

33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 14TH & 15TH 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

The wise person in the first reading shows us an example we can all follow. It tells us that, when a task has to be done, it should be carried out to the best of our abilities. The quality of what this person does shines out for all to see, demonstrating someone who is well organised and prepared. Jesus describes a similar person in the gospel. While here we have an opportunity to prepare, to engage in and contribute to the growth of the Church in a meaningful way, whilst we wait for the Lord.

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.

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)

IICSA ENQUIRY—REPORT INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), published its investigation report into the Catholic Church in England and Wales on 10 November. This is based on the main public hearings held in October and November 2019. The report can be read at: www.iicsa.org.uk. The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle fully supports the

response from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:

Bishops' Conference Statement on the Publication of the IICSA Report

The Catholic Church in England and Wales welcomes the Report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse relating to the institutional response of the Church in its duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation.

We thank the IICSA Panel for their work. The Report will now inform the ongoing reform and improvement of safeguarding in all aspects of the Church's life.

An important aspect of the Inquiry's work was the voice given to victims and survivors of abuse, including the accounts which they gave of their subsequent engagement with the Church. Listening attentively to their witness testimony has brought into sharp relief the extent of the damage this sexual abuse has had on their lives.

We apologise to all victims and survivors who have not been properly listened to, or properly supported by us. By listening with humility to those who have suffered, we can contribute to the healing of the wounds of abuse, as well as learn from those most directly affected how we must improve the Church's safeguarding standards, policies and procedures.

This is an ongoing task and one to which we are wholly committed. Child sexual abuse is a crime. It is a crime that requires committed vigilance and strict procedures to ensure reporting to the statutory authorities. This is the Church's policy. It is also why our safeguarding work needs to be continually reviewed and improved. Where there have been failings and inconsistency in the application of

our safeguarding procedures, we acknowledge these and commit to actions which will bring about improvement.

Abuse is an evil act against the most vulnerable; it must never be excused or covered up. Abuse committed against children and the consequent damage to people's lives cannot be undone. For this, we apologise without reservation, and we are committed to listen attentively to the voices of those who have been abused.

This report is an important moment in our safeguarding journey in the Catholic Church in our countries. It will now be considered in detail by us, the Bishops, at our Plenary Assembly beginning next week so we can explore how to integrate the findings of this important Inquiry into the life and work of the Church in order to consistently safeguard children and the vulnerable.

Vincent Cardinal Nichols, President
Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, Vice-President

Please keep all victims and survivors in your prayers.
With every good wish and blessing

Rt Rev Robert Byrne CO
Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The food bank have suggested that, in the run up to Christmas, people might like to donate one item each day for twenty four days to help those who are most in need this year. Our Parish has always been particularly generous and if we started collecting on Monday 15th November we would finish on Tuesday 8th December, a very fitting feast day! If you are able to join in there are suggestions (please see below) as to what you could donate each day and of course the food bank collection point at Immaculate Heart of Mary church is open each Monday morning between 10am and 12 noon. If you have any queries please contact Chris Gunning on 07984963769 or at cmgunning99@hotmail.com Thank you.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Festive Extras
Selection Box	Shower Gel	Jam	Tooth-paste	Long Life Milk	Tin of Sweets

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Ferguson** of Rosemount Care Home, Monkseaton, who died on 8 November aged 94 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm on 20 November at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. Attendance is limited to 30 people, due to Covid-19 restrictions. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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 (when being held) or at times of private prayer. 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

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.norhtynsesidecatholic.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 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)
Monday 16th November ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON	IMMACULATE HEART 10.00am - 12.00 Noon Private Prayer
Tuesday 17th November ST HILDA OF WHITBY	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am Diane Lowther (T & SC)
Wednesday 18th November	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am Harry Purdy (JT) 10.00am - 11.00am Private Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 19th November	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am Ida Rose & her Family (JF)
Friday 20th November ST EDMUND, KING	ST EDWARD'S 2.00pm Requiem Mass Jim Ferguson
Saturday 21st November PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	ST EDWARD'S 9.00am Monica Whalen (PW)
Sunday 22nd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am People of the Parish

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

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127(128):1-5

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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| 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. | 2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. |
| 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! | |

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

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.