

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 16TH & 17TH JANUARY 2021

The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time (Winter)

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

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Openness to the World of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.**

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

Discipleship, what does it mean to be a follower of Christ? Samuel is called in the night and doesn't understand who it is until he is told to respond 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening'. Jesus calls Andrew who then brings Simon Peter to him for the first time. This is the call to discipleship, some of us receive it directly, most of us receive it through others. What did Jesus see in Peter and in Andrew? He looked beyond what they were and saw their potential. The Lord does the same today. He speaks to us through the Church showing us what we can become. Even though our Churches have now closed we can still obtain strength through private prayer and streamed masses. That is true discipleship and its purpose is not to stand still and settle for what we are, but move towards fulfilment in Christ.

Deacon Terry

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN – CHURCH CLOSURES

We were encouraged last week that our churches would be remaining open, but in the light of the escalating transmission of the Coronavirus and the Government's clear advice for everybody to stay at home, and to limit our contact with other households, St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches have been closed - except for funerals - until the current National Restrictions are lifted. The last public Mass was said on Tuesday 11 January. We have been warned about how much more infectious the new strain of COVID-19 is, and to stay isolated as much as possible. We must also consider our volunteer stewards and others who would be risking their health, and also the risk of someone in the church not knowing they were carrying the virus. We must also do all we can to support our hospital staff and the NHS. As the clear message from health officials is that this already dangerous situation could get worse over the coming weeks, it is better that the churches are closed. There will be a daily 9.30am Mass (apart from Monday) live-streamed from the parish rooms via our Facebook public group page 'Our Lady Star of the Sea'. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am.

We pray for all who suffer from the virus and for all who take care of the sick. Even though the vaccines are here to protect us, this is still a time of uncertainty and fear for many. We continue to trust in God, as Jesus did in his darkest hours. Jesus is the light in our darkness, the strength in our weakness and the comfort in our distress. May the courage and strength we draw from Him – and through our solidarity with each other – see us through these difficult days and enable us to be of assistance to those in need of support. Mgr Andrew

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ursula (Georgina) Quinn of Redesdale Court, North Shields, who died on 21 December 2020 aged 96 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, at 12.30pm on 21 January, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. Attendance is limited to 30 people, due to Covid-19 restrictions. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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)

THANKS FROM THE SVP

The SVP wish everyone a very healthy and Happy New Year. We thank you most sincerely for your help and generous support throughout the past year.

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

FOOD BANK

Thank you so much to everyone who went the extra mile to help make Christmas more bearable for people who found themselves dependent on the food bank this year. Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish has a justifiable reputation for generosity and empathy towards those less fortunate than others. We have received thanks and an acknowledgement of our continued support from Whitley Bay Food Bank for our recent donation. The food bank collection will continue each Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church between 10am and Noon. The suggested items for this week are; tinned soup, sugar, custard and toothpaste.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – PROPOSED ONLINE SESSIONS

Some parishes in our Diocese are delivering on-line Children's Liturgy sessions. We would like to do this for the children in our parish too, but before we can, we need to grow our team of leaders and find out how many families would like to use the sessions. If you would like to join the Children's Liturgy team or you would like your child to join the sessions please contact us via email at 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com.

PARISH RECEIPTS

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times. The following were received during December: Loose Plate - £781, Envelopes - £1155, Standing Orders - £2936 and Donations - £1345. Over the Christmas period we have given the following to Charities: Walking With - £100, The Bay Foodbank - £350 and Water Aid - £360. Again, thank you for your support for the Parish and for the charities you generously donate to.

OTHER NOTICES

PAX CHRISTI (PEACE SUNDAY) SATURDAY 16 JANUARY

Please join us for our National Peace Sunday Reflection, on Saturday 16 January, 6pm GMT, when we will gather on zoom to pray, share and reflect on Pope Francis' message. Follow the link to register <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peace-sunday-2021-national-liturgy-tickets-133225849101>. If you have any questions or problems registering for this event, please contact the office at admin@paxchristi.org.uk.

CALLED & GIFTED

If you are wondering how you are to fulfil the mission God has for you, or navigate a life transition, you might find that gifts discernment helps you decide what turn to take next. If you are ready to discern your gifts, a new programme starts on Wednesday 24th February. To apply for your place on the programme, email adminfaith.mission@dioceshn.org.uk. The booking deadline is Friday 19th February. You can also visit <https://siena.org/charisms-faq> for more information.

HELPING ROUGH SLEEPERS IN WINTER - NORTH TYNESIDE

During Winter, please note how you can 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 (All Masses said in private)
Saturday 16th January	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL)
Sunday 17th January 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 18th January	
Tuesday 19th January ST WULSTAN	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Ines Fox (PO)
Wednesday 20th January	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Michael Anderson (AA)
Thursday 21st January ST AGNES	IMMACULATE HEART 12.30pm Requiem Mass - Ursula Quinn
Friday 22nd January ST VINCENT, DEACON	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Bill & Mary Dynes (AW)
Saturday 23rd January	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Bill Devlin (M & C McA)
Sunday 24th January 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	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 Edward Vesey, Ines Fox, Henry Diamond, Margaret Ward, Michael Lafferty, Maria Kennedy, Ursula Quinn and Fr David Milburn. 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

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

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| 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. | 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. |
| 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. | 4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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.