

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER), YEAR B, 10TH & 11TH APRIL 2021

The Cycle of Prayer

Eastertide

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

During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.**

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

As we gather each week to celebrate the memory of Jesus, we help each other by our very presence together. We believe as one and this faith gives us a sense of belonging to a larger community. In today's Gospel the disciples are in fear, the recent violence against Jesus has made them security conscious. They lock themselves away in a safe house. Although Thomas is part of the group, he is not with them when Jesus appears bringing a greeting of peace. Their response to his presence is joyful. Thomas doubts the word of his friends and so Jesus appears again and this time Thomas is with them. Jesus then singles him out and shows him the wounds made by the crucifixion. Thomas is then the first of the disciples to declare Jesus as 'My Lord and my God'. When we allow the Spirit of God to pray in us it allows us similarly to proclaim that Jesus is Lord.

Deacon Terry

EASTER BLESSINGS & THANKS

Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to thank those who work so generously across the Parish in so many ways.

We give thanks for all the support and care we give and receive from one another. Christian Hope gives direction for our lives, for our patience with each other, and for us to see the gift in each other beyond our weakness.

Thanks for all your support and prayers. I wish you and your families and friends continuing blessings and prayers for Easter. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Mgr Andrew.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER — 17/18 APRIL

Places for next Sunday's Masses must be reserved by telephoning **07340 169249**. Please call on Thursday only at 10.00am - 12.00 Noon or 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Many thanks.

FOOD BANK

Thank you for all your donations over the last few months, it is very much appreciated. This week it would be great if we could have any of the following: tinned pies, meatballs, tinned fruit, long life milk, baby food, detergent or anything else you would like to donate. Thank you. Hope you all had a happy and a Holy Easter.

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.

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.

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 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

WHITLEY BAY STREET PASTORS ARE RECRUITING TRAINING STARTS ON 24TH APRIL

If you are a Christian and feel called to the Street Pastor Ministry we are now recruiting for Street Pastors to patrol in Whitley Bay & Tynemouth.

- Core Patrols are Saturday nights, 10.00pm to 3.00am in Whitley Bay & Tynemouth.
- One patrol per month (approx. 7 hours per month) is the requirement.
- For an application form and more information contact: Chris Lincoln – 07549 015896 or Email whitleybay@streetpastors.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.

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

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.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Minsteracres invite you to join them online via Zoom for a weekend of prayer, reflection and fellowship. This retreat will start on Friday 16th April at 7.00pm and ends on Sunday 18th April at 12.30pm. Further details on how to join the retreat using Zoom will be sent to you once you have booked and paid for a place online. For information and bookings visit www.minsteracres.org.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH: -

If you are unable to collect your paper at Mass you can now get it delivered direct to your home every week Post free (It's quick and simple). Just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call us on 0161 820 5722 and we will arrange delivery for you.

SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS: £25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months: £99.00

DIGITAL COPY 12 Months: £55.00

OR DIGITAL COPY AND HARD COPY FOR: - £115.00

All papers are Covid safe and packed in a sterile component.

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.norhtynsidecatholic.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	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Easter Saturday 10th April	9.30am The Recently Deceased 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 11th April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 12th April	
Tuesday 13th April	9.30am Tom Clapperton (ME & EW)
Wednesday 14th April	9.30am (Private Mass) Bob & Helen Thompson (MT)
Thursday 15th April	9.30am Geoff Welton (EW)
Friday 16th April ST BERNADETTE	9.30am (Private Mass) Alan Connors-Fowler (AT)
Saturday 17th April	9.30am Antonio Gonzalez (J & DJ) 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 18th April 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am Norman & Claire Campbell & Son Norman (ME)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 10th April (During Mass) (Father Andrew)	Reya Robin Whillis
Sunday 11th April 12 Noon (Deacon Terry)	Austin David Trebble

Please remember in your prayers:

Nicola Burns, Marie Rooney, Mary Woodman, Julie Stobbs, Clifford Browne, Christopher Browne, David Johnson, Ann Stroud, Kathryn Newton-Henderson, Agnes Conway and Edith Hodson who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Fr Wilfred Elkin, Tom Clapperton and Anne Allen. 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 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

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

***Response:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

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| 1. Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let the sons of Aaron say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love has no end.’ | 2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. |
| 3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. | |

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’ Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. 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.