

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 6TH & 7TH MARCH 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

The Ten Commandments are ancient laws that on first reading sound like restrictions but, when you think about them, show us ways to set ourselves free. They release us from getting too wound up with what is happening around us. The commandments are ancient, God given pointers to real freedom and cleansing. The gospel recalls a time when Jesus did some spring-cleaning in the temple but John and the disciples remembered it as the fulfilment of prophecy that the Messiah would purify the temple. Many of us have mentioned in our prayers for the Lord to rid the world of this pandemic and now there is light at the end of a long tunnel. Unfortunately we will have to live with facemasks a little longer.

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 with a crucifix, a candle and your rosary, prayer books. Gather your family in the space to pray, to be silent, to follow Mass online. If you have 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 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 1holycommunionolss@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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86874306623?pwd=dDRBWml6QzJjcWNvZlR2ZnFpV2dwdz09)

[pwd=dDRBWml6QzJjcWNvZlR2ZnFpV2dwdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86874306623?pwd=dDRBWml6QzJjcWNvZlR2ZnFpV2dwdz09)

Should you need to log in, here are the details:
Meeting ID: 868 7430 6623 Passcode: 642187

FR TOM CUNNINGHAM—FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Tom Cunningham who died on 24 February aged 89 years. A Mass of Reception will be celebrated at 7.00pm on 16 March at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by Requiem Mass at 12 Noon on 17 March, and burial in Earsdon Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen. Places are restricted to 30 at each Mass and can be reserved by phoning 07340169249 on 15 March 10.00am -12.00 Noon and 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Many thanks.

AN INVITATION to Prayer Reflection Silence and stillness

Come meander, saunter, walk with us during Lent. A small group of parishioners are setting up a Zoom Meeting to be still, read, reflect and prayer. The sessions will take place each Monday during Lent at 3.55pm for a prompt start at 4pm through to 5pm. If you are interested in joining us please send an email to ryan_blakey@hotmail.co.uk and an email with zoom meeting link will be forwarded to you. We look forward to hearing from you.

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 fish (tuna etc), jam or savoury spread, tinned meat in gravy/chilli/curry/stew etc. and toothpaste. 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

LAYTON JAY NEWTON - GRATEFUL THANKS

Layton's family thank everyone for their prayers. Layton is only 4 years old and is making a successful recovery following recent surgery. God bless.

THANK YOU FROM WATERAID

WaterAid thanks the Parish for the generous donation of £300 which was made recently. This means the charity actually received £600 as the government is doubling any donations received.

OTHER NOTICES

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.

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.

VICARIATE FOR FAITH & MISSION

On behalf of the Maryvale Institute, Faith & Mission would like to invite you to participate in the **Exploring the Directory for Catechesis Conference 2021**. For more info please visit: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/conference-2021.html> or contact marketing@maryvale.ac.uk. You can register for this conference at: <https://bit.ly/2Z2KqIX> There is no cost to register and attend all sessions of the conference, although we would encourage delegates to consider a donation of £5 or £10 or more towards scholarships for those enrolling on Maryvale Institute's adult formation courses, to help support and train the catechists of the future.

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.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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| 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 | |
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| DAY & DATE | CHURCH (All Masses said in private) |
| 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 |
| Monday 8th March | |
| Tuesday 9th March | ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Alf Louvre (LL) 4.00pm Holy Hour |
| Wednesday 10th March | ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Jayne Storey (MS & D) 4.00pm Holy Hour |
| Thursday 11th March | ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Kathleen Bennet (MS) 4.00pm Holy Hour |
| Friday 12th March | ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Mary & Peter Nesbit 4.00pm Holy Hour |
| Saturday 13th March | ST EDWARD'S 9.30am A Sick Daughter 4.00pm Holy Hour |
| Sunday 14th March 4TH 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 Fr Ronnie Richmond 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 God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our lord, *at the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. 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

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18(19):8-11

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

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| 1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. | 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. |
| 3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. | 4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in 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.