

24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 12TH & 13TH 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

Forgiveness is the life blood of any Christian community, yet we cannot live together without upsetting one another occasionally. Two consecutive Sunday gospels are devoted to this. It is stressed in the Lord's prayer: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others'. To refuse to forgive is to allow a past hurt to stay in our hearts and our lives creating an obsession that can fester within us. Forgiveness helps us to move on and grow in grace. It doesn't show weakness but strength and enables us to stop reacting, to take control. In reality, forgiveness does more for us than for the one we forgive because it sets us free.

Deacon Terry

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH, WHITLEY BAY

We have all benefited from the care shown by our stewards who look after us so well at Mass, and who stay behind to make sure the church is properly sanitized, as required by Covid-19 regulations. The stewards also carry out a regular thorough clean of the church and check that everything is in its correct place. As well as fulfilling the legal requirements that keep our church open, we would want to assure our stewards of our heart-felt thanks for all they are doing in these challenging times.

Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, passed its risk-assessment last week and is available for funerals and baptisms from October. A folding partition to close off the Sanctuary will be installed this week in Immaculate Heart. Our Lady's & St Edmund's Church, Backworth, remains closed.

The number of people in St Edward's Church for Mass is strictly limited to **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 attending weekday Mass. You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are feeling unwell.

UK Government regulations state that if you are attending church, you must wear a face covering. 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 a 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.

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 Sarah Larkin of Whitley Bay who died on 24th August aged 46 years. A funeral service will take place at St Edward's Church at 1.30pm on 15th September for family members only, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she 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. 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	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.

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome to Alexander Tatko who was baptised and Lesley Donachy who was received into the Church on Saturday.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

Unfortunately due to the new Covid regulations which apply from the 14th September, the next walk will be by invitation and will be on a bubble basis. Those contacted by Peter Weighill will meet Jim Gunning next Wednesday 16th September at Northumberland Park Metro station at 10am, as announced in last week's bulletin, for a 6 mile walk. Further information from Jim on 01912669035 or 07932696795.

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!)

PEERTALK NORTH TYNESIDE

Our Support Group for anyone facing depression or anxiety restarts in Whitley Bay on Wednesday 16th September, 7 - 8.30pm, at The Big Local, 158 Whitley Rd, Whitley Bay, NE26 2LY. No need to book and it's free. For more information see www.peertalk.org.uk/support-groups, call 07719 562 617 or email enquiries@peertalk.org.uk

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

September is the month the Society seeks to make more people aware of the works it does. St. Edward's conference has had the support of this parish for many years. Whilst restricted by the pandemic, we continue as best we can to support those in need. This includes those who are ill, people in difficult situations, door callers to Fr Andrew, families and single people, immigrants and more. We are linked to **Tyne Central** which runs a range of services including free meals, a clothes shop, a hostel for released prisoners, Holy Island Youth Camp, etc. **Nationally** the SVP runs charity shops, training services for members, applies for government aid and sets up and supervises its Twinnage service in the third world. It is also now asking its membership to support food banks. **Overseas** St Edwards gives financial support to three conferences in Kerala, India and one in Romania. In recent years we have supported projects to educate students, buy a motor bike, goats, a small coffee grinding project, furnished a play nursery and helped with a flooding crisis. Eventually we will be able to return to our regular meetings seeking to find and help the **Lonely** and **Forgotten**. We fear the pandemic has created many problems for many people. Your continued support will be needed as much as ever. Thank you and **God bless**.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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 - 3.30pm, 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 12th September THE HOLY NAME OF MARY	9.30am In Thanksgiving (AG) 6.00pm Vigil - Enzo Dimascio (LD)
Sunday 13th September 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	
Tuesday 15th September OUR LADY OF SORROWS	9.30am Private Intention 1.30pm Funeral Service Sarah Larkin
Wednesday 16th September SS CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN	9.00am Colin & Rita Hyde (JK) (Private Mass)
Thursday 17th September	9.30am Deceased members of the McFadden Family
Friday 18th September	9.00am Private Intention (Private Mass)
Saturday 19th September	9.30am Private Intention 6.00pm Vigil - People of the Parish
Sunday 20th September 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 20th September, 12 Noon, (Father Andrew)	Alice Jane Taylor

Please remember in your prayers Nicola Burns, Marie Rooney, Mary Woodman, Julie Stobbs, Clifford Browne and Christopher Browne 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, Sarah Larkin, Maria Burnell and Alan Woodman.

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

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

We say the Psalm together.

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| 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. | 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. |
| 3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. | 4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. |

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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.