

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 25TH & 26TH JULY 2020

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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

Solomon's wisdom was his desire to know and do God's will. He asks for an understanding heart to discern between what is right and wrong and God is pleased with him. St Paul, in his letter to the Romans says that "for those who love God, everything works for their spiritual good". They have been chosen to become true images of the Son and to all who say "yes" to the kingdom, God shares his glory. In the last picture, old and new parts are brought out from the storeroom and this refers to our faith journey. Sometimes it contains prayers and values which have been passed down to us, whereas at other times we find new ways of living out our Christian call, perhaps through prayer, evangelisation or in reflection.

Deacon Terry

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

Bishop Byrne has given permission for St Edward's to reopen for private prayer and Mass. Following the required risk assessment, the church opened 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 to those 21 parishioners who work as stewards to look after the church and visitors during private prayer, Mass, 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. That week, the church will be open 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 Facebook. 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

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 **Mgr Andrew Faley**

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/

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)

ST EDMUND'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - PRODUCT RECALL

Would the person who won a Ragdoll at the Christmas Fair at St Edmunds in 2019, please get in touch with Anne on 2584454 as the doll has been recalled due to an issue with the hair. If anyone knows who it was would they please ring the above number. Thank you.

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. 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. Please be as generous as you can. Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Foodbank and donated over the last few weeks.

OTHER NOTICES

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>

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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 25th July ST JAMES, APOSTLE	9.00am Fred Sweeney (LL)		
Sunday 26th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.00am People of the Parish		
Monday 27th July			
Tuesday 28th July	9.00am Pete Hughes (A & TG)		
Wednesday 29th July ST MARTHA	9.00am Carlo Marianna Arrighi (LD)		
Thursday 30th July ST PETER CHRYSOLOGUS	9.00am Peter Leeder (EF)		
Friday 31st July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA			
Saturday 1st August ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI	9.00am Monica Whalen (PW) 6.00pm Vigil Mass Bob & Helen Thompson (MT)		
Sunday 2nd August 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am People of the Parish		

Please remember in your prayers Nicola Burns, Marie Rooney and Mary Woodman 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
17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, 25TH & 26TH JULY 2020

First Reading

Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

Response: *Lord, how I love your law!*

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| 1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. | 2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight. |
| 3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. | 4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. |

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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.