

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, YEAR A, 15TH & 16TH AUGUST 2020

### The Cycle of Prayer

Summer

#### 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.

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Generations of Christians have celebrated Mary being taken up into heaven, body and soul to be with her Son in his glory. It is a glorious mystery in the prayers of the rosary. The Assumption of Mary is really a feast not only of Mary but of all Christ's people because it speaks of the great hope we all share. Christ is the first born from the dead and in him all will be brought to life, in their proper order. The declaration of the Assumption of Mary is an assertion of the saving value of all our activity, the conquest of pain, moodiness and temptation in all its forms. The core of the gospel is Mary's prayer of thanksgiving for God's gifts to her which is sung daily in Evening Prayer. Our prayers have always linked Mary to our death. We pray 'now and at the hour of our death' when we will all need the comfort of the loving mother and son who has gone before us.

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 8 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)

### **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Melissa Moodie and Johnathon King who were married in St Edward's Church on Thursday 13th August. We wish them every blessing and happiness.

### **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**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Sat	15	Ann Garland
Sun	16	Martin Gannon
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/](http://www.wednesdayword.org/)

### **PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The Parish Walking Group has re-started and because of the pandemic we have changed 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 Church. If you are interested in joining please leave your name and contact number/e-mail 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 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.

**Items that are always in need are: Tins of meat, tins of meat in gravy, tinned vegetables, jars of Jam, tins of Rice pudding and tins/cartons of custard.**

### **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)	<a href="mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com">stedwardsne26@btconnect.com</a>	(0191) 2528021
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**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.  
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 15th August	9.30am Lilys Cooke (PC) 6.00pm People of the Parish		
Sunday 16th August <b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	10.00am Private Intention for a Sick Daughter (LH)		
Monday 17th August			
Tuesday 18th August	9.30am Special Intention R & R (MS)		
Wednesday 19th August	9.00am Franco & Rosa Bonadies (LD) (Private Mass)		
Thursday 20th August <b>ST BERNARD</b>	9.30am Geraldine Hurst (MS)		
Friday 21st August <b>THE DEDICATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL</b>	9.00am Peter Hughes (CJ) (Private Mass)		
Saturday 22nd August <b>THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY</b>	9.30am Private Intention 6.00pm The Recently Deceased		
Sunday 23rd August <b>21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	10.00am People of the Parish		

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S
Sunday 16th August, 12 Noon, (Deacon Terry)	George Louis Picton
Sunday 23rd August, 12 Noon, (Deacon Terry)	Hunter Dennis Rodriquez

**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: Father Michael Hickey, Geraldine Hurst, Kevin Gaughan, Maura Wann, Jeffrey Walsh and Father Tony Duffy. 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**  
**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, 15TH & 16TH AUGUST 2020**

**First Reading**

**Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10**

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 44(45):10-12,16**

**Response:** *On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.*

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| 1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.<br>On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.<br>Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:<br>forget your own people and your father's house. | 2. So will the king desire your beauty:<br>He is your lord, pay homage to him.<br>They are escorted amid gladness and joy;<br>they pass within the palace of the king. |
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**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:39-56**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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.