

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A, 29th FEBRUARY & 1st MARCH 2020**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

**Lent**

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse.**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

The fall of Adam and Eve is an analysis of what we experience every day, an image of how sin happens. Even though this is a sad legacy, God does not desert us, because of his love of humanity. St Paul's message to the Roman Christians is clear that it is through Christ and his supreme act of loving obedience, that the course of human history has been turned back. By putting the testing of Jesus at the beginning, the Church views Lent as a period of challenge, where we are given the opportunity to be renewed. Pope Francis' message for Lent 2020, says 'The Lord has granted us, once again, to celebrate in our hearts, the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus'. We, in our turn, must continually return to this and by doing so experience a spiritual consolation

**Deacon Terry**

**LENT & HOLY WEEK 2020 - THE GOD WHO SPEAKS IN POWER AND MERCY**

**The God Who Speaks in Power and Mercy** is the theme this Lent in the Year of the Word. A weekly group open to all will reflect on the theme for an hour in the upper meeting room after Friday 9.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church. Leaflets are available for Parishioners to use during Lent, and are at the back of each church.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will be available before morning Mass at St Edward's Church and Immaculate Heart Church for half an hour beginning at 9.00am.

**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on Tuesdays at St Edward's Church at the beginning of the evening Mass at 6.45pm, and Wednesdays at Immaculate Heart Church at 7.30pm. 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** will be available as usual on Saturdays at St Edward's Church, 10.00am - 10.30am and at Immaculate Heart Church, 5.30pm - 5.50pm, and by appointment. The children being prepared for First Holy Communion will make their First Confession at St Edward's Church on Wednesday 11th March at 6.00pm. The Partnership Penitential Service will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 2nd April at a church yet to be announced.

**The re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary** is a national event on 29th March. We will join in following the 11.00am Mass at St Edward's Church. Information at [www.behold2020.com](http://www.behold2020.com).

**World Day of Prayer** will be celebrated on Friday 6th March at St Andrew's URC Church in Monkseaton at 2.00pm.

**The Easter Triduum** this year-7.30pm Maundy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, 3.00pm Good Friday's Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and 8.00pm Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil- will all be celebrated at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay. On Holy Saturday morning, the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart Church at 10.00am.

**LENT PASTORAL LETTER**

There is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Byrne this weekend

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:**

**Reconciliation**

We welcome the First Holy Communion children and their families to Mass on 29th February & 1st March when they will learn about forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Parking:** Please note, because of the additional numbers at Mass, parking may be difficult. We suggest therefore, if possible, and as a matter of courtesy and consideration to our elder or infirm parishioners, candidate's families attending mass at Immaculate Heart Church, park in Sainsbury's car park and those attending mass at St Edward's church park at the Playhouse.

**THE MINDFUL HOUR**

The mindful hour for March will be at 7pm in St Edwards church rooms on Wednesday 4th March. The theme will be a contemplative journey through Lent. All are welcome.

## **WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Tuesday 3rd March. Peter Weighill will lead a 6 mile walk from Chester Moor, taking in Congburn Woods, Waldrige Fell, Wanister Hill and the South Burn to return to Chester Moor. Please meet at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you want more information please contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

## **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 11:00 till 12:30, open to anyone who has suffered a bereavement (not necessarily recently) and feels that it would help to talk to someone. The next Coffee Morning will be on Friday 6th March.

## **PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS**

Young people in the Parish in Year 9 upwards are invited to collect an application form from the Parish Office either by hand or by email to enrol for this year's preparation programme. The course begins on Thursday, 12th March at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields, 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

## **MESSAGE OF THANKS**

I would like to thank Father Andrew and all at St Edward's for the lovely service you gave my wife, Pat. You have my eternal gratitude. Christopher Sainty

## **NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN REFUGE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES**

Thank you for your generous contributions of food over the past 15 years, to the collection point in St Edward's narthex Justice & Peace cupboard, which have been gratefully received. We have had a request not to donate tins of meat now as most of the clients are vegetarians. Instead we are being asked to only donate tins of fish, tomatoes and chickpeas, as these are the most useful items. No further donations of bedding or clothes are required until further notice due to limited storage space in the Refuge. Thank you.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY**

At the next meeting at St Joseph's, High St, Gateshead at 2pm on Wednesday March 4th, Michael Johnson will speak about Dunn and Hanson churches in our Diocese. Non-members welcome.

### **DINNER DANCE**

Tynemouth Catenians cordially invite you to a Dinner Dance at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth on Friday 6th March, 6.45pm for 7.30pm. Formal Dress or suit and tie. Gentle music by Neon Lights. Cost £31.00 per head. Contact Bob Kerr 2573859 or Terry McQuillan 2595259.

### **DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE LOURDES**

#### **PILGRIMAGE**

This year's Lourdes Pilgrimage will be from 31st July to 7th August. Further information available from the Parish Office.

### **PARTNERSHIP RETREAT TO AMPLEFORTH**

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey takes place from Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd July and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. A deposit of £50 will be needed no later than Sunday 26th April. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be of the order of £170 to £190 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. There are a limited number of en-suite rooms available. If you would like more information about the Abbey, their website address is [www.ampleforth.org.uk](http://www.ampleforth.org.uk) where you will find a link to their Hospitality & Pastoral Services. If you are interested in coming please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 for more details.

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edward)	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	(0191) 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntlpl.org.uk	(0191) 6432080
<b>Cluster Website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.northyntesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northyntesidecatholic.org.uk</a></b>	

**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 [parishofficeo1ss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeo1ss@btconnect.com) or telephone 0191 2527066.  
Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 10.00am on Thursdays.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS &amp; OTHER SERVICES</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	<b>OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND'S</b>
Saturday 29th February	9.30am Margaret Webber (CWL) 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.30pm - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm The Recently Deceased	
Sunday 1st March <b>1ST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	11.00am Ann & Alan Hakin (CB)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 2nd March	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Word & Communion	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 3rd March	6.45pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Private Intention		
Wednesday 4th March <b>ST CASIMIR</b>	8.00pm Prayer Group	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Denis Healy 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 5th March	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Albert & Lily Riley (EW) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 6th March		9.00am Exposition 9.30am Hilda Valentine (TM)	
Saturday 7th March <b>ST PERPETUA &amp; ST FELICITY</b>	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL) 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.30pm - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 8th March <b>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	11.00am Jane Hood (L & B)		9.30am A sick daughter (LH)

**Please remember in your prayers** Nicola Burns, Margaret Ward, Sheila Godwin, Mary Stevenson and Marie Rooney who are ill. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, Hilda Mary Valentine, Enzo DiMascio, Lawrence Donnelly, Margaret Donnelly, Winifred Peart, Patricia Sainty and Rose Marriott.

#### **HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS**

**North Tyneside General Hospital & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Cramlington:** Contact Fr Stephen Watson and Deacon Stephen Boulter on 07768 387393.

**RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals:** Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, at St Teresa's, Heaton 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. Deacons Terry McGann and Frank Forde, contact via the Parish Office: 0191 2527066.

## READINGS AT MASS

### 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, 1st March 2020

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

#### First reading

**Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17**

**Response:** *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

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| 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.<br>In your compassion blot out my offence.<br>O wash me more and more from my guilt<br>and cleanse me from my sin. | 2. My offences truly I know them;<br>my sin is always before me<br>Against you, you alone, have I sinned;<br>what is evil in your sight I have done. |
| 3. A pure heart create for me, O God,<br>put a steadfast spirit within me.<br>Do not cast me away from your presence,<br>nor deprive me of your holy spirit.   | 4. Give me again the joy of your help;<br>with a spirit of fervour sustain me,<br>O Lord, open my lips<br>and my mouth shall declare your praise.    |

#### Second Reading

**Romans 5:12,17-19**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

#### Gospel

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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.