

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year C, 2ND & 3RD FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Jeremiah was given the task of telling his people that they were to be defeated by an overwhelming enemy, this caused their moral to collapse. He was arrested and imprisoned by his own leaders before he could do any more damage. All he asked was that the people return to God and put their faith in Him. This exchange mirrors Jesus' rejection at Nazareth. Jeremiah's motive was not based on despair, but on hope, trust and love. The same love that Paul asks of us because it's a gift from God. The people of Nazareth wanted to destroy Jesus because his message was God's love for all, including the gentiles, as they thought they were excluded. They hustle him towards a cruel end but in the confusion, he walks away to preach elsewhere and doesn't return. Is there some part of Jesus' message that we do not want to hear? **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 John Little, who died on the 20 December 2018. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm on 12th 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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next Journey of Faith session takes place at 7pm on Monday 4th February in St Edward's Parish Rooms. The topic is "The Sacrament of Holy Communion"

PRAYER FOR YEMEN

Bishop Cunningham has asked us to pray for the people of Yemen in their current situation:-
"Giver of life, who hears the cries from Yemen; of mothers choosing between medicine or food; of parents grieving children lost to starvation; of those who give up everything in hunger. Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace. In Your mercy, break political deadlocks, soften hardened hearts, change closed minds, open unhearing ears. Let people come before power, let life be holy again. Let Your justice and peace shape the nation of Yemen and the lives of all people. Amen." (CAFOD Prayer)

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 4th Monday 4 February in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Word and Communion Service. Jackie Lincoln will give us an interesting talk about Parish Nursing. All are welcome.

THE MINDFUL HOUR

The mindful hour for February will be at 7pm on Wednesday 6th February 2019 in St Edwards Parish Rooms. The theme for this month will be "Generosity". All are welcome.

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.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

Gerry Latimer will lead the next walk in the area of Bolam Lake on Thursday 7 February 2019. This six mile walk will begin at St Andrew's Church in Bolam Village, along field paths and a quiet Lonnen to skirt Shortflatt Tower and Bolam Lake. The walk is flat, there are no slopes or climbs. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary church for a 9.30am departure. Further information if required from Gerry Latimer on 0191 2516989

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 or 07549 015896.

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.

THANKS—£450 has been sent to the IRT charity in Sudan for the orphanage and baby hospital. Raised through sales of jam and our Christmas tombola, which raised £160. Thank you to all who helped raise this fantastic amount. We are again in need of jam jars as Joan's health continues to improve.

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. A motto is attached to the key ring. They are awaiting collection in the parish office.

DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKERS REFUGE The Refuge is unable to accept donations of clothing for the foreseeable future. Due to the large increase in the numbers attending the Refuge, volunteers are under pressure to welcome hundreds of clients each week and make up over 400 food bags each month. Your donations of tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, tinned vegetables and rice are still **essential** to feeding the destitute, as they make a new life having fled their war-torn countries. 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.

DIOCESAN VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:

Administrator, St Paul's, Alnwick – 9 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract.

Closing date: 11 February. For further information and details of how to apply please visit the website

www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

IN SERVICE TRAINING FOR SACRISTANS AND LITURGICAL LAY LEADERS (MARKING THE BOOKS)

St. Hilda's Resource Centre, St. Cuthbert House, 391 West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY on Thursday, 21st March 10:30am - 3.00pm. Cost £5.00 - **PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH.**

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.

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.30am Darren Nugent (MN)	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 3rd February 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Des Mohan (AM)		9.30am Jim Donnelly (AD)
Monday 4th February	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 5th February ST AGATHA	7.00pm Word & Communion		
Wednesday 6th February ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Word & Communion	
Thursday 7th February	9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 8th February ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA		10.00am Word & Communion	
Saturday 9th February	9.30am Angela Cooke (J&MR)	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Helen Norman (SF)	
Sunday 10th February 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Joseph Scanlan (GR)		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD
3rd February, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Ayda Ellen Doyle

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Anne McLaughlan 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, Carl Hire and Veronica Hogg.

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

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.

READINGS AT MASS

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 3RD FEBRUARY 2019

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. 'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. 'I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

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

Psalm

Psalm 70(71):1-6,15,17

Response: *My lips will tell of your help*

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| 1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me | 3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. |
| 2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked | 4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away. 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.