

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A, 9TH & 10TH 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**

Thomas says something that crosses our mind from time to time. He says to the Lord, "We don't know where you're going so how can we know the way". Jesus gives him the well known reply, "I am the way the truth and the life". Jesus not only teaches us how to come to eternal life, how to find deep peace and spiritual stability, but he leads us there and goes on to say, "In my Father's house, there's plenty of space for all of you. I will come back to take you with me". What this means is that Jesus is alive here and now and eternal life is not postponed until after we are gone but we are all living it right now. **Deacon Terry**

**HOLY 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: 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](http://www.cbcew.org.uk).

**DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES, NHS FRONT-LINE, SOCIAL CARE WORKERS AND OTHER KEY WORKERS**

Thursday 14 May 2020 is a Diocesan Day of Prayer for the sick and their families, NHS front-line, social care workers and other key workers. The day will be streamed online from St Mary's Cathedral via the diocesan website. It will include Holy Mass, the Divine Office, the Rosary and reflections, and ends at 7.00pm with Bishop Byrne celebrating Holy Mass for the sick and their families, for NHS front-line, social care and key workers. Please see the diocesan website for more information.

**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.

**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>.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary McKelvie who died on 4th May aged 96 years at The Lawns Care Home, Monkseaton. A funeral service will be celebrated at 9.45am on Monday, 11th May at Whitley Bay Crematorium, limited to immediate family due to the current Covid-19 lockdown regulations. 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.

**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).

### **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.

### **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 or by post to the Parish Office. Any articles for the next bulletin will be gratefully received.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **BAY FOOD BANK**

If you would like to donate to the food bank, items can be put into the food bank bins in any of the major supermarkets. You don't have to have bought the things in that supermarket to drop them in the yellow bins which are just inside the doors in most shops. If you are not going into the supermarkets you can always donate money online by going to the food bank website. As we all know the food banks are supplying so many more families with the necessities of life since lock down and every little helps. If you type "bay food bank" into google it will come up with the food bank site with all the relevant information to help you to help them. Thank you

#### **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
<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 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 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		
Monday 11th May	9.00am Michael Kettle (AM)		
Tuesday 12th May	9.00am Len, Catherine & Shirley Wilson (MW)		
Wednesday 13th May <b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA</b>	9.00am Darren Nugent (MN)		
Thursday 14th May <b>ST MATTHIAS APOSTLE</b>	9.00am William Curtin		
Friday 15th May	9.00am Pat Claydon (JC)		
Saturday 16th May	9.00am People of the Parish		
Sunday 17th May <b>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	9.00am Ellen & James Hayes (RR)		

**Please remember in your prayers** Nicola Burns, Shelagh Goodwin, Marie Rooney and Peter Hughes who are ill. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, Noreen Skelly, John William Daley, John Parker, Irene Maud Mary Doona and Mary Mckelvie.

#### **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**  
**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 10th MAY 2020**

**First Reading**

**Acts 6:1-7**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19**

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

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
2. For 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.
3. 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.

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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.