

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 8TH & 9TH MAY 2021**

The Year of St Joseph, Father of the Church.

**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**

God had told St Peter not to reject anything he has created in love by following outdated practices, so Peter's mind was open when Cornelius, who was a pagan centurion, approached and he was ready to accept him. Peter says to him '... anyone who fears (knows) God and does what is right is acceptable'. The story of Cornelius being given the Holy Spirit and baptised by St Peter is a great comfort to all of us. As the Holy Spirit came upon him he was transformed. In the gospel, Jesus makes it clear that we are his friends, not his servants. It is a friendship that commissions us to go out and bear fruit. What does this mean? It encourages us to live our lives in faith with Jesus at our side and to show this to others in a quiet but determined way.

**Deacon Terry**

**A MARATHON OF PRAYER – MAY 2021**

Pope Francis has invited Catholics and 30 Marian Shrines around the world, including Walsingham, to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 Pandemic. At the heart of the Holy Father's wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a marathon of prayer with the theme "From the whole Church the prayer to God went up incessantly" (Acts 12:5). This involves families and individuals praying the Rosary to invoke the end of the Pandemic. Read more about the Marathon of Prayer on the diocesan website.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**FOOD BANK**

The food bank are always grateful for any donations you would care to make. Collections continue every Monday at Immaculate Heart Church from 10am to 12 Noon. This week sugar, biscuits, tinned meat/curry/ stew, and baby food would be very well received. Thank you.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Agnes Conway of the Kingfisher Care Home, North Shields, who died on 26 April aged 93 years. Reception and Vigil of Prayer will take place at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay at 4.00pm on 10 May. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 11 May, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. Attendance is limited to 30 due to Covid-19 regulations. May she rest in peace. Amen.

- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Hetherington of Coquet Street, Jarrow, who died on 26 April aged 69 years. A Mass of Reception will take place at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay at 6.00pm on 11 May. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 12 May. Interment will be at Hollywood Cemetery, Gosforth. Attendance is limited to 30 due to Covid-19 regulations. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Jones of Castle View Care Home, Alnwick, who died on 26 April aged 79 years. Reception and Vigil of Prayer will take place at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay at 4.00pm on 13 May. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 14 May, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. Attendance is limited to 30 due to Covid-19 regulations. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**LIVE STREAMED FUNERAL MASSES**

The Requiem Mass for Agnes Conway will be live streamed on 11 May at 10.00am. It can be accessed by using the link: <https://watchlive.ddmedia.group/DD-5GK64N>. The 6.00pm Mass of Reception and the 11.00am Requiem Mass for Michael Hetherington will be live streamed. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84859629557?> Password: clpISTFFOXR5djcreUVLRLWRLRTFxQT09. Meeting ID: 848 5962 9557 Passcode: may11. Live streaming will begin 15 minutes before both Masses.

**IMMACULATE HEART MISSION BOXES**

If you would like your box emptied, and if you are able, please leave it in the Narthex of Immaculate Heart Church on Monday morning between 10am and Mid-day, or ring 0191 2529569 for collection. Many thanks.

### **ST EDWARD'S – EXTERNAL RENOVATION**

The external renovation of St Edward's Church started 4 May and will last for one month. The Property Department of the Diocese will oversee the project and have sent a letter of explanation to the residents of Coquet Avenue and Holly Avenue. The work is for the upkeep of the building and is overdue. The cost is £35,000.00 and will be paid from the Parish deposit account. The work can be done due to the generosity of parishioners over the years and especially to those who gave a legacy to the Parish. Please think about donating an amount to the Parish in your Will. Mgr Andrew.

### **RED BOX COLLECTION**

In 2020, £1,804.42 was collected from the generous parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea via donations from the red box collection. The Mill Hill Missionaries send their grateful thanks in what has been a difficult time for all due to Covid19. If you hold a red box and you would like it to be emptied please contact Liz Hickey on 0191 2525989 or Mary Nugent on 0191 2533815). Many thanks, Liz Hickey.

### **READER'S ROTA - MAY 2021**

DAY	DATE	TIME	READER
Saturday	8 May	6pm	Liz Louvre
Sunday	9 May	10am	Deidre James
Saturday	15 May	6pm	Joe James
Sunday	16 May	10am	Ryan Blakey
Saturday	22 May	6pm	Pauline Keavey
Sunday	23 May	10am	
Saturday	29 May	6pm	Carolyn Duffy
Sunday	30 May	10am	Gerry Rafferty

Readers, please note that you must reserve a place for the Mass you are reading at by telephoning **07340 169249**. Please call on a Thursday only between 10.00am - 12 Noon or 6.00pm - 8.00pm. If you would like to be added to the Rota please contact me, Liz Louvre, 07411046075, to give me your details and which Mass you would like to read at.

### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

If anyone wishes to have a name placed in the Book of Remembrance, please fill in a form next to the book in the blue box and it will be added in due course.

### **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

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

We want to say thank you to all the parish for their love and prayers offered when Tom died. A special thank you to Monsignor Andrew and Deacon Terry for the very prayerful Reception into Church of Tom's Coffin. We felt he was in the right place with the Lord. Thanks to technology, the Funeral Mass was watched round the world by family. Monsignor Andrew knew Tom really well and The Mass was so special. We gave him to the Lord. Sheila Clapperton and family.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **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 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.

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edward) [stedwardsne26@btconnect.com](mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com) (0191) 2528021  
Star of the Sea Primary School [starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk) (0191) 6432080

**Cluster Website** [www.northyntesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northyntesidecatholic.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.

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 8th May	9.30am Tom Clapperton (Sr. M F) 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 9th May <b>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am Darren Nugent (MN)
Monday 10th May	4.00pm Reception & Vigil of Prayer Agnes Conway
Tuesday 11th May	10.00am Requiem Mass Agnes Conway 6.00pm Mass of Reception Michael Hetherington
Wednesday 12th May	11.00am Requiem Mass Michael Hetherington 6.00pm Vigil Mass: The Ascension of the Lord People of the Parish
Thursday 13th May <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	9.30am Fr. Tom Cunningham (JP) 4.00pm Reception & Vigil of Prayer Margaret Jones
Friday 14th May <b>ST MATTHIAS</b>	10.00am Requiem Mass Margaret Jones
Saturday 15th May	9.30am Julia Judge (J & MC) 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 16th May <b>7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am A Sick Daughter

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Nicola Burns, Mary Woodman, Julie Stobbs, Clifford Browne, Christopher Browne, David Johnson, Ann Stroud and Kathryn Newton-Henderson who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died recently, especially Tom Clapperton, Anne Allen, Edith Hodson, Canon Michael McCoy, Maureen Talbot, Agnes Conway, Michael Hetherington and Margaret Jones. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**G**lory 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**

Canon 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**  
**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 8TH & 9TH MAY 2021**

**First Reading**

**Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 97(98):1-4**

*Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

**Second Reading**

**1 John 4:7-10**

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'  
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.