

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 30TH & 31ST 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

When Moses promises his people that God would bring them a new prophet from amongst their own brothers, he says that '...to him you must listen'. God will put his words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him to. Jesus is this new Moses, the one promised by God and when he spoke, it was with authority. This was confirmed by his expelling from a man, something which was destroying his whole life. He was helpless against it. Jesus said firmly to him "Quiet! come out of him" and he was set free. When we are struggling with the cares of this world, we should rely on the most precious gifts we have – our faith and our trust in Jesus Christ. However difficult things may become, we know that there is one who stands alongside us who is strong. Who out of love for us, gives himself to guide us through.

Deacon Terry

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN – CHURCH CLOSURES

We were encouraged 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. 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 will 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

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 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 Baby Elena Constantina Manolopoulou-Skinner of Mason Avenue, Whitley Bay, born on 13 January at 22 weeks. A funeral service will be held at Whitley Bay Crematorium Chapel at 11.15am on 2 February, followed by interment. Attendance is limited to the immediate family. May she rest in peace. Amen.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to all those who continue to support the food bank. Over the past twelve months you have helped them to feed 7177 adults, 3421 children and 194 babies. They are particularly in need of tinned meat in gravy, (this includes tinned curry/chilli/meatballs), tinned spam/corned beef, packets of crisps and chocolate biscuits. Thank you.

THANKS FROM THE DEVEREUX FAMILY

Ralph Devereux wishes to pass on his thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, well wishes and cards he has received just recently – they mean a lot to him. Denise Devereux would also like to pass on her thanks to everyone who is thinking of him in his new environment.

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

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.

OTHER NOTICES

A NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Beginning on Tuesday 2nd February, Fr Stephen Watson (Lourdes Pilgrimage Director) will lead a novena for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February. Fr Stephen will lead us daily in a few minutes of prayer which can be accessed via the Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes Facebook page. Daily prayers will be shared at 8am and can be viewed at any time after that. You are invited to join in this time of prayer.

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.

THE NORTH EAST CATHOLIC WRITERS` GUILD LITERARY COMPETITION

The North East Catholic Writers` Guild are running a literary competition for schoolchildren – the theme is: "Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time". The composition must be a maximum of 20 lines and the lines don't have to rhyme. It is open to 8-10 year-olds and the deadline is 8th April 2021. Please include age, name, address and phone number and send to: Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers` Guild (NE), 51 Queen`s Crescent, Wallsend, NE28 8DW or e-mail: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com
Anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the Northern Cross is excluded from entering.

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.norhtynsidedecatholic.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 30th January	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Linda Russell (J & DJ)
Sunday 31st January 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 1st February	
Tuesday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Sr. M Bede - Johanna Crawley (J & DJ)
Wednesday 3rd February	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Deceased Members of the Lafferty & Derken Families
Thursday 4th February	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Joan Doran (JT)
Friday 5th February ST AGATHA	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Saturday 6th February ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Ursula Quinn (JT)
Sunday 7th February 5TH 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 Michael Lafferty, Maria Kennedy, Ursula Quinn, Fr David Milburn, Elena Constantina Manolopoulou-Skinner, Judith Margaret Hunter and Helen Reid of Penrith (formerly of Whitley Bay). 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

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| 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. | 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. |
| 3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' | |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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.