

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 20TH & 21ST 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 last covenant with Israel had been broken and resulted in the exile, but God does not give up and proposes a completely new approach which is based on individual commitment, to be written on their hearts. This is 'the covenant in my blood for the forgiveness of sin' which Jesus refers to at the Last Supper. Jesus is informed that some Gentiles would like to speak with him and this prompts him to explain what his forthcoming mission will be. It is not a pleasant one. Real fear surfaces within him and he thinks of asking for deliverance but realises that this is the reason he was sent. In our lives we may have to go through difficult periods whether it be illness, loss or something else and we can hear ourselves saying 'Why me?' Like Jesus we should look at the bigger picture and trust that God is with us at all times whatever happens and all will be fine in the end.

**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 for 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 second on-line Children's Liturgy took place on Sunday 7th March attended by 22 children. We've had some great feedback and we are looking forward to sharing the Gospel with the children again this Sunday 21st March from 10:50 ready for an 11:00 start.

There is one more session planned for this term on Sunday 28th March which is 'Palm Sunday'. If you would like your child to join our future sessions please contact us via email at [1holycommunionolss@gmail.com](mailto: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=dDRBWml6QzJjcWNvZIR2ZnFpV2dwdz09>

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

**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 pray. 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](mailto:ryan_blakey@hotmail.co.uk) and an email with zoom meeting link will be forwarded to you. We look forward to hearing from 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 meat in gravy/chilli/curry/stew etc. Hot dogs, tinned custard, Easter eggs. Thank you.

## **HOLY PLACES COLLECTION**

A special collection will be taken on Sunday 28th March for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

## **ACCESS TO ON-LINE BULLETIN**

If you would like to see the bulletin on-line, it is uploaded to [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://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.

## **SHARE AND PRAY**

Alistair Hain would like to invite parishioners to a half hour session of sharing and prayer every Monday evening, 7pm to 7.30pm, on Zoom. Each week a piece of scripture is looked at and linked with a poem which is relevant and everyone can share how it links to faith and spirituality, This is finished with 15 minutes of meditative prayer based on the reading.

Details are: Meeting ID: 740 4052 1010, Passcode: 9V4XHY  
Please email [alistairhain@gmail.com](mailto:alistairhain@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **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**

### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

## **LAUDATO SI' GARDENING GROUP**

A small group has been established in the diocese to reflect on Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Si' and consider practical ways in which we can use our land assets for the common good. The group is meeting monthly (via zoom at the moment) and sharing ideas and plans on how we can use our home and Church gardens to help restore nature by encouraging wildlife and improving biodiversity. As spring arrives we hope to be able to start working in our gardens and possibly visit Minsteracres when lockdown is lifted. More information from Clare Myers at [clare.myersmyers@btinternet.com](mailto:clare.myersmyers@btinternet.com)

### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

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|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edward) | <a href="mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com">stedwardsne26@btconnect.com</a>           | (0191) 2528021 |
| Star of the Sea Primary School      | <a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk</a> | (0191) 6432080 |

**Cluster Website** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://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](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com) or telephone 0191 2527066.

Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 4.00pm on Wednesday.

| <b>MASSES &amp; OTHER SERVICES</b>  |   |
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| <b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>   | <b>CHURCH<br/>(All Masses said in private)</b>  |
| Saturday 20th March<br><b>St Cuthbert, Bishop<br/>Patron of the Diocese</b> | <b>ST EDWARD'S</b><br>9.30am Steve Wedderburn (LD)<br>4.00pm Holy Hour                |
| Sunday 21st March<br><b>5TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                              | <b>ST EDWARD'S</b><br>10.00am People of the Parish                                    |
| Monday 22nd March   |   |
| Tuesday 23rd March  | <b>ST EDWARD'S</b><br><b>9.30am No Mass</b><br>4.00pm Holy Hour                       |
| Wednesday 24th March  | <b>ST EDWARD'S</b><br>9.30am Hodson & Harwood<br>Families (EH)<br>4.00pm Holy Hour    |
| Thursday 25th March<br><b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE<br/>LORD</b>              | <b>ST EDWARD'S</b><br>9.30am John McLoughlin (P & GR)<br>4.00pm Holy Hour             |
| Friday 26th March   | <b>ST EDWARD'S</b><br>9.30am The Holy Souls (J & MR)<br>4.00pm Holy Hour              |
| Saturday 27th March   | <b>ST EDWARD'S</b><br>9.30am In Thanksgiving for<br>Ida Rose (JF)<br>4.00pm Holy Hour |
| Sunday 28th March<br><b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE<br/>PASSION OF THE LORD</b>      | <b>ST EDWARD'S</b><br>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, Fr Ronnie Richmond and Fr Wilfred Elkin. 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**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15**

*A pure heart create for me, O God.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
3. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you.

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**Gospel**

**John 12:20-33**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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.