

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A, 2ND & 3RD MAY 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**

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and the gospel is taken from John Ch.10. In the weeks after Easter we have heard descriptions of several meetings with the risen Lord. The truth the Church puts before us is that Christ is the Good Shepherd. In the Old Testament, God is the Shepherd of Israel and as the ancient world knew quite well, the duty of the shepherd is to care devotedly for his sheep with no regard to his personal safety. All four gospels have stories about a Good Shepherd who lovingly cares for his sheep and Jesus sees himself like this. He is not only the perfect Shepherd but also, by his selfless generosity, the model for all leaders of nations. We ask ourselves: are we a sheep?

**Deacon Terry**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY & VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

This 4th Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today, we pray for priestly vocations for service in the parishes of our Diocese. The diocesan vocations team have produced a Rosary for Vocations, in which our seminarians have written reflections on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, and are available on the diocesan website: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk). You are encouraged to pray the Rosary today and throughout May for an increase in priestly vocations.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

Loving Father,  
you call us by name.  
As we journey through life  
help us to be confident in our own unique identity  
and to find opportunities to  
develop our own gifts and passions.  
We pray that the Holy Spirit  
will pour on us wisdom and guidance  
to help us realise and follow our dreams,  
discerning your plan for our lives.  
Bless your Church  
by raising up dedicated and generous people  
from our families and friends  
who will serve as Priests, Deacons,  
Sisters and Brothers.  
May we support one another in response to God's  
call.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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: 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 Draine – Middlesbrough Cathedral. You can join the Mass by visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage at [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://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.

## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Maud Mary Doona of Tomlinson Court, Whitley Bay, who died on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020 aged 88 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at 12.45pm on Thursday, 7th May, at Whitley Bay Crematorium for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please keep Irene's family in your prayers at this testing time. May she rest in peace. Amen.

## **CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN - HOW CAN I STILL GIVE TO THE PARISH?**

Parishioners have been asking how they might still contribute to the Parish without the regular Sunday Mass Collection. You can make a donation through Internet Banking by using the Parish bank account details, which are: HSBC, Sort code 40-34-45, Account number 21157523.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com).

## **VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT**

To whom shall we go? A Seven Session Discernment Programme for Men Considering Priesthood in Hexham & Newcastle Diocese. Could Jesus be calling you to be Catholic Priest? Our online course of reflection and discussion is an opportunity to ask that question. Gathering as an online group, we will discuss what it means to discern a vocation, learn a little about the path to priesthood and enjoy fellowship in the process! The course will take place using ZOOM at 7:15pm on Mondays beginning Monday 11th May. To express interest in joining our sessions, or to find out more, please contact Father Christopher Warren at [vocations@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:vocations@rcdhn.org.uk)

## **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.

## **PARISH OFFICE**

If you need to contact the Parish Office for any reason please email: [parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto: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](mailto:admin@voda.org.uk)

### **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 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](mailto:parishofficeolss@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 2nd May	9.00am Chris & Clare Bond (CB) Ruby Wedding Anniversary		
Sunday 3rd May <b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9.00am People of the Parish		
Monday 4th May <b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>	9.00am Ann Legge (PK)		
Tuesday 5th May	9.00am Paul Thomson (MS)		
Wednesday 6th May	9.00am Valerie Gibson (J & MC)		
Thursday 7th May <b>ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY</b>	9.00am Alf & Mary Harrison (JC)		
Friday 8th May	9.00am Private Intention		
Saturday 9th May	9.00am Deceased Members of the Liszka Family (MR)		
Sunday 10th May <b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	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, John William Daley, John Parker and Irene Maud Mary Doona.

#### **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**  
**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 3RD MAY 2020**

**First Reading**

**Acts 2:14,36-41**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 22(23)**

**Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;<br>there is nothing I shall want.<br>Fresh and green are the pastures<br>where he gives me repose.<br>Near restful waters he leads me,<br>to revive my drooping spirit. | 2. He guides me along the right path;<br>he is true to his name.<br>If I should walk in the valley of darkness<br>no evil would I fear.<br>You are there with your crook and your staff;<br>with these you give me comfort. |
| 3. You have prepared a banquet for me<br>in the sight of my foes.<br>My head you have anointed with oil;<br>my cup is overflowing.  | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me<br>all the days of my life.<br>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell<br>for ever and ever.  |

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:20-25**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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.