

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, Year C, 27TH & 28TH April 2019

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The story of Thomas meeting Jesus after his resurrection is not an event that we have witnessed, yet it brought about an Easter faith that has sustained the Church for centuries. Faith invites us to see how our lives in the church speak to us. The Risen Lord uses the sacraments, the written and preached word to challenge and to save us. To be able to see Christ is to open our eyes to the real presence of the Risen Lord. At every Baptism, Christ is calling a new disciple, at every confirmation He is strengthening one of His own, at every Eucharist He is with us as food for the journey of life. Jesus' final message is one of peace and forgiveness with which we are to go out and evangelise the world.

Deacon Terry

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

PARISH NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday and there will be a second collection for sick and retired priests.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: GIFTS WE OFFER

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their families this weekend to continue their journey in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Please keep them and the Catechists in your prayers.

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

We offer congratulations to Beth Hetherington and Matthew Rainey who are to be married on Saturday, 4th May at 3.00pm at St Edward's Church.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PRESBYTERY

Would parishioners **please refrain from parking on or beyond the double yellow lines** at the side of the presbytery as this area is solely for use by the tenants. Thank you.

MONDAY CLUB

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 29th April in the Parish rooms at St Edward's Church after the Service, when we welcome the return of Kath and Harry Gilbert who will talk about: 'A Shoestring called Chile'. Everyone is very welcome.

MISSION BOXES

Boxes are due to be emptied for the 2nd quarter of the year.

- **ST EDWARD'S:** The books are ready for collection in the Narthex and all monies should be returned to Mary Nugent this weekend.
- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:** If your boxes have not been emptied recently, could you please leave them at the back of church for the Spring collection. Many thanks

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 6TH MAY

There is to be an Afternoon Tea Fundraising event in Celebration of Ministry to mark the 40th Anniversary of Fr Andrew's Priestly Ordination. This will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Monday, 6th May between 3.00 - 5.00pm. Tickets are on sale at each church @ £5.00 for Adults and £2.00 for children. Gluten free and vegetarian diets will be catered for.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The next outing will be on Tuesday, 7th May. Joan and Tony Phelan will lead a 6 miles walk from Dipton Mill to Dotland and around Hexhamshire. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

MINDFULNESS

The mindful hour for May will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 8th May in St Edward's Parish Rooms. The theme this month is the Resurrection. All welcome.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHILDREN'S MASS

On Wednesday, 8th May we welcome the Year 1 children from Star of the Sea Primary School to our 10.00am Mass.

JOINT MEETING OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH COUNCILS

Enclosed with this week's bulletin is a synopsis of the meeting which took place at the end of last month. In the light of the lease relating to Our Lady's and St Edmund's Presbytery coming to an end in May, as part of the Partnership Property & Community Review it has been decided to hold an open meeting with parishioners to identify the best use of properties within the parish. This meeting will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Thursday, 9th May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm (**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**). All parishioners are welcome.

CAFOD

Fr Andrew will celebrate A Mass for Justice, Peace and the Celebration of Creation at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH on Saturday, 11th May 2019 at 10.00am. The homily will be provided by Fr Chris Hughes and immediately following the Mass the **Diocesan Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council** will hold their Annual General Meeting and Day Conference. Those attending should bring their own packed lunch, although the cathedral café will also be open. Everyone is welcome to attend.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The boxes of offertory envelopes for this year can be found at the back of each church. **PLEASE COLLECT YOURS.**

ANNUAL LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL

I am writing on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor, with an urgent appeal for volunteers to help us with our Diocesan Church Appeal on the weekend of 11th/12th May 2019. As you know, our charity is committed to caring for the neediest elderly in our society. However, like any other charity, we rely heavily on the generosity of supporters such as yourself and your parishioners to continue to make a real difference to people's lives. Our previous fundraising campaigns have laid the foundations to ensure we can continue to provide safe accommodation and professional care for vulnerable older people. We are extremely grateful to all the parishes who have supported us, however, **we still need your help**. This year's Diocesan Church Appeal will take place on the weekend of the 11th and 12th May, and will have a brand new focus - to raise vital funds for essential fire safety improvements to St Joseph's Home. Unfortunately, with only a few Little Sisters in our community, it is impossible for us to go to every parish on the same weekend to ask for crucial donations. **This is where you can help to make a real difference.** We urgently need volunteers to champion our cause and make the appeal to friends and fellow parishioners on our behalf. With this in mind, please could you ask members of your parish to email us directly at ms.newcastle@lsplondon.co.uk, to confirm their interest in this important responsibility? We will then contact them shortly afterwards with further information.

OTHER NOTICES

THE MISSION TO ACCOMPANY

We are looking forward to welcoming Bill Huebsch back to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle on Saturday, 18th May to lead us on a day exploring 'The Mission to Accompany' at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Benton, Newcastle Upon Tyne from 9.45am - 3.30pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided on the day, and we are suggesting a donation of £10.00 to help cover the costs of the day. Booking is essential by telephone 0191 2433302 or www.billhuebsch.eventbrite.co.uk Donations will be gratefully accepted on the day.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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| Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edward) | stedwardsne26@btconnect.com | (0191) 2528021 |
| 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 if you have an enquiry (number below).

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 | | | |
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| DAY | ST EDWARD'S | IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY | OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S |
| Saturday 27th April | 9.30am Eileen Waters (MS) 10.00am - 10.30am CONFESSIONS | 4.50 pm - 5.50pm First Holy Communion Programme 'Gifts we Offer' 6.00pm People of the Parish (especially for those living in difficult circumstances) (Parish Pastoral Care Team) | |
| Sunday 28th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9.50am - 10.50am First Holy Communion Programme 'Gifts we Offer' 11.00am Geoff Welton (EW) | | 9.30am Marguerite Jones (BJ) 3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy |
| Monday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA | 9.30am Word & Communion | 10.00am Word & Communion | |
| Tuesday 30th April ST GEORGE | 7.00pm Miriam Deveruex (RD) | | |
| Wednesday 1st May ST JOSEPH THE WORKER | 8.00pm Prayer Group | 10.00am Mona McParland (M&CMcA) | |
| Thursday 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS | 9.30am Word & Communion 7.00pm Compline | | |
| Friday 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES | | 10.00am Brian Smith (J&HP) | |
| Saturday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS | 9.30am Jayne Storey (MS) 10.00am - 10.30am CONFESSIONS 3.00pm Wedding Beth Hetherington & Matthew Rainey | 5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish | |
| Sunday 5th May THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | 11.00am Louise Brown (LL) | | 9.30am Benefactors of St Vincent de Paul Society |

Please remember in your prayers Patrick McAdam and Terry Murphy who are ill. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Joe Ramanauskas, Norah Blewitt and Fr Jim Doherty .

| BAPTISMS | ST EDWARD'S | OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S |
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| 28th April, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry) | Max Rutherford | |
| 5th May, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry) | | Charlotte Poppy Oliver |

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
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL 2019
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

Response: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

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| 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' | 3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. |
| 2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. | |

Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.' The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. 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.