

**14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 4TH & 5TH JULY 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**

The donkey in the first reading from Zechariah is a sign that the King will be humble, just as Jesus is 'gentle and humble in heart'. This is fulfilled by his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday riding a 'colt, the foal of a donkey'. After the Babylonian exile, before the coming of Christ, the quality of humility and the rejection of pride was central to the thinking of the time. Israel could claim no success in this and was forced to rely on the Lord whose chosen ones were the poor and humble. The section from Romans is about the Holy Spirit. A life lived in the spirit means that the Christians' whole value system is based on the Spirit, the opposite of the values of the flesh. The welcome relaxation of lockdown begins to make 'our yoke easy and less burdensome'. We look forward to returning to Mass in Church again with all our friends.

**Deacon Terry**

**RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES - MESSAGE FROM BISHOP**

**ROBERT BYRNE**

The first five churches to re-open 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, can be found on the diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk). 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 is 7th July. 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 parishioners who have generously volunteered to prepare the churches for re-opening, once they have received the Bishop's approval. The best place to see which churches are re-opening next is the diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

***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](http://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. Here is a wonderful photograph of St Edwards Church taken by Phil who lives in Marine Gardens and he kindly sent it to us to share with you.



### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Michael Hickey, who died suddenly on 30th June. Fr Hickey lived in retirement at St Cuthbert's, North Shields, and was well known to us. May he rest in peace. Amen.

### **PARISH BULLETIN**

Do you know of any Parishioner who hasn't got internet access and would like a copy of the Bulletin? If so, copies are available from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church every Monday from 10am - 12.00noon when the church is open for the Foodbank Collection.

### **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 for the Foodbank. One food collection point is at the church porch at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton. 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.

### **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)

### **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.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR EMERGENCY APPEAL**

The Little Sisters of the Poor have launched a vital fundraising appeal, in response to the increasing pressures faced by St Joseph's Care Home during the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. Your crucial donations will enable the purchase of extra essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). All donations, no matter what size, will be very gratefully received and will make a real difference to the lives of our vulnerable elderly residents. Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' or PPE supplies can be sent to; St Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, you can make a secure, online donation, by visiting;  
<https://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/>

#### **CAFOD VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE STARTS 1ST JULY**

With the help of parishioners from across the Diocese, CAFOD is organising a Holy Island 'virtual pilgrimage' from 1st to 11th July 2020. The virtual pilgrimage will feature daily reflection and prayer, stories from past pilgrims and will end with a special Mass at 3.00pm on Saturday 11th July 2020. For more information visit  
<https://cafodhexhamnewcastle.wordpress.com/>

#### **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:**

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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 4th July	9.00am People of the Parish		
Sunday 5th July <b>14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	9.00am Private Intention for A Sick Daughter (LH)		
Monday 6th July	9.00am Eileen Conlan (JC)		
Tuesday 7th July	9.00am John Lynch		
Wednesday 8th July	9.00am Peter Hughes (FJ)		
Thursday 9th July	9.00am Private Intention		
Friday 10th July	9.00am Helen Thompson (JH)		
Saturday 11th July <b>ST BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE</b>	9.00am People of the Parish		
Sunday 12th July <b>15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	9.00am Monica & George Thrift (MT)		

**Please remember in your prayers** Nicola Burns and Marie Rooney 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, Mary Annan, Shelagh (Fatkin) Goodwin and Father Michael Hickey. 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**  
**14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 4TH & 5TH JULY 2020**

**First Reading**

**Zechariah 9:9-10**

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14**

**Response:** *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

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| 1. I will give you glory, O God my king,<br>I will bless your name for ever.<br>I will bless you day after day<br>and praise your name for ever.                                 | 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,<br>slow to anger, abounding in love.<br>How good is the Lord to all,<br>compassionate to all his creatures. |
| 3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,<br>and your friends shall repeat their blessing.<br>They shall speak of the glory of your reign<br>and declare your might, O God. | 4. The Lord is faithful in all his words<br>and loving in all his deeds.<br>The Lord supports all who fall<br>and raises all who are bowed down.        |

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:9,11-13**

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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.