

**TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP**  
**Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea**

**St Edward**, Coquet Avenue,  
Whitley Bay, NE26 1EE  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary**, Church Close,  
Monkseaton, NE25 9PG  
**Our Lady and St Edmund**, Station Road,  
Backworth, NE27 0RU

**7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 22nd & 23rd 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)**

Imagine a world where the sun only shone on those who were good and righteous and rained on those who were not. Life would be very strange. Fortunately the sun shines on everyone, who or whatever they are. There is no distinction. Most of us would say that this is obvious and not give it a second thought, but, Jesus uses this analogy in the gospel. What he is saying is that our love for God and our fellow men must be complete, we must have no distinctions, just like the sun shining. To love your neighbour is to be Holy and this is exactly what God wants. He says so in the first reading; 'Be Holy, for I, the Lord your God, am Holy.'

**Deacon Terry**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

**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 8th February aged 97 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 27th February at 10.00am at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB**

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

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

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. We are marked on our foreheads with blessed ashes with the Sign of the Cross. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence, and Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am at St Edward's Church and 7.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church.

**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. However, the first session will take place at **St Edward's Church** on Thursday 27th February at 7.00pm before Compline.

**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 11th March at 6.00pm. The Partnership Penitential Service will take place at 7.00pm on 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).

**Women's 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-Maundy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday's Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **THANKS FROM THE VALENTINE FAMILY**

Pam and Tim Valentine would like to thank all those parishioners who helped arrange and attended the Requiem Mass for Hilda Mary Valentine. Living 400 miles from West Monkseaton presented many problems, but with your help and support you gave us great comfort at a sad time. We are sorry that our very short stay did not allow us to thank you all in person, so once again we offer our sincere thanks and appreciation, from Tim & Pam Valentine.

## **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.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **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.

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edward)	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	(0191) 2528021
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<b>Cluster Website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northtynesidecatholic.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 [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 22nd February <b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE</b>	9.30am Vera Larkin (RR) 10.00am <b>CONFESIONS</b>	5.30pm - 5.50pm <b>CONFESIONS</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)
Monday 24th February	9.30am Word and Communion	9.30am Word and Communion	
Tuesday 25th February	2.00pm Funeral Service Winifred Peart 7.00pm Tim Kelleher		
Wednesday 26th February <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	10.00am Vince Rafferty (P & GR) 8.00pm Prayer Group	7.00pm Enzo DiMascio (PO & LD)	
Thursday 27th February	10.00am Requiem Mass Rose Marriott 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 28th February		9.30am Fred Robson	
Saturday 29th February	9.30am Margaret Webber (CWL) 10.00am <b>CONFESIONS</b>	5.30pm - 5.50pm <b>CONFESIONS</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
<b>BAPTISM</b>		<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>	
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**  
**7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 23rd February 2020**

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

**First reading**

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. “You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”’

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

**Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13**

**Response:** *The Lord is compassion and love.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men’s thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 5:38-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. ‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

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.