

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A, 25TH & 26TH APRIL 2020

The Cycle of Prayer

Eastertide

During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.**

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

In the past paying a ransom was the normal practice for setting captives free. The giving of Christ's life and the shedding of his blood is the ransom paid to free us from a way of life without God. The gospel moves away from stories of major disciples Peter, James and John towards two ordinary folk going about their business. They could in fact represent any of us and they were discussing their faith. They fail to recognise Jesus when he joins them but later when bread is broken their eyes are opened and they do recognise him, but he had vanished by then. The greatest gift we have is the sacrifice of the mass and we remember this every day. What has been given to us is precious and costly. It is the basis of our everyday journey in faith and gives meaning to our lives.

Deacon Terry

EASTER BLESSINGS

This Easter, we are celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus isolated from the parish and each other. We have been turned to look more closely at our own personal faith by these circumstances, and to trust in God for the direction in which he is taking us. And yet, despite being distanced from the Sacraments, we have found nourishment in personal prayer, in following Mass and other services online, and by keeping in contact with each other.

Thank you for the messages of Easter joy which have arrived at St Edward's. Please be assured that you are in my daily celebration of Mass and my prayers. God bless you, your family and friends. Mgr Andrew.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES, NHS FRONT-LINE & SOCIAL CARE WORKERS

In order to show spiritual solidarity with the sick and their families and NHS and social care workers, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate a live-streamed Mass in his Cathedral for people to join. This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm, as follows: 23rd April – Cardinal Vincent Nichols – Westminster Cathedral, 30th April – Bishop Richard Moth – Arundel Cathedral, 7th May – Bishop Marcus Stock – Leeds Cathedral, 14th May – Bishop Robert Byrne CO – Newcastle Cathedral, 21st May – Bishop Mark Davies – Shrewsbury Cathedral, 28th May – Bishop Terence Drainey – Middlesbrough Cathedral.

You can join the Mass by visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage at www.cbcew.org.uk.

EASTER 2020

Prayer Resources for Easter and the continuing COVID-19 Pandemic are available on the home page of the diocesan website. The 'Magnificat' booklet is also recommended as an excellent resource, and is available online and free of charge. This provides Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, the daily Mass Readings, a daily meditation and Saint of the Day at: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

DAILY MASS ON FACEBOOK

Mass is celebrated each day at St Edward's and can be followed on the 'Our Lady Star of the Sea' group page on Facebook.

CONSOLATION PRAYER & SUPPORT

Thanks to the Consolation Team for organising prayer among themselves and parishioners during the funerals at this time. This is very much appreciated by the families and friends of the recently deceased.

LOCK-DOWN LIVING & PRAYING

During this time of isolation, why not share your favourite family and solitary prayers and practices in the bulletin? Email details to: parishofficeolss@btconnect.com.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John William Daley of Whitley Bay, who died on 16th April 2020 aged 87 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at 11.15am on Wednesday, 29th April, in Whitley Bay Cemetery for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Parker of Framlington Place, Newcastle, who died on 9th April 2020 aged 55 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at 2.15pm on Friday, 1st May, at Whitley Bay Crematorium for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please keep Margaret, his mother and her family in your prayers. May he rest in peace. Amen.

DIOCESAN J&P REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE

Unfortunately our plans to operate out of St Mary's Cathedral Cafe did not meet with police approval. Instead, we have now established a mechanism for sending out 'digital vouchers' to the mobile phones of our destitute clients. This allows them to purchase £30 of food from Tesco or Asda. Your financial donations have been vital and gratefully received. For anyone wishing to contribute, there are 2 different methods:

By direct bank transfer – HSBC, DHN Destitute Asylum Fund, Sort Code – 40-34-18, Account No. 52854058.

By cheque payable to DHN Destitute Asylum Fund, and sent to Justice & Peace Refugee Project, Fr Adrian Tuckwell, St Anne's Presbytery, Half Fields Road, Winlaton, NE21 5RW.

THANKS FROM JOE & DEIRDRE

Joe and Deirdre James would like to thank everyone for your gifts, greetings and good wishes as we celebrated our Golden Wedding last Saturday. It was wonderful to be embraced in spirit and in prayer by so many despite the current restrictions.

Many thanks, Joe & Deirdre.

GIFT AID

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.

PARISH OFFICE

If you need to contact the Parish Office for any reason please email: parishofficeolss@btconnect.com or ring St Edward's Church on 0191 2528021. A Mass may still be requested from the Parish Office via email. Any articles for the next bulletin will be gratefully received.

OTHER NOTICES

GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME - HELP WITH SHOPPING, DELIVERIES OF ESSENTIALS.

VODA (North Tyneside) have a scheme in place to help those who are self isolating and for those who cannot get out because they are elderly or vulnerable. You can ring the gateway team on 0191 6432632 for assistance or for more information. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for the above project please email admin@voda.org.uk

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 and 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 25th April ST MARK, EVANGELIST	9.00am People of the Parish		
Sunday 26th April 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am The Recently Deceased		
Monday 27th April	9.00am Enis Meenaghan (SVP)		
Tuesday 28th April	9.00am Gerard McCabe (S & TC)		
Wednesday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA V, PATRON OF EUROPE	9.00am Vera Larkin (LD)		
Thursday 30th April	9.00am Miriam Devereaux (RD)		
Friday 1st May ST JOSEPH THE WORKER	9.00am Eileen Lynch		
Saturday 2nd May ST ATHANASIUS	9.00am Chris & Clare Bond (CB) Ruby Wedding Anniversary		
Sunday 3rd May 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am People of the Parish		

Please remember in your prayers Nicola Burns, Shelagh Goodwin, and Marie Rooney who are ill. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, Elizabeth Bartley, Bernadette Stephenson, Noreen Skelly, William Daley and John Parker.

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
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, 26TH APRIL 2020

First Reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Response: *Show us, Lord, the path of life.*

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| 1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' | 2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. |
| 3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. | 4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. |

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**