

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 3RD & 4TH OCTOBER 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

God is continually caring for his Church and it is gifted to us. Our lovely world and our families are also gifts and we continually thank God for them at every mass. The love he has for us is at the heart of the Trinity, one person of which becomes a man for our sake. The vineyard has been used for years as an image of the Church, we are like its tenants. God looks to us for the fruits of faith, love and obedience and expects us to deliver forgiveness, mercy and justice. The parable in the gospel raises its own question of us; are these the fruits we produce? When they are we will be worthy tenants of the vineyard.

Deacon Terry

COVID-19 CONTINUING RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH

We all benefit from the care we receive from our stewards, who look after us so well at Mass and who sanitize the church after use, as required by Covid-19 regulations. We 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 these celebrations.

Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, has passed its risk-assessment 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. 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** only. Once this number is reached, no one else can enter the church. Please think about attending Mass during the week rather than at the weekend, to help with numbers. To make sure of a place at the 6.00pm Vigil or 10.00am Sunday Masses, **YOU MUST PHONE IN ADVANCE** on **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. Thanks also to the parishioners who manage the bookings. If you come as a family, please make that known when you book. 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. The doors to the church must be open during Mass to ensure the circulation of fresh air as part of Covid-19 protection. Please take the bulletins away with you. Please place Gift Aid and cash donations in the

baskets in the Narthex. For Holy Communion, everyone joins the procession with social distancing as directed by the stewards – even if you are not receiving. Holy Communion is 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 Terry Murphy formerly of Birkdale, Whitley Bay, who died on 15th September aged 88 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, at 1.00pm on 28th October, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. The funeral will be attended by family only, due to Covid-19 restrictions. May he rest in peace. Amen.

KEEP WARM

Government regulations insist that doors remain open during Mass to facilitate air flow and this will be the case for the foreseeable future. You are encouraged to dress to stay warm during Mass as the weather becomes colder and winter approaches.

READERS' ROTA FOR OCTOBER 2020

Day	Date	Name
Sat	03	Ann Garland
Sun	04	Anne Wilson
Sat	10	Carolyn Duffy
Sun	11	Joe James
Sat	17	Derek Hooper
Sun	18	Martin Gannon
Sat	24	Gerry Rafferty
Sun	25	Peter Nesbitt
Sat	31	Máire Cross
Sun	01/11	Anne Wilson

Please note, if you would like to read during Mass contact Liz Louvre on [07411046075](tel:07411046075) and she'll put you on the Rota for November. Thank you.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2020

The children of our Parish have completed their preparation and will celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Masses will be held at St Edward's Church on Saturday 3rd and 10th October at 10.00am and 12 Noon. Attendance is strictly limited to family groups/bubbles. Please keep the children in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey of faith. Thank you.

REQUEST FROM SVP

We are trying to help a student going into Sixth Form who has no equipment, so if anyone is 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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning is always a big parish event and because we don't want to miss it this year Our Lady Star of the Sea coffee morning is going online! We will be having a virtual coffee morning on Zoom, which basically means you bring your own coffee, your own cake and then pay for the privilege! If you would like to join us online on Wednesday 14th October at 10.30am please ring me on 07984 963769 or email cmgunning99@hotmail.com and I will send you the link. Anyone can make a donation to Macmillan (whether you join the coffee morning or not) by typing the following in to the google task bar at the top of your screen thyg.uk/BUU004737790 and this should take you straight to the parish donation page. Unfortunately the spell check may change **thyg** to **thug** so please check. Although we can't do anything about the devastation that Coronavirus has brought to so many people, we can continue with our parish tradition of helping in the fight against another devastating disease. Joining the Zoom coffee morning is easier than you think so please consider it. Thank you, Chris Gunning.

OTHER NOTICES

CENTENARY MASS (4TH OCTOBER)

This year Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is celebrating 100 years of its support to seafarers, fishers, and their families. To mark the beginning of our centenary year we will be holding a live-streamed Mass celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow. We kindly invite you to join us online to share in this very special celebration on **Sunday 4th October at 3pm**. The Mass will be streamed live at www.stellamaris.org.uk/centenarymass. We hope that you can join us online for this historic occasion.

PEERTALK VOLUNTEERS

PeerTalk, a registered charity, is looking for volunteer facilitators to help run their peer support group in Whitley Bay, for people who live with depression or anxiety. Full training is offered and ongoing support. There is a training day on 24th October and the closing date for applications is 15th October. For more details see www.peertalk.org.uk/volunteer-with-us or email enquiries@peertalk.org.uk.

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).

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 3rd October	10.00am First Holy Communions 12.00pm First Holy Communions 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 4th October 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am Paul Whalen (PW)
Monday 5th October	
Tuesday 6th October	9.30am Sean Gardiner (J & MR)
Wednesday 7th October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	
Thursday 8th October	
Friday 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	
Saturday 10th October ST PAULINUS OF YORK	10.00am First Holy Communions 12.00pm First Holy Communions 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 11th October 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am Margaret Reynolds (MR)

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.

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 Sarah Larkin, Maria Burnell, Alan Woodman, Helen Fenwick and Terry Murphy. May they rest in peace. 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 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

We say the Psalm together.

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| 1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. | 2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. |
| 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. | 4. And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. |

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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.