

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C, 9TH & 10TH MARCH 2019

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

We are a pilgrim people, on a journey in faith, that will lead us to eternal life. As we start the season of Lent, the readings remind us how God first chose the Israelites and made them his people. The story is a record of God's constant care as he prepares them for the coming of his Son at the Incarnation and the full revelation at the Cross and the Resurrection of Easter. The Christian community in Rome was composed of both Jews and Gentiles. Paul's letter to them shows how important it is that scripture proclaims the door is always open to those who profess their faith in Christ. The gospel records the temptations that Jesus endured. If the devil came to distract you what would he dangle before you? In the desert Jesus prayed to his Father. Do we find praying alone helpful?

Deacon Terry

CYCLE OF PRAYER

During Lent, we pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments:
The needy and hungry of the
World: World Day of Prayer:
Survivors of Sexual Abuse:
Penitents and Wanderers.

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

PARISH NOTICES

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2019 - GOD'S GIFTS OF LOVE AND MERCY

We are grateful to members of the parish who met in February to reflect on how we can be supported in Lent in our prayer, fasting, and action towards the great liturgies of Holy Week. It was agreed that the Diocesan Department for Spirituality resources 'God's Gifts of Love and Mercy', will be one focus, and the praying of the Stations of the Cross will be another. A third will be a group open to all to reflect on God's gifts of love and mercy. They will meet for an hour in the upper meeting room after Friday 10.00am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Lent Tuesdays at St Edward's at the beginning of the evening Mass at 6.45pm. Stations will also be celebrated on Lent Thursdays at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 7.00pm. Children's Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Good Friday at 10.00am at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church, Backworth.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available throughout Lent on Saturdays at St Edward's Church, 10.00am—10.30am and at Immaculate Heart Church, 5.30pm—5.50pm, and by appointment. Confession times in the other Partnership Parishes can be checked via the website www.northyntesidecatholic.org.uk.

The children being prepared for First Holy Communion will make their First Confession at St Edward's Church at 6.00pm on 20 March. The Partnership Penitential Service will take place at 7.00pm on 11 April at St Columba's Church, Wallsend.

On the Feast of the Annunciation, 25 March, we will welcome Bishop Robert Byrne OC, as the fourteenth Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Bishop Byrne will visit the parishes within our Partnership on 10 July, as part of his visit to all 18 Partnerships. He will meet the Clergy and celebrate an evening Mass for everyone.

On 12 April, the Church invites everyone to join in a day of prayer for survivors of sexual abuse. This will be the main focus for a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament at 3.00pm on Palm Sunday, 14 April in St Edward's Church.

LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS

A booklet is available at the back of each Church containing daily reflections, enabling us to follow our own Lenten journey. Please take copies for your family and for the housebound.

SECOND COLLECTION - CAFOD

There will be a second collection for CAFOD next week in all our churches. Envelopes will be available at the back of church to enable you to Gift Aid your donation.

RETIREMENT COLLECTION — BISHOP SEAMUS CUNNINGHAM

Personal donations can be made using the envelopes provided at the back of each church. The fund will remain open until 17th March. Cheques should be made payable to "Our Lady Star of the Sea"

CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ELECTION

On Sunday 10th March, the four people from our parish, who will be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil will celebrate the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Please keep Samantha Paul, Kathryn Newton-Henderson, Steven Sillars and Richard Clerey in your prayers during Lent.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

The Parish Monday Club will meet on Monday 11th March in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Word and Communion Service, when Mike Duffy will talk about "Lindisfarne, Yesterday and Today". Mike will take us on a journey from the days of St Cuthbert to his resting place in Durham Cathedral, where Mike is an official guide. It will be a most interesting talk and all are very welcome.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF YEMEN

A Coffee Morning and Raffle will be held on Monday March 18th in St Edward's Parish Rooms, after the Service of Word and Communion. All proceeds will be sent to CAFOD to support their work in Yemen, and all contributions will be most welcome.

PARISH CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY—FUNDRAISER

A box is to be found in each of our churches for donations to the Tombola stall, which will be part of the St Patrick's night celebration at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on 17th March. Donations of bottles and chocolates will be particularly welcomed. The purpose of the fund raising efforts (2 other events are in the pipeline) is to contribute to any costs resulting from our Parish Celebration of Ministry at Ushaw College on 23rd June. Further details will be provided about this event nearer Easter time, but please keep the date in your diaries. Fund raising will help pay for transport to ensure that anyone who wishes to go to Ushaw on that Sunday afternoon and early evening will be able to do so. There will also be refreshments and a buffet provided. Tickets are on sale after mass. £5 Adult £1 children under 14 years of age

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will take place on Friday 15th March from Whitley Chapel along the Rowley Burn and Devils Water. Approximately six miles in length, along good footpaths and tracks. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. Further information from David and Pauline Warren 0191 251 5404.

OTHER NOTICES

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION DAY

On Saturday 23 March, we have our second Ministry of Consolation day. Our theme this year is "Spirituality in Times of Trauma" and our speaker is Bishop John Wilson, who was involved in supporting people in the aftermaths of the murder of Ann Maguire in Corpus Christi, Leeds and the Grenfell Tower fire. We anticipate a high demand for places! The day will be held at Ushaw College and will run from 10.15am-3.30pm. Refreshments on arrival at 9.45am. Lunch will be provided. The day itself is free but any donations to cover the Diocese's costs would, of course, be most welcome! To reserve a place, please complete a booking form (available from the Parish Office) and return to Department for Spirituality at the diocesan offices.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019 – APPEAL FOR HELPERS

This year's pilgrimage takes place between Friday 26 July and Friday 2 August 2019. Adult help is urgently required to assist sick pilgrims. See the Diocesan website for more information.

TYNE & WEAR CITIZENS – NORTH OF TYNE MAYORAL ASSEMBLY

As you may know a new combined Authority of North of Tyne is being established. This will bring together the local councils of Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland. There will be an elected Mayor for this authority, with elections taking place on May 2nd. Tyne and Wear Citizens are organising an assembly when key 'asks' on areas such as food poverty, mental health provision, hate crime and rural issues will be put to the candidates. The assembly will take place on April 30th at 6.30pm at the Tyne Opera House on the West Road, Newcastle. If you want to hear the promises the candidates will be making you are very welcome to attend and encourage others to do so. The event will also give you an opportunity to learn more about how community organisation enables grass roots groups such as churches to use their power to bring about the common good. For more information contact Fr Chris Hughes at: chris1707hughes@live.co.uk. You have to register for the event at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-mayoral-assembly-tickets-56500739232

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

St Charles Church, Church Road, Gosforth, NE3 1TX on Tuesday, 26th March, 2nd April, 7.00pm - 9.00pm and Saturday, 6th April 10.30am – 4.00pm includes Commissioning Mass at 3.00pm. Cost £20.00. As ever, for Extraordinary Ministers attendance at all the sessions is necessary in order to be commissioned but a participant can attend missed sessions at other courses elsewhere in the diocese to complete the series.

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 9th March	9.30am Alf Louvre (LL) 10.00am—10.30am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Josip Tokic (MM)	
Sunday 10th March 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Richard, Steph, Isabelle & James Goff (AG)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 11th March	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 12th March	6.45pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Angela Cooke		
Wednesday 13th March	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Private Intention (JT)	
Thursday 14th March	9.30am Deceased Members of the Catholic Womens League 7.00pm Compline	7.00pm Stations of the Cross	
Friday 15th March		10.00am George Burn (HS)	
Saturday 16th March	9.30am Philip Rafferty (JH) 10.00am-10.30am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Francis Richardson (AQ)	
Sunday 17th March 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am The Recently Deceased		9.30am People of the Parish

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 Angus MacEachen, Ernest Morgan and Brian Smith.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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.

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.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "'My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me.'" 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

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

Psalm

Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-15

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| 1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most high
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' | 3. They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. |
| 2. Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. | 4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. |

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Luke 4: 1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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.