

EASTER SUNDAY, Year A, 11TH & 12TH APRIL 2020

The Cycle of Prayer

Easter tide

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

It is important to stress that the tomb where Jesus was laid was empty. When the disciples met with the Risen Christ it was with a real, living and bodily person. Peter was able to say to Cornelius.... 'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection' What happened? When Lazarus was raised he still had the linen clothes around him, they were taken off and he continued his former life. This was different, St John gives us a detailed account of the exact whereabouts of the linen binding clothes, all of them were still in the tomb. The Evangelist intends the reader to see the difference between the raising of Lazarus and the resurrection of Jesus. It was not a matter of returning to his old manner of life after a three day interruption. Jesus' resurrection means new life. It was the dawning of the first day of something completely different. This level of life is beyond our human experience and the stories of the encounters with the risen Christ, which we will read on the Sundays of Easter, invite us to reflect on what this new life means. **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.

HOLY WEEK 2020

Prayer Resources for Holy Week for families and personal prayer are available on the diocesan website. The 'Magnificat' booklet for Holy Week 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>.

In line with the Bishop's instructions, Holy Week Masses and liturgies will be as follows.

Maundy Thursday - Chrism Mass

Pope Francis has deferred the celebration of the Chrism Mass in Rome until it is possible to do so with a gathering of the clergy and people. The Bishops of England and Wales, acting in solidarity with the Holy Father, have decided that the celebration of the diocesan Chrism Mass will be postponed.

Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated privately in St Edward's Church, omitting the washing of feet and the procession to the Altar of Repose. The Mass will be available to view on the Parish Facebook Page from 7.00pm.

Good Friday

The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated privately in St Edward's Church and made available to view on the Parish Facebook Page from 4.30pm.

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil will be celebrated privately in St Edward's Church, omitting the preparation and lighting of the fire. The Paschal Candle will be lit at the Altar and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) will follow.

A shortened Liturgy of the Word will then take place, followed by the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. The Liturgy of the Eucharist will then follow. The Easter Vigil will be available to view on the Parish Facebook Page from 8.00pm.

Easter Day

Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated privately in St Edward's Church and available to view on the Parish Facebook Page from 9.30am.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Noreen Skelly of The Lawns Care Home, Monkseaton, who died on 8th April aged 103 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at 12.45pm on Friday, 17th April, at Whitley Bay Crematorium for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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.

LUNCHEON CLUB TEAM

Our thanks to the luncheon club team, who are continuing to contact members on a regular basis to ensure that they are well and whether help is required during this worrying time. Thank you so much.

URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP

The Diocesan J&P Refugee Project in Newcastle had to close its doors last Monday. It was running out of food because our churches had closed and we could not contact our supporters. We are unable to continue to support 400 with food bags but we intend to try and support another group, 120 of the most destitute, with a monthly payment of cash. If you feel you can commit to a monthly donation, please visit the Diocesan website where you can follow instructions for donating. Contact Anna Griffith 2522703 for further information.

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 11th April HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm Easter Vigil People of the Parish		
Sunday 12th April EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am Joe & Deirdre James Golden Wedding Anniversary		
Monday 13th April	9.00am Marguerite Jones (BJ)		
Tuesday 14th April	9.00am Rose Marriott (St Edwards Choir)		
Wednesday 15th April	9.00am Private Intention		
Thursday 16th April	9.00am Geoff Welton (EW)		
Friday 17th April	9.00 am Father Dennis Tindall (P & DK)		
Saturday 18th April	9.00am Lawrence Anastasi (JA)		
Sunday 19th April 2ND 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 and Noreen Skelly.

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
EASTER SUNDAY, 12TH APRIL 2020

First Reading

Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

Response: *This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.*

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| 1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' | 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. |
| 3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. | |

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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