

GAUDETE SUNDAY—3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B, 12TH & 13TH DECEMBER 2020

The Cycle of Prayer

Advent and Christmas

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF IT OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers**

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

The book of Isaiah reflects Israel's thoughts and prayers over 200 years. 'I have sent my spirit upon him' is echoed at Jesus' baptism where it descends on Jesus in the form of a dove and the Father declares 'You are my son, my favour rests on you' The same spirit is given to us at our baptism and it is our task to bring it to those who are poor in spirit and restore hearts that are broken. It's not always easy to find Jesus and sometimes we can get so bothered by our own worries that we fail to recognise that he is standing right alongside us, leading us on. One who has given us the 'words of eternal life'. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday or a rejoicing Sunday. The vestments get a little lighter and the rose candle on the wreath is lit. We are getting ready for Christmas, putting up lights and buying cards. All to celebrate the day of Lord, when he came to us as a gentle child in a stable. **Deacon Terry**

ADVENT 2020

Advent is when the Church re-sets the calendar of our remembering and celebrating the saving work of Christ. This Advent is more challenging due to the pandemic. Resources have been created by Clergy and Laity from across the Diocese and are offered as a life-buoy, remedy and prayer book for the days ahead. It is hoped that you can print the resources for those who do not have access to the internet. The resources are available at: www.rcdhn.org.uk.

CONFESSIONS DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

The Sacrament of Confession is available at St Edward's by appointment only. Please call 0191 2528021 to arrange a time. Confessions are heard with social distancing and face coverings in the meeting room in the Presbytery.

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)

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE MASSES

Due to Covid-19 regulations, numbers attending this year's

Christmas Masses will be limited at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches. You must phone to reserve places for the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The phone number is **07340 169249** and bookings for Christmas will be taken on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd December at 10.00am - 12.00 Noon, 2.00pm - 4.00pm and 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Bookings for the following weekend will be taken on Wednesday 23rd December at the same times.

Christmas Eve Masses will be 5.30pm at St Edward's Church and 7.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church.

Christmas Day Masses will be 9.30am at Immaculate Heart Church and 11.00am at St Edward's Church. Once the restricted capacity of the church has been reached, people will not be able to enter.

Instead of attending Mass on Christmas Day, come to Christmas Mass on one of the other 7 days of the Christmas Octave, which lasts until 1 January. **Mass on 26 December will be at 9.30am and 6.00pm, and on Sunday at 10.00am - all at St Edward's Church.** There will also be Mass at 9.30am at St Edward's Church each day up to and including 1 January. I would be grateful if stewards would volunteer to cover the Christmas Octave Masses which are not on the rota. Mgr Andrew.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

The Parish is very grateful for your generosity at this difficult time for everyone. Donations continue to be made by Standing Order, envelope and at weekend Masses and 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

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ines Vera Fox formerly of Park Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died in Princes Court, North Shields on the 27 November, aged 100 years. Reception into church will take place at 4.00pm on 17 December at St Edward's, Whitley Bay, followed by Requiem Mass at 10.00am on 18 December and burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. Attendance is limited to 30 people, due to Covid-19 restrictions. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Henry James Diamond of Whitley Bay, who died on 23 November, aged 89 years. A Funeral Service will take place at Tynemouth Crematorium at 2.15pm on 17 December, followed by cremation. Attendance is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Ward of the Eothen Home, Wallsend, who died on 5 December aged 73 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton on 21 December, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. Attendance is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION NEEDS YOU!

We want everyone, whether shielding or isolating, together or alone to feel the family and spirit of our parish is still with them during this very strange time. The Parish children and readers have been busy preparing a pre-recorded Nativity and we now need you to join in too. We kindly ask that you to send in a short recorded video clip of yourself, couples or families with a brief Christmas message. The theme is light in the darkness so if you could also have a candle or light a candle in this clip it would be lovely, as our Nativity children are also doing the same. Please email us at 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com to let us know you would like to take part and we will send you a consent form. We will need clips and consent forms back no later than **18th December 2020**. If you are at Mass on Saturday 12th or Sunday 13th December, we will film anyone who wishes to stay back after Mass and record a message.

We have volunteers who are happy to come and do a doorstep recording for anyone who doesn't have a smart phone so please pass this message on to anyone you feel would like to be included. We need you to help make this year's Christmas Celebration. We want all the familiar faces that we usually see during our Christmas

celebrations to still be seen, and the greetings and blessings that would usually be echoing around the churches to still be heard!

NO FOOD BANK COLLECTION

There will be no Food Bank Collection on Monday 21st December as there is a funeral that morning.

READERS' ROTA FOR DECEMBER

Day	Date	Name
Saturday	12	Carolyn Duffy
Sunday	13	Martin Gannon
Saturday	19	Claire James
Sunday	20	Peter Nesbitt
Thursday	24	Anne Wilson
Friday	25	Máire Cross
Saturday	26	Carolyn Duffy
Sunday	27	Joe James

Please note, if you would like to read during Mass contact Liz Louvre [07411046075](tel:07411046075) and she will put you on the next available rota. Thank you.

SVP 200 CLUB LOTTERY

Subs are now due. Please make your £12 cheque payable to 'SVP 200 Club' and give your cheque to Rena Rowe, telephone no. 0191 2522761. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES

SEA SUNDAY - 20TH DECEMBER

Stella Maris is the Catholic Charity which works with seafarers worldwide, who are key workers in the global economy, and many spend months away from their families in tough and lonely conditions. Please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/ for more information or to make a donation.

HELPING ROUGH SLEEPERS IN WINTER—NORTH TYNESIDE

During Winter, it is useful to know what to do to help rough sleepers you may see in the area. The telephone numbers to access North Tyneside support are: Housing Advice Team: 0800 011 6511 (8am to 6pm Monday to Friday) and Out of Hours Support: 0191 643 1870 6pm to 8am Monday to Friday and weekends, 6pm Friday to 8am Monday. Register the person in need on Streetlink www.streetlink.org.uk or contact Chris Lincoln (Street Pastors) on 07549 015 896.

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. Telephone the number below if you have an enquiry.

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
Saturday 12th December OUR LADY OF GUADELOUPE	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Monica & George Thrift (MT) 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 13th December 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 14th December ST JOHN OF THE CROSS	
Tuesday 15th December	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Cyril Wilson (AW)
Wednesday 16th December	ST EDWARD'S (Private Mass) 9.00am Giovanni Arnone (LD)
Thursday 17th December	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Darren Nugent (MN) 4.00pm Reception — Inez Fox
Friday 18th December	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am Requiem Mass — Ines Fox
Saturday 19th December	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Hayes & Rowe Families (RR) 6.00pm The Recently Deceased
Sunday 20th December 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 13th December 12 Noon (Deacon Terry)	Chloe Elisa Jane Zuniga

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, 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 Catherine Sanderson, Lee Patterson, Daniel McPherson, Muguette Renwick, Fr Derek Peel, Fr Stephen Johnson, Edward Vesey, Ines Fox, Henry Diamond, Margaret Ward and Michael Lafferty. 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. Deacon Terry McGann -contact via the Parish Office: 0191 2527066.

READINGS AT MASS

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First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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.