

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C, 23RD & 24TH MARCH 2019

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Last week we heard the story of Abram and his faith in God. Now we fast forward 500 years to Exodus and the encounter Moses has with God. With his face covered he asks his name in order to better understand who is speaking to him. God says, have belief in your convictions, I am who I am, that is enough. In the gospel we have an important lesson from our Lord. Not all tragedies are sins but every sin is a tragedy. Abram and Moses put their faith in God and we should do the same. We all experience tragedies, and, when we do it makes us realise how vulnerable we are, how delicate and precious life is and we are not in control, but God walks alongside us at all times.

Deacon Terry

CYCLE OF PRAYER

During Lent, we pray for these intentions:

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

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

PARISH NOTICES

BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE, CO - 14TH BISHOP OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

We pray for Bishop Robert Byrne as he prepares to be installed as our new Bishop in St Mary's Cathedral at 12 noon on Monday 25th March 2019, The Feast of the Annunciation. Entry for this Mass will be by ticket only.

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 of Mary Church, 5.30pm - 5.50pm, and by appointment. Confession times in the other Partnership Parishes can be checked via the website www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk.

The Partnership Penitential Service will take place at 7.00pm on 11th April at St Columba's Church, Wallsend.

On 12th 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, 14th April in St Edward's Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Kelly, whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 26th March at St Edward's Church at 11.45am. May she rest in peace Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne McLaughlan, who died on the 14th March 2019. Her funeral will be celebrated with the Reception and Vigil of Prayer at St Edward's Church on Wednesday, 27th March at 5.30pm. Requiem Mass will be held on 28th March at 11.00am followed by burial at Earsdon Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

MONDAY CLUB

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 25th March in St Edward's Parish Rooms after 9.30am Mass, when we welcome back Kath and Harry Gilbert. Their talk is entitled 'A Shoestring called Chile'. It promises to be as interesting and entertaining as usual and everyone is very welcome.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next luncheon club will be held on Wednesday, 27th March at 12 noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CANDIDATES OF THE SACRAMENTS

Four people from our parish will be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Samantha Paul, Kathryn Newton-Henderson, Steven Sillars and Richard Clerey in your prayers, especially during Lent. We also pray for the children who made their First Confession in your prayers as they continue to look forward to their First Holy Communion in June.

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.

EASTER EGG TOMBOLA OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCH, BACKWORTH

We will be having our Annual Easter Egg Tombola on Easter Sunday after Mass at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church. There will also be tea and coffee served so please come along for a chocolate fix, a drink and a chat. We are thanking you in advance for your usual generosity in donating chocolate eggs. This is in aid of International Refugee Trust who we have been supporting for over 20 years. Thank you to everybody who has helped us raise over £20,000 over the years.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, WEST MONKSEATON

The Church House is now 'Let' to tenants. To protect their access to the garage there will be **No Church parking beyond the double yellow lines**. Thank you for your understanding.

DEPAUL UK THEME FOR LENT - THIS WEEK - LET US GET FAMILIES TALKING AGAIN

There is no daily sheet this year but we have made a weekly plan for prayers. Donations would be very acceptable. There will be leaflets, a prayer plan and boxes at the back of each church. Thank you. For further information contact Sheila Clapperton 2528935.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next walk will take place on Monday, 1st April 2019 in the area of Bolam Lake. A six mile walk beginning 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. Don't be put off by the date!

FINAL CALL FOR LOST KEYS

A set of keys was found at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in January (motorbike key and garage remote control). If they are not claimed in the next week they will be disposed of. They are being held in the parish office.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to all those who joined us last Sunday evening. It was a most enjoyable and successful event. We raised £500 towards the Celebration of Ministry to mark the 40th Anniversary of Fr Andrew's Priestly Ordination.

CHOIR FOR EASTER SERVICES

If anyone from any of our Churches would like to join the choir to sing at the joint services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil you will be very welcome. Please come along on Tuesday evenings to the Parish Rooms at St Edward's at 7.45pm. No auditions!

OTHER NOTICES

ECUMENICAL COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning, bring and buy stall and raffle will be held on Saturday 30th March 2019 from 10.30am to 12.00noon at St Andrew's Church, Eastfield Avenue. Tickets £1 from Patsy Ord 0191 2520498 or pay on the door.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL STATEMENT

In good biblical tradition this year the annual diocesan festival will be a fallow year. We'll be back in June 2020 with a vision inspired by 'The God who speaks' (Bishops Conference of England and Wales Year of the Word 2020). To receive updates and to be the first to book check out our Diocesan social media page and website. Lost for something to do on the 22nd June 2019? Join us at Emmaus Youth Village for a family day – details to follow.

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 23rd March	9.30am Peter Markham 10.00am - 10.30am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 24th March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Stephanie Thompson (AA)		9.30am Ida Convey (TW)
Monday 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.30am Mergzo Filka		
Tuesday 26th March	11.45am Requiem Mass Jean Kelly 6.45pm Stations of the		
Wednesday 27th March	5.30pm Reception and Vigil of Prayer; Anne McLaughlan 8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Tom & Sheila Clapperton (A&GE)	
Thursday 28th March	11.00am Requiem Mass, Anne McLaughlan 7.00pm Compline	7.00pm Stations of the Cross	
Friday 29th March		10.00am James Dynes (AW)	
Saturday 30th March	9.30am Michael Sullivan (PS) 10.00am-10.30am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish (especially for all victims of violence & terrorism) (Parish Pastoral Care Team)	
Sunday 31st March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Derek Craigan (MP)		9.30am Jennie Gibson (SVP)

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill: Patrick McAdam. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Brian Smith, John Percy, Jean Kelly, Anne McLaughlan and Dorothy Eden.

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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

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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

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.' The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

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| 1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings | 3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. |
| 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion, | 4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'" 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.