>BAPTISMS</b>	<b>ST EDWARD</b>
3rd February, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Ayda Ellen Doyle

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are ill: Anne McLaughlan, Albert Whiting and Patrick McAdam. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially John Little, Eileen Waters, Michael Heaney, Kenneth Bratt and Carl Hire.

**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)

**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.**

**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.

**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.

**First Reading**

**Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

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

**Psalm**

**Psalm 18(19):8-10,15**

**Psalm Response:** *Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

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| <p>1. The law of the Lord is perfect,<br/>it revives the soul.<br/>The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,<br/>it gives wisdom to the simple.</p> <p>2. The precepts of the Lord are right,<br/>they gladden the heart.<br/>The command of the Lord is clear,<br/>it gives light to the eyes.</p> | <p>3. The fear of the Lord is holy,<br/>abiding for ever.<br/>The decrees of the Lord are truth<br/>and all of them just.</p> <p>4. May the spoken words of my mouth,<br/>the thoughts of my heart,<br/>win favour in your sight, O Lord,<br/>my rescuer, my rock!</p> |
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**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you’, nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’ What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them? The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ 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.