

**16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 18TH & 19TH JULY 2020**

**TAKE THIS BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF IT OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.**

**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**

God is patient and moderate with everyone whether they have faith or not. The book of Wisdom explains that his strength lies in his leniency with all and a key line is "...by acting thus you taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men". The passage pairs well with the Gospel. Last week we said that Jesus uses pictures and stories to explain the Kingdom of Heaven and that this was the mark of a good teacher. Here is one of those stories. The darnel weed is incredibly difficult to distinguish from the good barley when it is growing. In the same way we cannot presume to sort out who is seeking God and who is not, this would be a dangerous route. Our instruction is to follow our journeys as best we can and leave all judgement of others to the Lord himself.

**Deacon Terry**

**RE-OPENING — ST EDWARD'S CHURCH, WHITLEY BAY**

Bishop Byrne has given permission for St Edward's to re-open for private prayer and Mass. Following the required risk assessment last Friday, the church will open on Monday 20th July and Wednesday 22nd July between 12.00 Noon and 2.00pm for private prayer. I know how grateful we all are to those parishioners who so generously cleaned the church, and who will work as stewards to look after the church and visitors during private prayer, Mass, funerals, baptisms and weddings. Confessions are by appointment only for the time being.

I'm sure you will also be pleased to know that Mass will start again at St Edward's with the Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday 1st August, and Sunday, 2nd August at 10.00am. I'd hoped it would have been sooner, but I'm in hospital on 31st July for an ankle procedure, and must self-isolate for 7 days beforehand. The church will be open that week for private prayer on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 12.00 Noon and 2.00pm. Morning Mass will be celebrated privately and posted on the parish group page on Face Book. Weekday Mass will then be available from 4th August at 9.30am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays onwards.

The number of people in the church for private prayer or Mass will be strictly limited by the 2-metre social-distancing rule. Places will be clearly marked with a cross for individuals and family use. The church can hold **60** people only. Once this number is reached, no one else will be able to enter the church. Please think about attending Mass during the week rather than at the weekend, which will help with numbers. To make sure you get a place, please phone **07340 169249** at these times on a Thursday: 10.00am - 12.00 Noon, 2.00pm - 4.00pm or 6.00pm - 8.00pm, or on a Friday: 10.00am - 12.00 Noon or 2.00pm -

4.00pm, to reserve a place at the 6.00pm Vigil or 10.00am morning Sunday Mass. If you are coming as a family, please make that known when you phone. You will be asked for your contact details for 'Track-and-Trace' when you phone and when you attend a weekday Mass. You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are feeling unwell.

Government regulations are that those attending church must wear a face covering such as a mask, scarf or snood. Please enter the church only through the Narthex and exit through the Coquet Avenue door. Stewards will show you the hand sanitisers as you enter and leave church, and will guide you to your place. Printed bulletins will be available, which you take away after using. The offertory collection will not be passed around and Gift Aid envelopes and cash donations should be placed in the baskets beside the doors. During Mass, there will be no singing, Children's Liturgy, Bidding Prayers, Offertory Procession or Sign of Peace. For Holy Communion, everyone joins the procession with social distancing from one side of the church at a time, as directed by the stewards—even if you are not receiving. Holy Communion will be distributed only in the hand and in silence. At the end of Mass, please leave the church immediately via the Coquet Avenue exit only, as shown by the stewards.

***What does individual prayer mean under the new restrictions?***

People are expected to "reflect and pray" whilst adhering to physical social distancing rules. Votive candles may be lit but shared matches, tapers or lighters must not be used. Candles are lit from existing lit candles. Statues must not be touched or kissed. This instruction will be displayed on posters in church. Further information is available on the diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) **Mgr Andrew Faley**

### **DAILY MASS ON FACE BOOK**

Mass is celebrated each day in St Edward's and can be followed on the 'Our Lady Star of the Sea' group page on Face Book.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Geraldine Hurst of Bideford Gardens, Whitley Bay, who died on 3rd July aged 76 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, at 12.45pm on Tuesday 21st July, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. The funeral will be attended by family only, due to Covid-19 restrictions. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin Gaughan of St Lucia Close, Whitley Bay, who died on 5th July aged 86 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, at 1.45pm on Friday 24th July, followed by cremation at Whitley Bay Crematorium. The funeral will be attended by family only, due to Covid-19 restrictions. May he 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.

### **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)

### **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.

### **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The Parish Walking Group is re-starting and because of the pandemic we will have to change our usual arrangements. The walking group has to be no more than 6 people, so I will lead a walk every week of 6 or 7 miles from Immaculate Heart. If you are interested in joining please leave your name and contact number/e-mail address with Peter Weighill 0191 2512917, [peterweighill@aol.co.uk](mailto:peterweighill@aol.co.uk). I will then invite 5 people each week to join me, so hopefully in about 1 month we should all get out for a walk. After everyone has been on the walk, if things do not change, I will lead another walk. All walks will start and finish at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Peter Weighill

### **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. Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Foodbank over the last few weeks.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

**VACANCIES** -The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- **Property Surveyor** based in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Full-time. Two year fixed term contract.
- **Justice and Peace Refugee Project Co-ordinator** based in Newcastle. 18 hours per week. 12 month fixed term contract.
- **Department for Education, Administrator** (maternity cover) – full-time.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 2433301

### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edward) [stedwardsne26@btconnect.com](mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com) (0191) 2528021  
Star of the Sea Primary School [starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk) (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.

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES			
DAY	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND'S
Saturday 18th July	9.00am People of the Parish		
Sunday 19th July <b>16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	9.00am The Recently Deceased		
Monday 20th July <b>ST APOLLINARIS</b>	<b>Church open for Private Prayer 12.00 Noon—2.00pm</b>		
Tuesday 21st July <b>ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI</b>	12.45pm Requiem Mass Geraldine Hurst (Family only)		
Wednesday 22nd July <b>ST MARY MAGDALENE</b>	9.00am Private Intention <b>Church open for private prayer 12.00 Noon—2.00pm</b>		
Thursday 23rd July <b>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, REL PATRON OF EUROPE</b>	9.00am Julia Judge (The Judge Family)		
Friday 24th July <b>THE MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE</b>	1.45pm Requiem Mass Kevin Gaughan (Family only)		
Saturday 25th July <b>ST JAMES, APOSTLE</b>	9.00am Fred Sweeney (LL)		
Sunday 26th July <b>17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	9.00am People of the Parish		

**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: Marie McLoughlin, Mary Annan, Sheelagh (Fatkin) Goodwin, Father Michael Hickey, Geraldine Hurst and Kevin Gaughan. 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**  
**16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 18TH & 19TH JULY 2020**

**First Reading**

**Wisdom 12:13,16-19**

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16**

**Response:** *O Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice.
2. All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God.
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me.

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:26-27**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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.