

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A, 30th November & 1st December 2019**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; expectant Mothers.**

**Advent and Christmas**

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2019**

- ◆ There is a range of celebrations across our Parish and Partnership for this Advent and Christmas. As well as the weekly Masses and weekend Confessions, other celebrations invite us to open our hearts to Jesus as we prepare to celebrate the joy of His birth during Advent.
- ◆ From 1 December 2019 to 28 November 2020, the Bishops of England and Wales invite us to a Year learning to listen more closely to The God Who Speaks through the Scriptures. All are invited to Vespers (Evening Prayer) which will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral on the First Sunday of Advent at 4.30pm to start the year. You are also invited to join a Bible Reflection group to share God's Word for an hour after the 9.30am Mass at St Edward's Church on the Thursdays of Advent.
- ◆ A Travelling Family Crib will be at each church for families to celebrate Advent and Christmas. Families sign up to take the Crib home, to play and pray with the figures to share the story.

DATE	CELEBRATION	CHURCH
First Sunday of Advent, 1 December	Vespers to launch the Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks	St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, 4.30pm
Second Sunday of Advent, 8 December	Justice & Peace Group Carols	St Edward's, Whitley Bay, after 11.00am Mass
Monday, 9 December	Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	St Edward's, Whitley Bay, 9.30am
Wednesday, 11 December	Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner	Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton, 12.00 Noon
Thursday, 12 December	Star of the Sea School Years 5 & 6 and Families Advent Service of Light	St Edward's, Whitley Bay, 6.00pm
Thursday, 12 December	Partnership Advent Penitential Service	St Thomas More Academy, Lynn Road, North Shields, 7.00pm
Gaudete Sunday, 15 December	Partnership Advent Service	St Bernadette's, Wallsend, 4.30pm
Saturday, 21 December	Nuptial Mass – Kate Lowes & Mark Gibbins	St Edward's, Whitley Bay, 3.00pm
Fourth Sunday of Advent, 22 December	Parish Carol Service	Our Lady's & St Edmund's, Backworth, 4.00pm
Tuesday, 24 December	Christmas Eve - Carols & Masses	St Edward's, Whitley Bay, 5.30pm Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton, 7.30pm
Wednesday, 25 December	Christmas Day Masses	Our Lady's & St Edmund's, Backworth, 9.30am St Edward's, Whitley Bay, 11.00am
Tuesday, 31 December	New Year's Eve Mass	St Edward's, 9.30am
New Year's Day, 1 January 2020	Parish Mass & Shared New Year Lunch	Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton, 12.00 Noon

### **REFLECTION FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

With the beginning of Advent we turn to the Second Coming of Christ as judge, and his birth at Bethlehem. First and foremost, Christ brings us peace, which we all yearn. We need to respond to God's call and change our ways without delay. As Paul encourages the Romans, he also encourages us to remain faithful. One day, we do not know the details of this, we will come before God. We know there is no time in eternity, no waiting room, but we do know that this meeting will not be as any human mind can envisage.

**Deacon Terry**

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Thomas Miller, who died on 14th November 2019 aged 79 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton on 3rd December at 12.30pm, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Webber who died on 19th November aged 94 years. A Reception and Vigil of Prayer will take place at 4.00pm on 3rd December at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Edward's Church at 10.00am on 4th December, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### **PARISH MONDAY CLUB**

The Parish Monday Club will meet in the Parish Rooms at St Edward's on the 2nd December after the Service. Our topic will be "Will I vote in the General Election?" and everyone is very welcome to come and discuss.

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The next meeting of the Journey of Faith takes place on Thursday 5th December in St Edward's parish rooms. The topic is "Advent 1: the second coming of Christ". All are welcome.

### **BEREAVEMENT DROP-IN COFFEE MORNINGS**

There is a 'drop-in' Coffee Morning on the first Friday of each month in the meeting room in St Edward's Presbytery from 11:00am - 12:30pm, open to anyone who has suffered bereavement (not necessarily recently) and feels it would help to talk to someone. The next Coffee Morning will be on the 6th December.

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

Our Christmas Coffee Morning will be held on Sunday, 8th December in the Parish Rooms at St Edward's Church. There will be coffee, hot mince pies, Irish Coffee, carols and a raffle. We would be grateful for donations of wine, chocolates and biscuits for the raffle, which can be left in a box in the Narthex behind the entrance door. Many Thanks.

### **TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP – PROPERTY & COMMUNITY AUDIT**

As part of the Community Audit being carried out across our Partnership, our Parish is seeking to learn more about our local community needs and to identify a project through which we as the Church can better provision. The research will help us to judge how we can best use our buildings in the future. The Parish Community Audit Team would like to hear from you about any gaps in the provision of our local services and which the local Church might be able to fill. We would be grateful if you could forward your ideas by the end of December to the Parish Office either on paper or by email to: [jjames9241@aol.com](mailto:jjames9241@aol.com), marked: "Community Audit". Many thanks from the Parish Community Audit Team.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **YORK CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Our Lady's & St Oswin's have a trip to York Christmas Market on **Saturday 7th December** leaving St Mary's Church at 9am and returning at 5pm. Mass will be celebrated in St Margaret Clitheroe House in the Shambles. A few coach seats are available. The cost for the coach is £12 per person. Please email [cullercoats.stmary@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:cullercoats.stmary@rcdhn.org.uk).

#### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

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**Cluster Website** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://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](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com) or telephone 0191 2527066.  
Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 10.00am on Thursdays.

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 30th November <b>ST ANDREW</b>	9.30am Fr Bill Rooke (St Edward's Justice & Peace) 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.30pm - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm Colin Walker (GM)	
Sunday 1st December <b>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11.00am Darren Nugent (MN)		9.30am People of the Parish (For a Peaceful and Respectful General Election)
Monday 2nd December	9.30am Word & Communion	9.30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 3rd December <b>ST FRANCIS XAVIER</b>	4.00pm Reception & Vigil Margaret Webber 7.00pm Eric, Helen, Tony & Vivienne Riley (EW)	12.30pm Requiem Mass George Thomas Miller	
Wednesday 4th December <b>ST OSMUND</b>	10.00am Requiem Mass Margaret Webber 8.00pm Prayer Group	9.30am Marian DiMascio (PO)	
Thursday 5th December	9.30pm Sheila Clapperton (St Edwards Prayer group) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 6th December <b>ST NICHOLAS</b>		9.30am Word & Communion	
Saturday 7th December <b>ST AMBROSE</b>	9.30am Judy Ashton (LA) 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.30pm - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm Kevin Clarke (DC)	
Sunday 8th December <b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11.00am People of the Parish		9.30am Private Intention (LH)

**Please remember in your prayers** Terry Murphy, Nicola Burns, Kathryn Newton-Henderson, Margaret Ward, Paul Thomson and Fr Tom Cunningham who are ill. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Fr Bill Rooke, Wendy Jeffs, Noel Bogie, Beatrice O'Shea, George Miller and Margaret Webber.

#### **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**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 1st December 2019**  
*The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.*

**First reading**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9**

**Response:** *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

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| 1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:<br>'Let us go to God's house.'<br>And now our feet are standing<br>within your gates, O Jerusalem. | 2. It is there that the tribes go up,<br>the tribes of the Lord.<br>For Israel's law it is,<br>there to praise the Lord's name.<br>There were set the thrones of judgement<br>of the house of David. |
| 3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:<br>'Peace be to your homes!<br>May peace reign in your walls,<br>in your palaces, peace!'           | 4. For love of my brethren and friends<br>I say: 'Peace upon you!'<br>For love of the house of the Lord<br>I will ask for your good.   |

**Second Reading**

**Romans 13:11-14**

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia

**Gospel**

**Matthew 24:37-44**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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.