

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 27TH & 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

The Cycle of Prayer

Lent

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

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse.**

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

What a tragic situation! God asking Abraham to sacrifice his only son, which was his sole hope of continuing the family line. The Church links the story to the offering of God's only Son for the salvation of the human race on Good Friday, and, in preparation for what was to follow at Easter. We should reflect on this as we move through Lent. The disciples were getting more and more concerned about the safety of their Lord and didn't understand why he had to die. So, Jesus gives them a glimpse of what will follow in order to comfort them, but they didn't accept it and Peter even tried to prevent it. The voice from heaven is the same one that speaks at Jesus' Baptism 'This is my Son, listen to him'. As we trudge along through this Pandemic, waiting for the vaccine to roll out, we can take comfort in the thought that the bumps along the way will eventually end and we will learn to live with the virus in a new normality.

Deacon Terry

LENT 2021

Lent this year is different due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our parish churches remain closed for Mass and the other Sacraments until Holy Week. Lent still calls us to God's mercy, conversion, and repentance. We can still face ourselves in the light of Jesus and pray to change.

In your home, create a sacred space for Lent with a crucifix, a candle and your rosary and prayer book and missal. Gather yourself and family in the space to pray together, to be silent, to follow Mass online. If you have access to the internet, join other parishioners for 9.30am Mass each day (10.00am Sunday) on the Our Lady Star of the Sea Facebook group page. There will also be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer each afternoon at 4.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday, also available on the Parish Facebook page. The Journey of Faith group will be reflecting on the Stations of the Cross on Zoom during Lent.

The Diocese has produced some excellent Lent resources which are available from the Vicariate for Faith & Mission on the diocesan website. This prayer is taken from them and I encourage you to pray it every day during Lent.

A Daily Prayer for Missionary Discipleship

*Heavenly Father,
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ
rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers
to "Go and make disciples of all nations"
and you remind us that through our Baptism
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.
Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous
and enthusiastic in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that
the mission entrusted to the Church,
which is still very far from completion,
may find new and effective expressions
that bring life and light to the world.
Help us make it possible for all peoples*

*to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ON-LINE

Our first on-line Children's Liturgy took place on Sunday 21st February. We had 20 children in the session and they have told us they enjoyed it immensely. Our Liturgy Leaders are really looking forward to sharing the Gospel with the children again on the following Sundays from 10:55 ready for an 11:00 start;
Sunday 7th March, 3rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday 21st March, 5th Sunday of Lent
Sunday 28th March, Palm Sunday & Passion of the Lord
If you would like your child to join the sessions please contact us via email at 1holysacramentolss@gmail.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH THE JOURNEY OF FAITH GROUP

Every Tuesday in Lent the Journey of Faith meetings will start with two or three of the Stations of the Cross. Parishioners are welcome to join these. They will start at 7pm and last approximately 10 minutes. To join the meeting, click/use the Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86874306623?pwd=dDRBWml6QzJkWNVzIR2ZnFpV2dwdz09>
Should you need to log in, here are the details:
Meeting ID: 868 7430 6623 Passcode: 642187

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Nesbit of Seaton Crescent, Monkseaton, who died on 15 February aged 91 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, at 9.45am on 3 March, followed by interment at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Tom Cunningham who died on 24 February aged 89 years.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021 - REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

Due to COVID restrictions we are in the process of working closely with Mgr Andrew Faley and with the Diocese to explore the different options of how we might safely run the 2021 Sacramental Preparation Programme. **This would be open to all children who have been baptised Catholic and are currently in year 4 or above.** At this point we do not know how it will be delivered, however, we are mindful in our planning that everyone's safety will remain a high priority during these difficult times. **If you are interested in your child joining the 2021 programme please could you email your response back via the parish secure sacramental email account:**

1holycommunionolss@gmail.com before 1st March, confirming your name and contact details and your child's name, school and date of birth.

We will respond to all those who register an interest with the full details of the programme as soon as they are confirmed. Thank you - Derna, Fiona, Julia, Maria, Rebecca, and Sue - Parish Catechists.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 5TH MARCH 2021

(Formerly known as 'Woman's World Day of Prayer') This year the Service has been prepared by the Christian women of Vanuatu which in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, on the theme of 'Building a Strong Foundation'. With this in mind we are asked to have a small stone with us. As you will appreciate this cannot take place in the usual way. However, the people of St Paul's Church have recorded the Service using voices of representatives from many of the Churches here in Whitley Bay. This will be posted on **You Tube** on the morning of 5th March. As the Service would normally be at 2pm it is hoped that many of the people of Whitley Bay will choose that time to watch together so that we are able to feel more closely connected to our local Christian community. Details of how to donate to support the World Day of Prayer's charitable work and grant schemes around the world are included, or you can go to the WDP website:

<https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

This is the link for people to be able to join. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyibl_Tv5McqkfTczSktRwQ

ACCESS TO ON-LINE BULLETIN

If you would like to see the bulletin on-line, it is uploaded to www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk every Thursday afternoon by 3pm. Alternatively please contact the Parish Office if you would like to have it emailed out to you.

FOOD BANK

A huge thank you to everyone who has continued to donate to the food bank. Your efforts to come out in all weather really does make a difference. We continue to collect from Immaculate Heart Church every Monday from 10am to 12 Noon. This week we are looking for tinned pies, meatballs, biscuits and tinned or packet potatoes. Thank you.

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 (when the church is open). 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

DIOCESAN SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

Resources have been created to support you and your loved ones in this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic. We offer these prayers in solidarity and we want you to know that the Church community is praying with you and you are not alone. The resources are available via a link (at the bottom of the front page) on the Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk.

'**Resources for times of grieving and death**' includes; Prayers for loved ones we cannot visit in hospital, Prayers for someone who has recently died and Prayers for a loved one whose funeral you cannot attend.

'**Prayers for the sick and dying**' contains a collection of Catholic prayers to comfort you and your loved ones during difficult times of sickness and death. Mgr. Andrew Faley, Vicariate for Faith & Mission.

RESOURCES FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

With the changing COVID-19 landscape, the temptation may be not to plan too far ahead, but we know that we will eventually emerge from lockdown. The Vicariate for Faith & Mission has put together resources for Lent with the help of volunteers. These include **Daily Reflections booklets** written by gifted writers from across the diocese, and **Daily Reflective videos** expertly produced by YMT. The resources are now available on the Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edward)	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	(0191) 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntl.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 27th February	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am In Thanksgiving (JT) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Sunday 28th February 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 1st March St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	
Tuesday 2nd March	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Terry & Margaret Murphy (TM) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Wednesday 3rd March	ST EDWARD'S 9.45am Requiem Mass Mary Nesbit 4.00pm Holy Hour
Thursday 4th March	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Private Intention 4.00pm Holy Hour
Friday 5th March	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Mary & Jack Wardlaw (AF) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Saturday 6th March	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Sunday 7th March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	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, Ann Stroud and Layton Jay Newton who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Judith Margaret Hunter, Fr Bernard McCumiskey, Elena Constantina Manolopoulou-Skinner, Kathleen Bennett, Mary Nesbit and Fr Tom Cunningham. May they rest in peace. 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 or Fr Paul Jenkins, OCarm on 01670 712476.

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

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115(116):10,15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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| 1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. | 2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. |
| 3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | |

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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.