

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, Year A, 7th & 8th 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

In the story of the transfiguration we hear that Jesus is the fulfilment of the law and the prophets, the disciples are to listen to him. The Old testament reading gives us a context which helps us to understand what is being fulfilled. It is that in Jesus, God fulfils his promise to us beyond our wildest dreams. The hours on the mountain were a huge experience for Peter, James and John because it was there that they saw Him in his glory, the beloved son of the Father. Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord, we are changed and because every mountain is different, so every moment with him is well worthwhile.

Deacon Terry

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP – PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

At their meeting on 4th March 2020, the Partnership Development Group discussed the Coronavirus outbreak, including independent medical advice. It was agreed that, until further notice, the following precautions should be taken from this weekend in all the churches in our Partnership. These precautions are in line with the Bishops' Conference guidelines:

- The distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds is suspended.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only.
- Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are to wash their hands in hot soapy water or use sanitised gel before and after they distribute Holy Communion.
- The Sign of Peace is suspended.
- Holy Water stoups are to be emptied and/or removed.
- Everyone attending Mass is asked to clean their hands as they come into church using sanitized gel dispensers available in church porches and entrances.
- Everyone is asked to maintain good personal hygiene, especially at Mass and parish gatherings.

Bishop Byrne has approved these arrangements. If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to your parish priest. **Mgr Andrew Faley — Partnership Dean**

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 of Mary 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 of Mary 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 of Mary 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 of Mary 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 18th March at 6.00pm. The Partnership Penitential Service will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 2nd April at St Cuthbert's, North Shields.

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.

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 of Mary Church at 10.00am.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Prayers and congratulations to Rebecca Smith and Jonathan Legg who were married at St Edward's Church on Saturday. God bless them in their new life together.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting is at 6pm on Monday 9th March in the Parish room. Items for discussion can be brought to one of the council members.

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.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Tuesday 17th March. Jim Gunning will lead a 5.5 mile walk from Wolsingham to Tunstall Reservoir dam and back. This is a walk over field paths and woodland with only a gentle climb. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church car park at 9.30am. For further details contact Jim on 01912669035 or 07932696795.

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.

GIFT AID

The current Gift Aid envelopes will end on the 5 April 2020 at the end of the tax year. New boxes will be available next Saturday/Sunday at the back of our churches, which will operate from 12 April. Please collect yours next week. We will shortly be submitting our claim for 2019-2020 and thanks to your continued generosity and support for the Parish, we received £10,494 for the previous year. People who don't pay tax and place donations on the collection plate also enabled us to recover a further £5,145. Do you pay tax and could you join the Gift Aid scheme? To join or for more information, please contact Michael Cosgrove on 0191 2686006 or Michael Reynolds on 0191 6704364.

OTHER NOTICES

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The next talk at the Newman Association Tyneside Circle is on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall at St. Mary's in Cullercoats. Dr. Gregory Ryan will talk about: "Pope Francis, ARCIC III, and Learning How to Do Whole-Church Catholic Conversation"

LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2020

This Lent, St Cuthbert's Care kindly asks you to support its Hardship Fund which allows older Catholic people to live in one of their nursing homes. Our Parishes raised almost £16,000 in support of their Advent appeal which means no one is turned away from one of their homes because of the inability to pay. For more information contact Nicola Milne on 0191 2424809 or email: Nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

PeerTalk, a national charity offering support to people facing depression, anxiety or similar distress, is recruiting volunteer facilitators for its peer support groups which run weekly in Gateshead, Whitley Bay and Sunderland. Full training will be given on 28th March and ongoing support is offered. Please see poster/contact enquiries@peertalk.org.uk for further information or see www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer.

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, including full board and transport, is likely to be in the order of £170 to £190 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. If you would like more information, their website address is www.ampleforth.org.uk where you will find a link to their Hospitality & Pastoral Services. 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@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 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 7th March ST PERPETUA & ST FELICITY	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL) 10.00am CONFESSIONS 2.00pm Wedding Service Rebecca Smith & Jonathan Legg	5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 8th March 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Jane Hood (L & B)		9.30am A sick daughter (LH)
Monday 9th March	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Word & Communion	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 10th March	6.45pm Stations of the Cross 7.00pm Alf Louvre (LL)		
Wednesday 11th March	8.00pm Prayer Group	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Word & Communion 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Thursday 12th March	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Nora Scannell 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 13th March		9.00am Exposition 9.30am In Thanksgiving (JT)	
Saturday 14th March	9.00am Exposition 9.30am Jayne Storey (MS) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30pm - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish	
Sunday 15th March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	11.00am Monica & George Thrift (MT)		9.30am Ida Convey (TW)

Please remember in your prayers Nicola Burns, 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, 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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, 8th March 2020

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

First reading

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

Response: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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.