

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 8th & 9th FEBRUARY 2020

The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time (Winter)

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.**

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Is our practice of faith “mechanical” or does it come from the heart? Isaiah tells us that our faith is not really about how we feel but is more about how we respond to our neighbour. Perhaps there is someone we know who is lonely, who would welcome a little of our time to stop and chat with them? In the gospel, Jesus has stern words for those who keep their faith to themselves. He says we must let the light shine out from us for others to see. Pope Paul VI once wrote that through wordless witness Christians can stir up the hearts of those who see how they live. When we share the light of our faith with others, another Christian is born. **Deacon Terry**

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winifred Peart who died on 9th January aged 93 years. A Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 25th February at 2.00pm at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Sainty who died on 26th January aged 72 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 12th February at 12.00 Noon in St Edward’s Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

This weekend there will be a second collection for Racial Justice Sunday. Pope Francis said “The time has come to put an end to age-old prejudices, preconceptions and mutual mistrust that are often at the base of discrimination, racism and xenophobia. No one must feel isolated, and no one is authorised to trample on the dignity and rights of others”.

MASS ON THE FEAST OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

You are invited to join the Hospitality of Hexham and Newcastle for the Celebration of Mass on the Feast of World Day of Prayer for the Sick on Tuesday 11th February at 7pm at St Mary’s Cathedral, Newcastle. Refreshments available after Mass.

PREPARATION - LENT & EASTER 2020

Please note that the meeting to prepare Lent and Easter has been moved to Friday, 14th February after the 9.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. All are welcome.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 17th February from Corbridge car park south of the river, following the bank of the Tyne to Devil's Water, going up to High Town and Snokeshill Plantation and on to Prospect Hill. We will then drop down to Farnley Grange and return through Tynedale Park. The six mile walk is along paths and a quiet road, with one long rise and descent. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. Further details if required from Gerry Latimer on 2516989.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next luncheon club will be on **Tuesday** 25th February at 12 noon. Please note the change of day.

FLOWERS AT ST EDWARD’S CHURCH

If anyone has a couple hours spare per fortnight and would be interested in helping with the flowers at St Edwards Church, please contact the Parish Office and leave your details, or speak with Anne Shanley or Margaret Scott.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH SUNDAY COFFEE

Volunteers are needed to help serve teas and coffee in the Parish Rooms after Mass on Sundays. We would be most grateful if you would be prepared to help; please ring Pat Rafferty on 252 8769.

PARTNERSHIP YOUTH

The Youth co-workers of the Tynemouth Priory Partnership have provided an update on the work they do with young people. The poster on the Church noticeboard highlights the wonderful work being done.

SVP - HELP NEEDED

SVP are looking for a vacuum cleaner in good condition for a needy single mum. If you can help, please contact Rena Rowe on 2522761 or Pat Shinn on 2529915.

DRIVING FOR DIOCESAN OR PARISH ACTIVITIES

It is a Diocesan requirement that volunteers who drive as part of their volunteer duties within the church complete a declaration. **Please take the time to take a copy of the guidance notes and declaration form and read them carefully. Remember that it is vital that your motor insurance policy covers you for ALL your driving activities.** Once completed, please return to the Parish office. Examples of church activities are: A parish volunteer driving to the bank to deposit monies, Volunteers taking Holy Communion/visiting the sick or travelling to any other premises on church business. For advice please contact the Parish Office.

A THANK YOU FROM WATERAID

We have received a big Thank You from WaterAid for the fantastic sum of £311 which was sent to them recently. This gift enables WaterAid to continue the good work being done and will help them to install a tapstand in Tombohuan, bringing a reliable source of clean water to the village.

OTHER NOTICES

THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

This July St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy are taking a group of students to Cambodia, one of the poorest nations in the world. The four week expedition will involve them building facilities such as kitchens, toilets and schools, installing water systems, reforestation and community education. To raise further funds for the visit the school is proud to

present a very special fundraising event at 7.30pm. on Friday 28th February at Whitley Bay Playhouse. Please see the posters on each Church noticeboard for further details.

'JOHN HENRY NEWMAN - A VERY BRIEF HISTORY'

Professor Eamon Duffy, Emeritus Professor of the History of Christianity at the University of Cambridge, will give a lecture at the Holy Name Church, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3JX on Saturday 29th February at 12:30pm about St John Henry Newman, the subject of his most recent book which offers a "very brief history" about England's newest saint. Bishop Robert Byrne CO will introduce the lecture. Tickets are free via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/john-henry-newman-a-very-brief-history-with-professor-eamon-duffy-tickets-91545955417> or from Holy Name on 0191 281 0940. All are welcome.

OUTREACH AS MISSION

Social outreach is a central part of the mission of the Church and Father Chris Hughes will lead a retreat for adults involved in any form of social action or campaigning. This is being held at The Emmaus Youth Village, near Consett, DH8 9BA from 6pm on Friday 6th March to 2pm on Saturday 7th March 2020 and the cost is £30. For more details, please contact adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE

This year's Lourdes Pilgrimage, under the leadership of Bishop Robert Byrne CO, will be from 31st July to 7th August. Full details of the tour can be obtained from the Parish office in the first instance and there will be brochures and leaflets available for those who would like more information/contact 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@ntlp.org.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 parishofficeo1ss@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 8th February ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA	9.30am Lily Sweeney (LL) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 9th February 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Eileen Waters (HWW)		9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 10th February ST SCHOLASTICA	9.30am Word and Communion	9.30am Word and Communion	
Tuesday 11th February OUR LADY OF LOURDES	7.00pm Trevor Griffiths (JM)		
Wednesday 12th February	12.00 Noon Requiem Mass Patricia Sainty 8.00pm Prayer Group		
Thursday 13th February	9.30 Malcolm Louvre (LL) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 14th February SS CYRIL, MONK & METHODIUS		9.30am Paula Healy	
Saturday 15th February	9.30am Members of the CWL (MV) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Helen & Normal Fung (SF)	
Sunday 16th February 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	11.00am Ian Gault (MW)		9.30am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S	OUR LADY & ST EDMUND'S
Sunday 9th February, 12.30pm (Father Andrew)	Charlotte Stephanie Thompson-Korsbo	
Sunday 16th February, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)		Arlo Joseph Bramley

Please remember in your prayers Nicola Burns, Kathryn Newton-Henderson, Margaret Ward, Sheila Godwin and Mary Stevenson who are ill. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Dorothy Sacco, Ronald Courran, Hilda Mary Valentine, Enzo DiMascio, Lawrence Donnelly, Margaret Donnelly, Winifred Peart and Patricia Sainty.

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
5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 9th February 2020
The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.

First reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 111(112):4-9

Response: *The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.*

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| 1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. | 2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. |
| 3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory . | 4. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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.