

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, LAETARE & MOTHERING SUNDAY: YEAR B, 13TH & 14TH 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

In the current situation we have all felt isolated. Separated from our friends and relatives, from the lives we used to enjoy. It was like this for the Israelites when they were exiled to Babylon. Other factors and ways of living ruled over them. Though they stumbled many times their belief in God remained. They believed in the promises made to Noah, in the trust which Abraham had and in the commands given to Moses to keep Israel faithful. Their trust was rewarded when, renewed, they were allowed back to the Holy City. Being cut off is like living in the dark. The Gospel expresses the hope that if we believe that God loves us we will emerge from this darkness. Lent gives us the opportunity to think again about our faith, to restore it and allow God to bring out the best in us. When these restrictions are over, we shall not be the same. We will have come through darkness and back into the light and be the stronger for it.

Deacon Terry

HOLY WEEK 2021

This year Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum will be celebrated in open churches. However, Covid-19 restrictions will remain in place including the capacity of St Edward's at 60, the wearing of face coverings, social distancing, stewarding, hand cleansing and a one-way system or entry and exit.

I am grateful to parishioners who have discussed with me the best way to adjust our celebrations to comply with the current lock-down. The following timetable has been approved for this Holy Week.

Palm Sunday: 10.00am Mass with the Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. Good Friday: 10.00am Stations of the Cross and 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. Holy Saturday: 7.30pm Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday: 10.00am Mass of Easter Day. Mgr Andrew.

Places during Holy Week must be reserved by phone on **07340 169249**. For Palm Sunday please call on 25 March between 10.00am - 12 Noon, 2.00pm - 4.00pm and 6.00pm - 8.00pm. For Maundy Thursday please call on 29 March between 10.00am - 12 Noon, 2.00pm - 4.00pm and 6.00pm - 8.00pm. For Good Friday please call on 30 March between 10.00am - 12 Noon, 2.00pm - 4.00pm and 6.00pm - 8.00pm. For the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday please call on 31 March between 10.00am - 12 Noon, 2.00pm - 4.00pm and 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

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 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

Each 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=dDRBWml6QzJjcWVnZlR2ZnFpV2dwdz09>

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. Both Masses will be live-streamed via the Our Lady Star of the Sea Group Page on Face Book. Places are restricted to 30 at each Mass and can be reserved by phoning **07340 169249** on 15 March, 10.00am - 12 Noon and 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Many thanks.

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 soup, long life milk, toilet rolls and Easter eggs. Thank you.

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.

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS

These small booklets contain short meditations for each day of the year. You can pick one up from Immaculate Heart Church on Monday morning when the church is open for Food Bank donations.

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.

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 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
Monday 15th March	
Tuesday 16th March	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Alfred Hodson (EH) 4.00pm Holy Hour IMMACULATE HEART 7.00pm Mass of Reception Fr. Tom Cunningham
Wednesday 17th March St Patrick, Apostle of Ireland	IMMACULATE HEART 12 Noon Requiem Mass Fr. Tom Cunningham ST EDWARD'S 4.00pm Holy Hour
Thursday 18th March	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Mary Coyle (M&C McA) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Friday 19th March ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Joan Mildred Leeder & John William Styles (EF) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Saturday 20th March St Cuthbert Bp, Patron of the Diocese	ST EDWARD'S 9.30am Steve Wedderburn (LD) 4.00pm Holy Hour
Sunday 21st March 5TH 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 Kathleen Bennett, Mary Nesbit, Fr Tom Cunningham and Fr Ronnie Richmond. 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

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 136(137):1-6

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

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| 1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. | 2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' |
| 3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! | 4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! |

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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.