

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A, 16TH & 17TH 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

Saint Luke, who wrote the Acts of the Apostles, speaks of the gift of faith which was given to the people of Samaria and brought joy to them. He notes that there is a distinction between this gift and the fuller gift of the spirit. It is a distinction that the Church makes between Baptism and Confirmation. The apostles come to administer the sacrament, just as nowadays the Bishop comes, marking the unity of the Church and the special position of the successor of the apostles. In the gospel Jesus prepares his disciples for their future task; he is aware of their anxiety about his going to the Father and promises them that he will send the gift of the spirit. As we wait for the great feast of the Ascension we are neither alone or helpless. We have the word of God and the presence of the Spirit to help us do what the Church always does; aim for peace in the world. Stay safe.

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: 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 via the Bishops' Conference Webpage at www.cbcew.org.uk.

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: www.rcdhn.org.uk. 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 mediation and Saint of the Day at:

<https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

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 Mary Ellen Green of Earsdon Grange Care Home, Monkseaton, who died on 9th May 2020, aged 87 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at Tynemouth Crematorium on Thursday 21st May at 11.15am for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. 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.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The head teacher, Dave Watson, at St Thomas More school is concerned at the lack of uptake of pupils eligible for free school meals at the moment. Only one third of eligible pupils are receiving them. Please spread the word where you can. If anyone wants to know more please contact Fr Chris Hughes at St Cuthbert's on 0191 2575801 or email northshields.stjoseph@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.

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 CHRIS AND CLARE BOND

We would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone in the Parish for your kind gifts, flowers, cards and good wishes in celebration of our Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 3rd of May. Our deepest gratitude also to Fr. Andrew who offered a beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving which was shared online. It was a wonderful celebration despite the current circumstances. With our love and thanks, Chris and Clare

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

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 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

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 16th May	9.00am People of the Parish		
Sunday 17th May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am Ellen & James Hayes (RR)		
Monday 18th May ST JOHN	9.00am Deceased Benefactors of the SVP (SVP)		
Tuesday 19th May ST DUNSTAN	9.00am George & Helen Jobe (Golden Wedding) (HJ)		
Wednesday 20th May ST BERNADINE OF SIENA	9.00am Pat Tinker (PT)		
Thursday 21st May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	9.00am Private Intention		
Friday 22nd May ST RITA OF CASCIA	9.00am Will Dawson		
Saturday 23rd May	9.00am The Recently Deceased		
Sunday 24th May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am People of the Parish		

Please remember in your prayers Nicola Burns, Shelagh Goodwin, Marie Rooney, Salvador Marin and Peter Hughes who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially: Noreen Skelly, John William Daley, John Parker, Irene Maud Mary Doona, Mary Mckelvie, Noreen Cormack and Mary Green. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 17th MAY 2020

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

Response: *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

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| 1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! | 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. |
| 3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. | 4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. |

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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.