

**PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year A, 30TH & 31ST MAY 2020**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

**Summer**

During Ordinary time we are asked to pray for these intentions: **A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

Pentecost is the birth of the Church, without the spirit of Jesus this could not take place. It is a great day, a celebration of Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Our task is to spread God's Kingdom and to bring it to fulfilment through the love and joy of the risen Christ. When Jesus came to the disciples, locked in the upper room, his first words were 'Peace be with you' and he is saying this to us as well. The second word to note in this encounter is 'forgiveness'. Whenever Jesus cured someone during his earthly ministry, he says to them 'go in peace, your sins are forgiven' God has always been known as the God of mercy and forgiveness. We spread God's Kingdom simply by the way we live and by our values, our aspirations are all focused on Jesus. By attending mass, virtually at present, we renew our spirit to carry on doing this work. We celebrate this day as we celebrate any birthday, by receiving the gifts and experiencing joy. When we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we accept it and we pass it on to others. Have a great day, God bless.

**Deacon Terry**

**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](http://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 meditation and Saint of the Day at: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

**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.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Josephine Hayes who died on 14th May 2020, aged 87 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at Whitley Bay Crematorium on Monday, 1st June at 12.00 Noon for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ Please pray for the repose of Joyce Coates of Cullercoats who died on 22nd May 2020, aged 80 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at Whitley Bay Crematorium on Tuesday, 2nd June at 9.45am for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ Please pray for the repose of Helen Thompson of Davison Avenue, Whitley Bay who died on 22nd May 2020, aged 79 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at Whitley Bay Cemetery on Wednesday, 3rd June at 3.00pm for immediate family only, due to COVID-19 restrictions. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### **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](mailto:northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk).

### **THE BAY FOODBANK—PARISH DONATIONS**

During the Covid-19 lock-down, the Foodbank has continued to provide emergency food to individuals and families experiencing financial crisis. As the lock-down starts to be released, our Parish will start again to collect food to send to the Foodbank. There will be one food collection point at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton. Donations can be left in the porch immediately inside the main door, which leaves the rest of the church locked down. The main door will be open on Mondays, 10.00am - 12.00 Noon. Please be as generous as you can. Many thanks.

### **100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Many congratulations to Mrs Ines Fox of Princes Court Care Home, Hedley Road, North Shields, NE29 6XP who celebrates her 100th Birthday on the 31st May. Some of you will know Ines as she attended St Edward's Church in the Parish for many years and you may wish to send cards to the care home to let her know you are thinking of her.

### **THANKS FROM WATERAID**

We recently sent the gift of £170 to WaterAid and they send their thanks with this message: "The gift from the Parish of Our Lady Star of The Sea will help us to install a tapstand in the village of Tombohuan, bringing a reliable source of clean water to the village. We'll also train the community on how to look after their new water supply so it lasts for the long term. With warm regards and many thanks."

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 30th May	9.00am Violet Styles (EF)		
Sunday 31st May <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	9.00am People of the Parish		
Monday 1st June	9.00am Anne Lafferty (ML)		
Tuesday 2nd June	9.00am Mrs Ines Fox 100th Birthday (LD)		
Wednesday 3rd June	9.00am Sick in the Parish (SVP)		
Thursday 4th June <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</b>	9.00am Dermot Fenton		
Friday 5th June	9.00am Private Intention		
Saturday 6th June	9.00am People of the Parish		
Sunday 7th June <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	9.00am Judy Ashton (LA)		

**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: Rose Mary Sinton, Mary Green, Peter Hughes, Teresa Nordenson, Josephine Hayes, Joyce Coates and Helen Thompson. 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**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY, 31ST MAY 2020**

**First Reading**

**Acts 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34**

**Response:** *Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

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| 1. Bless the Lord, my soul!<br>Lord God, how great you are,<br>How many are your works, O Lord!<br>The earth is full of your riches.                   | 2. You take back your spirit, they die,<br>returning to the dust from which they came.<br>You send forth your spirit, they are created;<br>and you renew the face of the earth. |
| 3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!<br>May the Lord rejoice in his works!<br>May my thoughts be pleasing to him.<br>I find my joy in the Lord. |                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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.