

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, VOCATIONS SUNDAY, Year C, 11th & 12th May 2019

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Paul is hurt by the failure of his people to accept their promised Messiah; their failure remains a mystery. In his vision, John sees countless numbers of redeemed people gathered at the throne of the lamb. They hold palms of victory and their robes are curiously washed white in blood showing a sign of integrity and honesty. Each year during Eastertide the Church reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, a risen divine Christ who tends His flocks. Do we ever feel like sheep in search of a shepherd? We ask ourselves what is involved in imitating Christ as the shepherd, and are we doing anything in the parish to show this. **Deacon Terry**

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

PARISH NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This Sunday we are asked to pray for Vocations. There is a prayer card available in each church.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

An appeal will be made at this weekend's Masses for the Little Sisters of the Poor and their support of the elderly at St Joseph's Care Home, Newcastle. There will also be a retiring collection for the Sisters' work.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Graziella Campey of The Lawns, Monkseaton, who died on 18th April aged 91 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm on Thursday, 16th May at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial in Italy. May she rest in peace. Amen.

MONDAY CLUB

On 13th May we welcome the return of Marie Rooney who will talk about Special Needs in Kenya. Marie's work in Kenya means that she has experience of the reality of everyday life there. Her talks are always lively and informative and everyone is very welcome to come and hear her.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey of Faith group is on Monday, 13th May in St Edward's parish rooms, starting at 7.00pm. The topic is 'Walking with the Living Christ'. All are welcome.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHILDREN'S MASS

On Wednesday, 15th May we welcome the Year 2 children from Star of the Sea Primary School to our 10.00am Mass.

DEPAUL UK CAMINO CHALLENGE 2019

Depaul UK are promoting their Fundraising Challenge this year which is again to do a section of the Camino de Santiago. If anyone is interested in learning more about this there is an informal evening to be held in the parish rooms at St Edward's next Thursday, 16th May between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. All are welcome.

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP – CONFIRMATIONS 2019

Our Partnership youth co-workers have prepared this year's Confirmation preparation course, which will begin at 6.00pm on 16th May at St Thomas More Academy, Linden Road, North Shields. Consent forms and information about the course are available from Mgr Andrew and by email from the Parish Office (parishofficeolss@btconnect.com). Michael Thompson, St Thomas More Academy Chaplain, also has the forms. The course will run for 9 weeks (not including the half term) and will conclude with the confirmation Mass on 18th July at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. Confirmation candidates must be Year 9 or older, baptised and made their first Holy Communion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

CAMINO WAY - OCTOBER 2019

Following a very enjoyable pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela recently, Kevin Foster from Explore4all is delighted to announce the next Camino Frances pilgrimage to northern Spain in October 2019. For more information and a chance to meet fellow pilgrims, a short meeting will be held at St Cuthbert's, North Shields on Monday, 20th May at 6.00pm. Please come along to hear more about this wonderful week long pilgrimage/walking experience, as featured in this month's Northern Cross.

PARISH CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY ON 23RD JUNE

Please make sure you pick up a copy of the letter about this if you didn't get one last week. Contact the parish office for a copy if there are none left in church. And please sign up from this weekend for the event.

AFTERNOON TEA

Many thanks to all those who came to support the afternoon tea last Monday and grateful thanks to those who baked and served at table. We raised £517 towards the Celebration of Ministry.

GARDENER REQUIRED - ST EDWARD'S

A volunteer gardener (or gardeners) is required at St Edward's Church. Our thanks go to Mary Storey and Maureen Cave who have done a marvellous job looking after the garden and grounds over the past years. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

OTHER NOTICES

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 and everyone is welcome to attend. This will be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the Diocese and the wider North-East community.

THE MISSION TO ACCOMPANY

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

'NO OUTSIDERS TO HIS LOVE'

A service in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 19th May at 3.00pm is to be held as the culmination of Mental Health Awareness Week and draw attention to the importance of caring for and those living with mental health and emotional issues. The service involves music, dance, reading and teaching, intended to highlight the dignity of our brothers and sisters whose mental and emotional health causes pain and lack of peace.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP WITH MATT MAHER

On 29th May from 7.00pm - 9.00pm, we are hosting an evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration led by Matt Maher. Matt is an International Christian music artist who has had huge success writing and recording songs. One of the highlights of his ministry was leading three million young people in adoration with Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Rio in 2013. This will be a powerful and moving evening and entry is by ticket only and places are limited. £10 a ticket is being charged to cover costs. <http://buytickets.at/cathedraltour>

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 if you have an enquiry (number opposite).

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 11th May	9.30am Word & Communion NO CONFESSIONS	5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Pat Claydon (JC & family)	
Sunday 12th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11.00am Darren Nugent (MN)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 13th May OUR LADY OF FATIMA	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 14th May ST MATTHIAS	7.00pm In honour of St Cuthbert and the Northern Saints (MAFC)		
Wednesday 15th May	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Nancy & Robert Tulip (JT)	
Thursday 16th May	2.00pm Requiem Mass, Graziella Campey 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 17th May		10.00am Brian Smith (CWL)	
Saturday 18th May ST JOHN I	9.30am Tom & Sheila Clapperton (LL) 10.00am - 10.50am CONFESSIONS	4.50 pm - 5.50pm First Holy Communion Programme 'LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST' 6.00pm Lino Avantaggiato (MAQ)	
Sunday 19th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.50am - 10.50am First Holy Communion Programme 'LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST' 11.00am The Recently Deceased		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISMS	ST EDWARD'S
12th May, 12.30pm (Mgr Andrew)	Jack Murray Mackintosh Griffith
19th May, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Grace Ann Joan Robinson

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 Fr Jim Doherty, Maria van Talligan and Graziella Campey.

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
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 12TH MAY 2019

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

First Reading

Acts 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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

Psalm

Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

Response: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

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| 1 Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. | 3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. |
| 2 Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. | |

Second Reading

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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.