

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 13TH & 14TH FEBRUARY 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

At the moment we keep hearing; *Stay at home, Protect the NHS, Save lives*. This pandemic advice is similar to that given to those who had leprosy in Jesus' time. Whilst covid-19 is obviously not leprosy, the advice given is the same. Leprosy can now be cured yet it still has the capacity to strike fear into most people. Moses says skin diseases of this nature make a man 'unclean' and they have to *live apart from everyone* (sound familiar!). This is why the leper had to come to Jesus who then breaks all the rules, touches and cures him. Though we are isolated, lonely and missing our normal way of living, Jesus comes to us, touches us and sends us on our way just like he did to the leper. **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 the Government eases the lockdown. We cannot start Lent with blessed ash next Wednesday or gather to pray the Stations of the Cross as we have done in previous years. But 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. 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 group page. The Journey in Faith group will be reflecting on the Stations of the Cross on Zoom during Lent. Further information will be available soon.

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.

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, at weekend Masses and at times of private prayer (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

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.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to all those who continue to support the food bank. Our recent donation of £250 and your continued help has enabled them to feed 7177 adults, 3421 children and 194 babies. Just now they are particularly in need of tea bags, long life milk, hot dogs and custard. Thank you.

**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, Parish Priest, 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 if the programme will be delivered fully online or include some face to face sessions, 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:

1holycommunionlss@gmail.com before 24th February, 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.

OTHER NOTICES

FAMILY FAST DAY, FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Friday 26th February is a day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World (Family Fast Day). Envelopes are available from the Parish Office each Thursday from 11.30 to 3.30 if you would like to make a contribution.

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 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 will include **Daily Reflections booklets** written by gifted writers from across the diocese, and **Daily Reflective videos** expertly produced by YMT. The resources will be available soon on the Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk.

ST CUTHBERT'S CARE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness throughout the pandemic - it has been truly heart-warming. Parish support makes all the difference, allowing us to go that extra mile in ensuring we provide outstanding care and peace of mind to families and loved ones. If you are able to do so, please may I ask that you consider supporting our work once more. Please visit <http://www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk/> to find out more or to make a donation. Thank you. My very best wishes, Moira Ashman Chief Executive St Cuthbert's Care.

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@ntl.org.uk	(0191) 6432080

Cluster Website www.norhtynsidescatholic.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 13th February	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL)
Sunday 14th February 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 15th February	
Tuesday 16th February	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Helen Fung (SF)
Wednesday 17th February ASH WEDNESDAY	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Valerie Gibson (J & MC) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Thursday 18th February	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Sarah Lloyd (P & GR) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Friday 19th February	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am In Thanksgiving (P & GR) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Saturday 20th February	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Marie Horsburgh (LL) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Sunday 21st February 1ST 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 and Ann Stroud who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Maria Kennedy, Ursula Quinn, Fr David Milburn, Judith Margaret Hunter, Elena Constantina Manolopoulou-Skinner, Fr Bernard McCumiskey, Helen Reid of Penrith (formerly of Whitley Bay) and Kathleen Bennett. 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

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

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| 1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. | 2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. |
| 3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. | |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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.