

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 5TH & 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time - Autumn

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

During Ordinary Time from September to Advent we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

As Christians we have a responsibility to care for others who may be going through difficult times. The Lord says through the prophet that we have a duty to speak. However it is not in our culture to tell others what to do and what not to do. We therefore have a dilemma. Christian love is not a feeling or an emotion but a responsibility. We can show this by respecting everyone's life, marriage and integrity. The greatest harm we can do when people face spiritual danger is to look the other way. Paul tells us in the second reading "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour". Though we are reserved in our nature, we do no good by keeping quiet when our friends are suffering.

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 is 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 holds **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, **YOU MUST PHONE IN ADVANCE**. 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 as directed by the stewards. 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 Sacred Host back to your place. At the end of Mass, please leave the church immediately, as directed by the stewards.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton and Our Lady's & St Edmund's, Backworth, will not re-open for the foreseeable future. This will be reviewed when the numbers attending St Edward's Church reach 60.

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 Patricia Feeney of Redesdale Court, North Shields, who died on 27th August aged 76 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for family only at 12.30pm on 9th September followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Burnell of Gleneagles Court, Whitley Bay, who died on 30th August. Funeral details to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS

Congratulations to all our children and young people who are returning to school and college. We wish them and all governors, teachers and support staff best wishes for the challenges of this new academic year. God bless.

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. If you would like to take part in these prayers, please contact Joe James on 0191 2513740 or jjames9241@aol.com who will notify you when a funeral is to take place.

READERS' ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Day	Date	Name
Sat	05	Carolyn Duffy
Sun	06	Anne Wilson
Sat	12	Ann Garland
Sun	13	Martin Gannon
Sat	19	Marie Cross
Sun	20	Peter Nesbitt
Sat	26	Gerry Rafferty
Sun	27	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 October. Thank you.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

Following a change in Government regulations and advice from the Ramblers Association, the Parish Walking Group is reverting to our normal outings with only a slight change. We will meet on the first and third weeks of the month, starting in September. The next walk will be on Wednesday 16th September. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk from Northumberland Park Metro Station along field paths, waggonways and through The Rising Sun Country Park and we meet at Northumberland Park at 10am. For further information, contact Jim on 01912669035 or 07932696795. The slight change has to do with social distancing and we will no longer share cars. The walks will be local and we will therefore meet at various locations. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill, 0191 2512917.

RCIA PROGRAMME

We are hoping to begin a new Journey in Faith (RCIA) course on Tuesday 29th September. The course has been running in our partnership for some years now and we had 11 candidates received into the church at Easter 2019 and we have had 7 candidates on the course this year. The course is designed for anyone wishing to join the Catholic faith and anyone wanting to explore or know more about their faith. The sessions usually run fortnightly from September to around Pentecost and this year's course involved the final sessions taking place successfully through Zoom. The new course will hopefully involve some sessions in person (distanced of course) and others through Zoom. If you are interested or you know of anyone who may be interested, or if you would like to know more about the course itself, please contact either the parish office or Fr Andrew and someone will get back to you. (Don't be put off by the Zoom bit! We can help!)

GIFT AID DONATIONS 2019 - 2020

The Diocesan Finance Department 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 but we are unable to do so this year. If anyone does specifically require confirmation of their donation details, please contact the Gift Aid office (gift.aid@diocesehn.org.uk) or Michelle Dixon (michelle.dixon@diocesehn.org.uk) or Andrea Emson (andrea.emson@diocesehn.org.uk).

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Star of the Sea Primary School starofthesea.primary@ntl.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).

Current Parish Office opening hours: Thursday 11.30am - 2.30pm, 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 4.00pm on Wednesday.

MASS INTENTIONS & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 5th September ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA	9.30am The Forgotten Souls (LD) 6.00pm Vigil People of the Parish
Sunday 6th September 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am David Cairns (MR)
Monday 7th September	
Tuesday 8th September THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am Private Intention
Wednesday 9th September	12.30pm Requiem Mass Patricia Isabella Feeney
Thursday 10th September	9.30am Adriana Arnone (LD)
Friday 11th September	9.00am Maureen Lyons (Private Mass)
Saturday 12th September THE HOLY NAME OF MARY	9.30am In Thanksgiving for AG (Gerry) 6.00pm Vigil Enzo Dimascio (LD)
Sunday 13th September 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 6th September, 12 Noon, (Father Andrew)	Eliza Violet Hymers

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: Jeffrey Walsh, Father Tony Duffy, Virginia Smith, Patricia Feeney and Maria Burnell.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,
(At these words, all bow.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on
the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

We say the Psalm together.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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.