

25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 19TH & 20TH 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

Matthew's story of the landowner and how he pays the workers in his vineyard is relevant to us today. To understand this we have to appreciate that God's ways are not like ours. Our duty is to strive to be in the presence of his light at all times so that we may be freed from any restrictions and frustrations. This allows us to be able to live entirely for him, whose love is generous, outgoing and limitless. In the gospel, Jesus shows us a new way of thinking in which he says we will all receive the same, however much or little we do. That is the way the kingdom of God grows. For Jesus, it is not the amount we do, but that we do it with the right heart.

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 clean of the church. 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. We also thank the Parish Consolation Team who prepare families for funerals and steward the church during the celebrations.

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 has now been installed and thanks to those who kindly helped with the deep clean at 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.

You must wear a face covering in church. 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.

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)

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	19	Maire 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.

REQUEST FROM SVP

We are trying to help a student going into sixth form who has no apparatus whatsoever, so if anyone is thinking of replacing their laptop / iPad we would be grateful for any old equipment still in working order. We are also looking for a sewing machine for a single mother with a family. If you can help, please contact Pat Shinn on 0191 2529915.

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!)

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS

The October, November & December edition is ready for collection from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Monday mornings between 10am - 12 noon. They are priced at £1.00 each.

ITEMS LEFT AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

A number of items have been left at the church after Mass. If you have mislaid a pair of glasses or a small bag, please check the shelf in the Narthex just where you book in or ask one of the stewards for assistance.

PEERTALK NORTH TYNESIDE

Our Support Group for anyone facing depression or anxiety restarted 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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Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk	(0191) 6432080
Cluster Website	www.norhtynsidedecatholic.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 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)
Monday 21st September ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST	
Tuesday 22nd September	9.30am Diana Padmore (T & SC)
Wednesday 23rd September ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA	9.00am Maureen & David Cairns (AW) (Private Mass)
Thursday 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	9.30am Irene Doona (AD)
Friday 25th September	9.00am Deceased members of the Joyce Family (J & MR) (Private Mass)
Saturday 26th September	9.30am Marian Dynes (AW) 6.00pm Vigil - People of the Parish
Sunday 27th September 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am The Recently Deceased

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 20th September, 12 Noon, (Father Andrew)	Alice Jane Taylor
Sunday 27th September, 12 Noon, (Deacon Terry)	Zoe Ann Gates

Please remember in your prayers Nicola Burns, Marie Rooney, Mary Woodman, Julie Stobbs, Clifford Browne, Christopher Browne and Helen Fenwick who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially: 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 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 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

We say the Psalm together.

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| 1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. | 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. |
| 3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. | |

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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.