

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, YEAR A, 27TH & 28TH 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 - SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL

The solemnity of SS Peter and Paul reminds us that we are an Apostolic Church. In the Creed we profess our belief in one Apostolic Church, we are affirming a faith that the Church can trace its life back to the Apostles and to the Lord Jesus himself. There have been gaps between the appointment of Bishops, however there is a verified and unbroken continuity between the Church today and the Church of the Apostles. However, there is more to being an Apostolic community than historical continuity, it means we have to live the faith. Just as the Apostles preached and glorified Jesus Christ, so do we. The remarkable escapes of Peter, and later of Paul, are lessons that the Holy Spirit guides the Church at every stage and looks after its members as they proclaim the gospel. It continues to do that today.

Deacon Terry

REOPENING OF CHURCHES - MESSAGE FROM BISHOP

ROBERT BYRNE

The first five churches to reopen for individual prayer in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle were: 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.

The Bishop has now announced the following ten churches are to re-open in line with Covid-19 restrictions: St Paul Alnwick, St Mary Hexham, Our Lady & St Columba Wallsend, St Charles Gosforth, St Aloysius Hebburn, St Anne Winlaton, St John Boste Washington, Saints Joseph, Patrick & Cuthbert Coxhoe, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Billingham and St Mary Bishop Auckland.

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP: RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES

Bishop Robert Byrne recently announced that a further 10 churches around the Diocese are to be prepared to re-open for individual prayer only. Our Lady's and St Columba's in Wallsend is one of these churches. The date for re-opening will be announced soon. We are grateful to Fr David Smith and the parishioners of Our Lady's and St Columba's for inviting people across our Partnership to visit their church for individual prayer. The church will be open at these times: Tuesday: 5.30pm - 7.30pm; Thursday: 5.30pm - 7.30pm; Saturday: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Sunday: 3.00pm - 5.00pm.

The Partnership Clergy are grateful to those parishioners who have generously volunteered to help prepare the churches for re-opening, once they have received the Bishop's approval. The Partnership Development Group at it's meeting on 23rd June also recorded grateful thanks to

the Clergy for their continued spiritual support during the lock-down. We are aware of the great solace people have found in being able to follow Mass and devotions online.

What does individual prayer mean under the new restrictions?

Individuals are expected to be able to "reflect and pray" whilst adhering to physical social distancing rules. Votive candles may still be lit but shared matches, tapers or lighters must not be used. Candles must be lit from existing lit candles. Statues and relics must not be touched or kissed. This instruction will be displayed on posters in church. Mass and all other public services, including praying together the Divine Office, the Rosary and other group devotional prayers, are still not presently permitted. Further information is available on the diocesan website www.rcdhn.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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Annan of Elmwood Road, Monkseaton, who died on the 19th June aged 70 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at Tynemouth Crematorium on Tuesday 30th June at 11.15am 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.

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 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/

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

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 27th June	9.00am Peter & Paul Whalen (PW)		
Sunday 28th June SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES	9.00am People of the Parish		
Monday 29th June	9.00am Private Intention		
Tuesday 30th June	9.00am Private Intention		
Wednesday 1st July	9.00am The Recently Deceased		
Thursday 2nd July	9.00am Deceased Members of the Hodson & Harwood Families (EH)		
Friday 3rd July ST THOMAS, APOSTLE	9.00am Private Intention		
Saturday 4th July	9.00am People of the Parish		
Sunday 5th July 14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.00am Private Intention for A Sick Daughter (LH)		

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, Marie McLoughlin and Mary Annan. 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

Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-9

Response: *From all my terrors the Lord set me free.*

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| 1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. | 2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. |
| 3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. | 4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. |

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed 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.