

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C, 6th & 7th April 2019

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

God promises His people a new Exodus, for us, Lent will give way to Easter. Paul appears tired and longs for his race to be over. We often feel like this too, our longing for salvation distracts us from what has to come first, the way of the cross. We had an example last week of the wayward son and how his Father forgave him, as our Father does us. In today's gospel we see Jesus refusing to judge a woman. We are not in a position to judge others when they sin because we are sinners too. So Jesus says to those who judge – if you believe you have not sinned, then you can throw a stone. I've sometimes wondered what Jesus was writing in the sand, whilst being pressed for an answer. Perhaps it was – do not judge others. **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

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

We are grateful to members of the parish who met 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 Dorothy Eden of Whitley Bay, who died on 16th March. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 11th April at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by Cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alexander Jonathan Welton and Rachel Forbes who will be married at St Edward's Church on 13th April.

MONDAY CLUB

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 8th April in St Edward's Parish Rooms after Word & Communion, when our topic will be 'Favourite Places' and everyone is very welcome to come and share memories of places you have enjoyed.

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.

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.

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

We will be holding our Easter Egg Tombola after Mass on Easter Sunday at Our Lady's and St Edmund's Church. Tea and coffee will be served so please join us for a chocolate fix, a drink and a chat. We thank you in advance for your generosity in donating chocolate eggs. The event is in aid of the International Refugee Trust, who we have been supporting over 20 years. Thank you to everyone who has helped us raise £20,000.

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.

CHOIR FOR EASTER LITURGIES

If anyone from any of our Churches would like to join the choir to sing at the liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and 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!

MISSION BOXES

Boxes are due to be emptied for the 2nd quarter of the year. At St Edward's Church, the books are ready for collection in the Narthex. Please return all monies to Mary Nugent by 28th April.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

• CAFOD family fast day £692 • CAFOD Cyclone Idai disaster appeal £1220 • Bishop's retirement £1033
Many thanks for your generosity.

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 Church on Monday, 6th May between 3.00 - 5.00pm. Tickets will be £5 for Adults and £2 for children. Gluten free and vegetarian diets will be catered for. Tickets will be on sale from this weekend at each church.

OTHER NOTICES

PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

Time of Prayer and Reflection with the people Jesus met on the 'Way of the Cross' with Sr Sheila McNamara RSCJ on **Wednesday, 17th April, 7.00pm - 9.15pm** in St Mary's Church Hall, Farringdon Road, Cullercoats. All welcome.

DIOCESAN VACANCY

Administrator, Department for Safeguarding. Full-time, 12 month contract. Closing date 10th April. For further information please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 2433301.

COMPLINE & MEDITATION

During Holy Week, St Paul's Church Whitley Bay is hosting Compline and Meditations on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

MAYORAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE NORTH OF TYNE COMBINED AUTHORITY

Tyne and Wear Citizens, of which the Diocese is a strategic partner, is preparing for an accountable Assembly of the candidates of the election of the 'North of Tyne Mayor' on Thursday, 2nd May, which will cover Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside. This event is taking place on Tuesday, 30th April at 6.30pm at the Tyne Opera House on the Westgate Road, Newcastle. There have been commitments from the Labour and Liberal Democrat Candidates to be present. Once the Conservative Party have announced their candidate, it will be asked if their candidate is willing to take part. The 'asks' will include issues from the three campaigns the alliance is running on mental health, food poverty and safer cities. To take part you need to register online at [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). For more information contact Fr Chris Hughes by email or on 0191 2575801.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Bishop Robert Byrne CO will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 18th May 2019 at 11.00am to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by at least two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the Diocese and the wider North-East community.

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 6th April	9.30am Philip Rafferty (T&SC) 10.00am—10.30am CONFESSIONS	5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 7th April 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Kathleen O'Herlihey		9.30am Nellie Waugh (SVP)
Monday 8th April	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 9th April	6.45pm Stations of the Cross		
Wednesday 10th April	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Anthony Craigen (MP)	
Thursday 11th April	11.00am Requiem Mass, Dorothy Eden 7.00pm Compline	7.00pm Stations of the Cross	
Friday 12th April		10.00am Angus McEachen (J&DJ)	
Saturday 13th April	9.30am Sheila & Tom Clapperton (Prayer Group) 10.00am - 10.30am CONFESSIONS 12.00pm Wedding Alexander Jonathan Welton & Rachel Forbes	5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 14th April PALM SUNDAY	11.00am Sheila & Tom Clapperton (S&DMcC) 3.00pm Holy Hour		9.30am Enis Meenaghan (SVP)

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

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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.

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.

READINGS AT MASS
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, 7TH APRIL 2019

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

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

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

Psalm

Psalm 125(126)

Response: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

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| 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs | 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. |
| 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. | 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. |

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

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.