

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A, 23RD & 24TH 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

We can consider the upper room where the disciples receive their instructions from the Lord as part of our inner self where we go when we want to pray. As the disciples of today and at a time when everyone is trying to cope with change not least the isolation we are enduring, we can raise our minds to the upper room and seek the Lord who cares for us all. We are called to follow Jesus not somewhere beyond the stars but in the world, to be faithful in an unfaithful environment. The situation reminds us that whilst we are in the world we are not of it.

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 and the next one is on the 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.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Hughes of Melbourne Crescent, Monkseaton, who died on 17th May 2020, aged 73 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at Tynemouth Crematorium on Tuesday 26th May at 9.45am for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Nordenson of Cramlington, who died on 14th May 2020, aged 94 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at Whitley Bay Cemetery Chapel followed by burial on Thursday 28th May at 10.30am 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.

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.

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

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.norhtynesidecatholic.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 23rd May	9.00am The Recently Deceased		
Sunday 24th May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am People of the Parish		
Monday 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE	9.00am Bridget Aherne		
Tuesday 26th May ST PHILIP NERI	9.00am Julie Murphy (MC)		
Wednesday 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	9.00am Robert Conlan (JC)		
Thursday 28th May	9.00am Peter Hughes (J & DJ)		
Friday 29th May	9.00am Gina Matheson		
Saturday 30th May	9.00am Violet Styles (EF)		
Sunday 31st May PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.00am People of the Parish		

Please remember in your prayers Nicola Burns, Shelagh Goodwin, Marie Rooney and Salvador Marin who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially: Mary Mckelvie, Noreen Cormack, Rose Mary Sinton, Mary Green, Peter Hughes, Teresa Nordenson and Josephine Hayes. 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
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 24th MAY 2020

First Reading

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26(27):1,4,7-8

Response: *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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.