

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year C, 7th & 8th September 2019

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The answer to most of the questions posed in the passage from Wisdom is no. No-one can know, with his own reason, the divine will of God. It is made known to us, however, through Jesus. He turns his gaze away from the Scribes and Pharisees to us, not pulling any punches; he delivers a body blow to anyone who is looking for easy discipleship. 'What about you' he says, 'will you take up your cross and follow me? Or, will you just follow me and not take up your cross' We all have crosses, a family problem, an illness, someone who is troubling us at work or even a personality burden which we carry. Bearing these crosses is our way of showing fidelity to the Lord. Each Mass is a chance to pick up our cross with Christ and follow him.

Deacon Terry

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

PARISH NOTICES

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

We wish all pupils, students, staff and governors every blessing for the new academic year.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We need cake bakers, scone makers, biscuit lovers, cupcake decorators, coffee drinkers, tea sinkers, ticket sellers, money takers, dishwashers, clearer uppers, but most of all, YOU to come along and bring your friends, (and your cakes!) to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Wednesday 18th September at 10.45am for our Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning. Over the past five years we have raised in the region of £5000 for this very worthwhile cause, please come along and help us to do even better this year. If you would like further information contact Chris on 07984963769.

EDUCATION SUNDAY



2019: Form and Flourish - to re-form

This Sunday is a day of special prayer for those involved in Education and a second collection will be taken for Catholic Education. Resources can be downloaded at: www.cte.org.uk.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

The 15th September is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection. Resources can be downloaded at: www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/home-mission.

SUMMER LUNCH CLUB

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out with the Summer Lunches for children over the last six Mondays at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. We had a dedicated team of helpers for the kitchen, making the meals and drinks, setting and clearing the tables for lunch and tidying up afterwards. In the hall, our volunteers worked hard to prepare the crafts and other activities for the children. They joined in with outdoor games in the garden and had fun working with the children and their parents/carers. A good time was had by all our visitors. Thank you again. Patsy Ord.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 16th September and Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk through Hulne Park at Alnwick. This is an easy level walk along good paths through peaceful countryside and woodland and passing by the ruins of Hulne Priory. For further details contact Jim on 0191 2669035 or 07932696795. Please meet at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park at 9.30am.

MINISTERS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

There will be an important meeting at 11.00am on Wednesday 11th September in the Upper Meeting Room for all those ministers across the Parish who take Holy Communion and visit the sick and the housebound. Please let Ann Garland or Lawrie Ashton know if you cannot attend. Mgr Andrew.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be on the 9th September, 6.00pm in the Parish Rooms.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING

If you have any queries you wish to raise with the PPC you should bring it to the attention of one of your Church Council members before the next meeting on Tuesday 17th September.

PARISH MONDAY CLUB

The parish Monday Club will meet on Monday 9th September in the Parish Rooms at St Edward's after the Service, with a "Welcome Back" Coffee Morning and everyone is very welcome.

FROM ST. PAUL'S, WHITLEY BAY – CALLING EVERYONE WHO LIKES TO SING

As part of Heritage Open Days, we're opening our church and bell tower (on Park View), on 14 September. Part of showing people the things that happen in the building will be letting them experience choral music. We're holding an open choir practice at 2.45 pm, followed by Evensong at 3.30 pm. We'd be delighted to welcome any interested members of your choirs or congregations. We'll provide the music, and no robes are needed. They should arrive around 2.30pm and singing will start at 2.45 prompt. We're looking forward to making music together. Just turn up and join in! Contact Ann Laing, on 0191 297 0276.

REVIVING THE PASSION FOR CHRIST, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2109

You are invited to a day on Saturday 21st September from 10am - 4pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields (chapel) with Fr Michael Hickey to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world. Tea & coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Let us know if you would like to come, either through your own parish priest or Fr Michael on 07912 060628.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

On Saturday 19th October at 7.30, a concert in St Edward's Church featuring Tyneside A Capella Ladies' Chorus and Compass Men's Chorus.

More information next week!

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next 'Journey of Faith' series begins on Thursday 26th September in the parish rooms at St Edward's and will run on alternate Thursdays, 7pm -9pm, from then until after Easter. The sessions are aimed at anyone considering becoming a Catholic, or any Catholic who wishes to refresh or update their understanding of their faith. Please consider whether you know of anyone for whom this may be appropriate and pass the word on. It would be helpful if names could be given either to Monsignor Andrew, or Deacon Terry, or to the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

To comply with GDPR regulations, we require those whom we visit in their own homes or nursing homes to complete a return confirming that they are willing to receive such visits. Please ensure that one is completed and returned to Lawrie Ashton or the parish office as soon as possible.

OTHER NOTICES

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS, DAY OF REFLECTION FOR ALL MINISTRIES

Ushaw College, Durham, Saturday, 28th September, 10.30am - 3.30pm (registration and refreshments from 9.45). Led by Fr Mark Millward, Dean of the Benedict Partnership (nb this is a repeat of the day offered in May). Tea, Coffee and a light lunch will be provided. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Please contact the parish office if you are interested or contact the Department for Liturgy on 0191 2433312 or email: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10.00am - 1.00pm, 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			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 7th September	9.30am Private Intention 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Kathleen Woodward (SW)	
Sunday 8th September 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am John & Eileen Jeffrey - Golden Wedding Anniversary (JJ)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 9th September ST PETER CLAVER	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 10th September	7.00pm Dorothy Crumbley (S & TC)		
Wednesday 11th September	8.00pm Prayer Group	10.00am Peter & Doreen Kelly Diamond Wedding Anniversary (JW)	
Thursday 12th September THE HOLY NAME OF MARY	9.30am Michael Snowdon 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 13th September ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM		10.00am Private Intention (LM)	
Saturday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9.30am Private Intention (LM) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm The Recently Deceased	
Sunday 15th September 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR HOME MISSION SUNDAY	11.00am Angela Cooke		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S
Sunday 15th September, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)	Isaac Joshua Jones

Please remember in your prayers Terry Murphy, Nicola Burns, Kathryn Newton-Henderson and George Miller who are ill. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Margaret Teresa McDonnell, Catherine Ann Hawthorne and Bill Parker.

Hospital Chaplaincies

North Tyneside General Hospital, Rake Lane, North Shields & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Northumbria Way, Cramlington: Contact Fr Stephen Watson 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
23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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

Psalm

Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

Response: *O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

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| 1. You turn men back to dust and say:
'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. | 2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. |
| 3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. | 4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. |

Second reading

Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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.