

**6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 15th & 16th FEBRUARY 2020**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

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.**

**Ordinary Time (Winter)**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

The power within us to do right or wrong is something we don't usually reflect on. Perhaps the last time was when our children were young. We may not commit an offence that is against the law but we do have the ability to upset others and think of ourselves first. In the passage from Ecclesiasticus it sets out the contrasting choices which face us, it stresses our own free will. St Paul in his letter says of the wisdom we hold within us, that wisdom is the salvation offered to us through Christ's victory on the cross. The gospel teaches that all of the law and the ten commandments are to be followed and we must put them into practice in our lives and by doing this we will be lights that shine in the dark.

**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 St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Marriott who died on 7th February aged 97 years. Funeral arrangements to follow.

**WALKING GROUP**

The walk on Monday 17th February has been cancelled in view of the Storm Dennis severe weather warnings for the North East. The next walk will take place on Tuesday 3rd March. Gerry Latimer.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The next meeting takes place on Thursday 20th February in the Parish rooms in St Edward's Church, starting at 7pm. The topic is 'The Mass and the sacrament of Holy Communion'. All are welcome.

**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.

**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.

**WHITLEY BAY GANG SHOW**

We received a generous donation of £300 and a thank you from the Scouts who used the premises at St Edward's Church as their dressing room facilities during the Gang Show. They also included a lovely comment about our warm welcome and the assistance they received.

**THE CEDARWOOD TRUST, NORTH SHIELDS**

The Cedarwood Trust would like to take the opportunity to thank The Justice and Peace group for their kind donation of £300. This money will go towards supporting local residents who are in crisis or have found themselves in times of hardship.

### **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**

Another thank you was received from SPUC for the grand total of £261.27 which was recently send to them from the Parish.

### **THE JAM LADIES**

The Jam Ladies are very short of jam jars for their next batch of jam. If you can spare any empty jars please leave them at the back of the church and they will be collected. With many thanks from Ann Donnelly, 2584454.

### **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.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **'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](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk)

### **DINNER DANCE**

Tynemouth Catenians cordially invite the parish 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. All are most welcome. Contact Bob Kerr 2573859 or Terry McQuillan 2595259 by Feb 21st .

### **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.

### **DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE VACANCIES**

#### **Head of Communications**

The Diocese is looking for an experienced and enthusiastic individual to take responsibility for shaping and delivering its Communication Strategy. The appointed person will lead on Diocesan communications activity and be passionate about the positive impact the Church can make. Full-time. 12 month contract with the potential for the role to become permanent.

#### **Finance Assistant – St Joseph's, Sunderland (based at St Anne's, Sunderland)**

3 hours per week. Closing date: 21 February 2020.

#### **Parish Secretary – St Matthew's, Jarrow**

10 hours per week. Closing date for applications 18 February 2020.

#### **Parish Secretary – Our Lady and St Cuthbert's, Berwick**

6 hours per week. Closing date for applications 17 February 2020.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edward)	<a href="mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com">stedwardsne26@btconnect.com</a>	(0191) 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	<a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk</a>	(0191) 6432080

**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 [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 15th February	9.30am Members of the CWL (MV) 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.30pm - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm Helen Norman Fung (SF)	
Sunday 16th February <b>6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Ian Gault (MW)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 17th February	9.30am Word and Communion	9.30am Word and Communion	
Tuesday 18th February	7.00pm Word and Communion		
Wednesday 19th February	8.00pm Prayer Group	9.30am Word and Communion	
Thursday 20th February	9.30 Marie Horsburgh (LL) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 21st February <b>ST PETER DAMIAN</b>		9.30am Brian Smith (KS)	
Saturday 22nd February <b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE</b>	9.30am Vera Larkin (RR) 10.00am <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	5.30pm - 5.50pm <b>CONFESSIONS</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 23rd February <b>7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Deceased Members of St Vincent De Paul Society		9.30am Mary Allison (SVP)

<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>	<b>OUR LADY &amp; ST EDMUND'S</b>
Sunday 16th February, 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)		Arlo Joseph Bramley
Saturday 22nd February, 11.00am (Deacon Terry)	Sophie Christina Buckley	
Sunday 23rd February , 12.30pm, (Deacon Frank)	Rory Joseph Louis McMeekin	

**Please remember in your prayers** Nicola Burns, 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, 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**  
**6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 16th February 2020**  
*The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.*

**First reading**

**Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34**

**Response:** *They are happy who follow God's law!*

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| 1. They are happy whose life is blameless,<br>who follow God's law!<br>They are happy who do his will,<br>seeking him with all their hearts. | 2. You have laid down your precepts<br>to be obeyed with care.<br>May my footsteps be firm<br>to obey your statutes.                       |
| 3. Bless your servant and I shall live<br>and obey your word.<br>Open my eyes that I may see<br>the wonders of your law.                     | 4. Teach me the demands of your statutes<br>and I will keep them to the end.<br>Train me to observe your law,<br>to keep it with my heart. |

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.* These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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.