

**12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, Year A, 20TH & 21ST JUNE 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**

We are all aware that we fall short of the glory of God and that our faith is imperfect. However, Paul changes this into a hope-filled perspective. Through Adam, original sin entered the world corrupting everything it touched, but the presence and grace of Jesus Christ has come and is more powerful than sin. God's gift of grace has been given to all, and it provides us with inner strength to resist wrongdoing when our faith is challenged. Jesus encourages us not be afraid because God cares for us more than we can know and will not let any of the difficulties we face overcome us.

**Deacon Terry**

**REOPENING OF CHURCHES - MESSAGE FROM**

**BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE**

HM Government has announced that churches and other places of worship are set to open for individual prayer from 15th June 2020. But, as advised by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, not all churches will immediately reopen due to the ongoing Covid-19 safety measures to protect clergy, parishioners, staff and volunteers. There will be a phased opening of more churches after safety measures have been assessed and implemented. The first five churches to reopen for individual prayer in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle are:

- St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
- St. Aidan's, Ashington
- St. Patrick's, Consett
- St. Mary's, Sunderland
- St. Joseph's, Hartlepool

Further details, including the date and times of opening, will be announced as they become available.

**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.

**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.

**A DIOCESAN DAY OF SCRIPTURE**

A Diocesan Day of Scripture is to be held on Friday 19th June. All of the aspects of the day can be accessed via our diocesan website and social media account. It is a great opportunity for people to increase their knowledge, understanding and experience of Scripture in this Year of the Word. The timing of the day is as follows:

- 10 am Welcome and introduction, Canon Chris Jackson
- 10:10 Office of Readings, Sophie Taylor & Margaret Taylor
- 11:00 Lectio Divina, Bishop Robert Byrne CO
- 11:30 Scripture for children, Dr Medi Volpe-Ayres
- 13:30 Visio Divina, Sister M. Michael RSM
- 14:30 Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, Mr Nick McTernan
- 15:30 The scriptural Rosary, young people of our diocese
- 16:30 The Lindisfarne Gospels, Mr Emmet O'Leary
- 17:30 Promoting a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- 18:00 Bible, Belief and Belonging, Professor Karen Kilby
- 19:00 Closing prayer: Imaginative Contemplation, Fr Mark Millward

### **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.

### **LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS**

Those wishing to obtain the next issue for the coming quarter can pick one up at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Monday mornings between 10.00am - 12 noon as the building is open for the collection of Food Bank items. The booklets remain the same price of £1.00.

### **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 is once again collecting food to send to the Foodbank. There is 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 to everyone who has supported the foodbank and donated over the last few weeks.

### **DIOCESAN J&P REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE**

As the Project is unlikely to re-open for several months we continue to buy digital food vouchers that can be sent out to the mobile phones of up to 140 destitute Asylum Seekers (receiving no state assistance) during this pandemic disruption. Your financial donations have been vital in enabling this support. Anyone wishing to contribute can do so by either; direct bank transfer – HSBC, DHN Destitute Asylum Fund, Sort code- 40-34-18, Acc. No. 52854058, or by cheque payable to DHN Destitute Asylum Fund and sent to Fr Adrian Tuckwell, St Anne's Presbytery, Half Fields Road, Winlaton, NE21 5RW.

### **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.

### **WEDNESDAY WORD**

On-line Scripture Resource: the Wednesday Word is a great on-line resource reflecting on the weekly Sunday readings for all the family. Well worth a visit. [www.wednesdayword.org/](http://www.wednesdayword.org/)

### **PRAYER FOR PROTECTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. (Pope Francis)

### **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
<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.

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 20th June	9.00am Sister Mary Bede (J & DJ) 60th Anniversary of her profession to the Religious life		
Sunday 21st June <b>12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	9.00am People of the Parish		
Monday 22nd June <b>SAINTS JOHN FISHER &amp; THOMAS MORE</b>	9.00am Private Intention		
Tuesday 23rd June <b>ST ETHELDREDA</b>	9.00am Catherine & Harold Leeder (EF)		
Wednesday 24th June <b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	9.00am Marie McLoughlin (PR)		
Thursday 25th June	9.00am Private Intention		
Friday 26th June	9.00am Alfred Hodson (EH)		
Saturday 27th June	9.00am Peter & Paul Whalen (PW)		
Sunday 28th June <b>SAINTS PETER &amp; PAUL, APOSTLES</b>	9.00am People of the Parish		

**Please remember in your prayers** Nicola Burns, Shelagh Goodwin, Marie Rooney and Mary Allan who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially: Peter Hughes, Teresa Nordenson, Josephine Hayes, Joyce Coates, Helen Thompson and Marie McLoughlin. 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 English Martyrs, Newcastle on 0191 2733903. **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**  
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**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side!” Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!’ But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35**

**Response:** *In your great love, answer me, O Lord.*

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| <p>1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,<br/>that shame covers my face,<br/>that I have become a stranger to my brothers,<br/>an alien to my own mother’s sons.<br/>I burn with zeal for your house<br/>and taunts against you fall on me.</p> <p>3. The poor when they see it will be glad<br/>and God-seeking hearts will revive;<br/>for the Lord listens to the needy<br/>and does not spurn his servants in their chains.<br/>Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,<br/>the sea and all its living creatures.</p> | <p>2. This is my prayer to you,<br/>my prayer for your favour.<br/>In your great love, answer me, O God,<br/>with your help that never fails:<br/>Lord, answer, for your love is kind;<br/>in your compassion, turn towards me.</p> |
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**Second Reading**

**Romans 5:12-15**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. ‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. ‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

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.