

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 22ND & 23RD AUGUST 2020

The Cycle of Prayer

Summer

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

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 reading from Isaiah reflects the gospel about the appointment of Peter who is often seen as the doorkeeper of heaven. Isaiah prophesies that Elkiakim can open or close the House of David, just as Peter is given the same power in the kingdom of heaven. This is because Peter recognized that Jesus is the Messiah. He is given this understanding by God and Jesus calls his faith the rock on which the church will be built. The change of Simon's name to Peter at this point is the same as us being given a name at our baptism. It signifies Jesus calling forth our faith out of love and gives huge meaning to our lives. We are therefore committed to trusting him at all times and in all situations. **Deacon Terry**

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH, WHITLEY BAY

Thanks to our stewards who so generously manage St Edward's Church for our Masses and other celebrations. The Sunday Vigil Mass is at 6.00pm on Saturdays and at 10.00am on Sundays. Weekday Mass is at 9.30am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Mass will be said in private on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The number of people in church for Mass is strictly limited by the 2-metre social-distancing rule. Places are clearly marked with a cross for individual 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 of a place at the 6.00pm Vigil or 10.00am Sunday Mass, please phone **07340 169249** on a Thursday: 10.00am - 12.00 Noon, 2.00pm - 4.00pm and 6.00pm - 8.00pm, or on a Friday: 10.00am - 12.00 Noon and 2.00pm - 4.00pm. 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.

The UK Government's regulations from 8th August state that if you are attending church, you 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 church, and will guide you to your place. Printed bulletins will be available, which you take away with you.

The offertory collection will not be passed around and Gift Aid envelopes and cash donations should be placed in the baskets in the Narthex. 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. When you have received the Sacred Host, please remove your face covering and consume it immediately – do not carry the Host back to your place. At the end of Mass, please leave the church immediately via the Coquet Avenue exit only, as shown by the stewards.

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)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Virginia (Gina) Smith of Etal Crescent, Shiremoor, who died on 12th August aged 59 years. A Funeral Service will be held in St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, at 11.00am on 26th August for family members only, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS

Congratulations to all our young people who are receiving exam results at this time. It has been a particularly difficult few months for all students during the COVID-19 pandemic. We assure them of our prayers and support. God bless.

URGENT REQUEST FROM SVP

We urgently require a ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY BLAZER for a new girl starting in year 7 in September. If you have one that is not now required, please ring P Shinn on 0191 2529915.

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.

READERS' ROTA FOR AUGUST 2020

Day	Date	Name
Sat	22	Maire Cross
Sun	23	Peter Nesbitt
Sat	29	Gerry Rafferty
Sun	30	Joe James

Please note, if you would like to read during Mass contact Liz Louvre on 07411046075 and she'll put you on the Rota for September. Thank you.

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/

GIFT AID DONATIONS 2019 - 2020

We have received the following information from the Diocese Finance Department.

"As you know, we would usually produce Gift Aid Donation Statements around this time to confirm the amount parish Gift Aiders had donated during the last tax year and the amount of tax reclaimed for the parish in their name as a result. The letters can be used by parishioners when completing their tax returns if necessary, and also form an important part of our audit process.

However, due to churches not yet being fully re-opened as a result of Covid-19, we have decided that this year we will only provide this information where specifically requested by an individual. This is because it would be unfair to expect our Gift Aid Organisers to distribute the letters personally, when most parishioners are not able to attend Mass as normal. We did consider posting the letters direct to donors but this would be very costly across the Diocese and was not considered a good use of funds in the current circumstances.

Taking both of these points into consideration, we have therefore decided it will not be possible to produce letters for everyone this year. If anyone does specifically request confirmation of their donation details however, please direct them to either the Gift Aid office (gift.aid@diocesehn.org.uk) or to Michelle Dixon (michelle.dixon@diocesehn.org.uk) or Andrea Emson (andrea.emson@diocesehn.org.uk) and we will provide confirmation for them on an individual basis."

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:

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 22nd August THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY	9.30am Private Intention 6.00pm The Recently Deceased		
Sunday 23rd August 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am People of the Parish		
Monday 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE			
Tuesday 25th August	9.30am Michael Snowdon (MS)		
Wednesday 26th August	9.00am Bob & Helen Thompson (MT) (Private Mass) 11.00am Funeral Service Virginia Smith		
Thursday 27th August ST MONICA	9.30am Tarcisio & Elvira Dimascio (LD)		
Friday 28th August ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO	9.00am Private Intention (Private Mass)		
Saturday 29th August THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9.30am Private Intention 6.00pm People of the Parish		
Sunday 30th August 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am Private Intention		

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S
Sunday 23rd August, 12 Noon, (Deacon Terry)	Hunter Dennis Rodriques
Sunday 30th August, 12 Noon, (Deacon Terry)	Matthew John Ward

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: Geraldine Hurst, Kevin Gaughan, Maura Wann, Jeffrey Walsh, Father Tony Duffy and Virginia Smith. 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

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David on my servant's shoulder. Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

Response: *Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.*

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| 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. | 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. |
| 3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. | |

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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.