

32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 7TH & 8TH NOVEMBER 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

November is traditionally the month of the departed. It is a reminder that our time on earth is a preparation for the eternal joy we will find in heaven. That eternal joy is spoken of in the first reading. It is the wisdom by which God created the world and guides humanity. It is our faith, and, if we have faith in God then our lives reflect his wisdom. On the nearest Sunday to Nov 11th we will remember those who gave their lives in the two world wars. They gave their lives in the cause of truth, freedom and love so that future generations may live in harmony with each other and reflect the wisdom of God. Let us try not to be like the foolish maids who tried to run their lamps on empty but like the wise maids who were ready when the bridegroom suddenly appeared.

Deacon Terry

COVID-19 NOVEMBER - DECEMBER LOCK-DOWN

Following the UK Government's announcement of the November Lock-down, churches and all other places of worship closed on 5 November until 2 December. This means that once again, there will be no public Masses celebrated in the Parish, apart from Requiem Masses. Mass will continue to be celebrated privately each day and available for viewing on the group page 'Our Lady Star of the Sea' on Facebook.

The Government regulations for the month lock-down state:

"To reduce social contact, the Government has ordered certain businesses and venues to close or restrict how they provide goods and services. These include places of worship, apart from for the purposes of independent prayer, and service broadcasting and funerals.

Funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people. Linked ceremonial events such as stone settings and ash scatterings can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance. Social distancing should be maintained between people who do not live together or share a support bubble. Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies will not be permitted to take place except where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover ('deathbed wedding'). These weddings are limited to 6 people."

Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, will be open each Monday from 10.00am to 12.00 Noon for private prayer. St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, will be open each Wednesday from 10.00am to 11.00am for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We pray for all who are affected by the Coronavirus and all who look after them.

We have all benefited from the care of our stewards, who have looked after us so well and who sanitize the church after use, as required by Covid-19 regulations. We assure our stewards of our prayers and heart-felt thanks in these challenging times. We also thank the Parish Consolation Team who continue to prepare families for funerals and act as stewards during these celebrations.

You must wear a face covering when visiting church for private prayer. Please enter the church only through the Narthex and exit as directed by the stewards. The church doors will be open during the time for private prayer to ensure the circulation of fresh air as part of Covid-19 protection. Please take the bulletin away with you. Please place Gift Aid and cash donations in the baskets in the Narthex.

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)

KEEP WARM

Government regulations insist that doors remain open during private prayer to facilitate air flow and this will be the case for the near future. You are encouraged to dress to stay warm during your time in the church as the weather becomes colder and winter approaches.

CALLING ALL JAM MAKERS

I have a Jam Pan, 2lb bag of Jam Sugar and some labels, free to any Jam maker. Ingrid Hingston, 0191 2520558.

PURDY FAMILY THANKS

The Purdy family - Joan, Darren, Phillipa, Julie & Brandon, would like to say a big thank you to Father Andrew for his wonderful Mass for Harry and to everyone for their prayers, Masses, cards and flowers. God Bless, Joan.

WHITLEY BAY FOODBANK

Thank you for your generosity during these difficult times. Demand for food and toiletries is increasing, especially for tinned items such as meat and fruit. You can also donate money if you don't like shopping! Immaculate Heart Church will be open to receive donations every Monday morning from 10.00 till 12 noon. Thank you again.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The grand sum of £601 was raised at our virtual event which is a wonderful indication of the generosity of the people of our Parish. Many thanks to all of those who took part.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

The Parish are very grateful for your generosity at this difficult time for everyone. Donations continue to be made by Standing Order, envelope and at weekend masses. If you would like to contribute online or by standing order the Parish bank account details are:

Name: Our Lady Star of the Sea
Bank: HSBC
Sort Code: 40-34-45
Account No. 21157523

OTHER NOTICES

NEWLY RECEIVED INTO THE FAITH?

Start on the right track with an open invitation to those received into the Church this year. Please register to join our online welcome meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 11th November. Email: adminfaith.mission@diocesahn.org.uk

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOXES FOR CHRISTMAS 2020

Please join us in making it a very special Christmas for many children around the world! For 2020 Acorn Community Church is delighted to be the Collection Centre for Operation Christmas Child for our coastal area. Please click on the link below for further information regarding shoeboxes for this year and the dates/times that you or church members can drop off their shoeboxes. Just so that you are aware, the dates that shoeboxes need to be brought to the Collection Centre is between November 9th and November 16th, so that they get to children in different parts of the world in time for Christmas. <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/find-your-drop-off-location/>
Thank you for your help.

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.norhtynsidecatholic.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 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.

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	CHURCH (All Masses said in Private)
Saturday 7th November ST WILLIBRORD	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 8th November 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 9th November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	IMMACULATE HEART 10.00am - 12.00Noon Private Prayer
Tuesday 10th November ST LEO THE GREAT	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am Nancy & Robert Tulip (JT)
Wednesday 11th November ST MARTIN OF TOURS	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am Maureen Lyons 10.00am - 11.00am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 12th November ST JOSEPHAT	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am Phil Cudworth (PO)
Friday 13th November	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am Maria Burnell (T & SC)
Saturday 14th November	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am People of the Parish
Sunday 15th November 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am Patrick & Patricia Fitzsimmons (J & DJ)

Please remember in your prayers Nicola Burns, Marie Rooney, Mary Woodman, Julie Stobbs, Clifford Browne, Christopher Browne and David Johnson who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Terry Murphy, Helean Dick, Gerry Nelson, Harry Purdy, Peter Chambers, Joan McIntyre, Christine Harris and Carmela Paul. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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. Deacon Terry McGann -contact via the Parish Office: 0191 2527066.

READINGS AT MASS
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First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-1

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62(63):2-8

We say the Psalm together.

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| 1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. | 2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. |
| 3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. | 4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. |

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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.