

**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 15TH & 16TH 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**

We may not be at our best at the moment, emerging from a difficult year, but in the gospel Christ prays for us. He prays for us in every situation we find ourselves in, not to take us away from what we are experiencing but to assure us that he is with us. Today is World Communications day and we can take comfort from the words of Pope Francis "in a time that obliges us to social distance due to the pandemic, communication can enable the closeness that is necessary to recognise what is essential, and to truly understand the meaning of things" We can use many types of social media to socialise with our friends both now and after the pandemic. Very soon things will be relaxed and we will be in a new normality with Christ at our side.

**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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

- ◆ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Pratt formerly of Meadowfield, West Monkseaton, who died on 10 May aged 92 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart Church, Monkseaton, at 2.00pm on 21 May, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. Attendance has been increased to the capacity of the church in line with Covid regulations. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**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

**ST EDWARD'S – EXTERNAL RENOVATION**

The external renovation of St Edward's Church started on the 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.

**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, suggestions are savoury snacks - crisps etc, tinned custard, hot dogs and soup please. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021**

Our parish children are to begin preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Sessions will be held at 5.00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Monkseaton on 17th May, 24th May, 14th June & 21st June. The First Holy Communion Masses will take place over two Saturdays, 26th June and 3rd July. Our catechist team are looking forward to meeting them and helping to guide them on their journey of faith. The catechist team and Mgr Andrew are also meeting with the children's parents and carers on Zoom. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers. If anyone has any queries please get in touch with us via [1holycommunionolss@gmail.com](mailto:1holycommunionolss@gmail.com).

## READER'S ROTA - MAY 2021

DAY	DATE	TIME	READER
Saturday	15 May	6pm	Freda Jack
Sunday	16 May	10am	Ryan Blakey
Saturday	22 May	6pm	Pauline Keavey
Sunday	23 May	10am	Joe James
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.

### 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.

### PARISH WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group will restart on Tuesday 1st June. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 10am for a 6 mile local walk to and from Church. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

### 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 invites parishioners to a half hour 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 relevant poem. 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).

#### FAITH WITNESS AGAINST HASSOCKFIELD IMMIGRATION REMOVAL CENTRE

In October, the UK Government plans to open an Immigration Removal Centre at Hassockfield at the former Medomsley Detention Centre in County Durham. This will hold 80 women seeking asylum in the UK. The proposal is unjust and incompatible with our belief in the dignity of every person. The women are not criminals and have the right to safety, respect and compassion. An interfaith prayer service will take place on 23 May at 3.00pm in places of worship as part of a united faith response. You are invited to join the prayer via the Youth Ministry Team at Facebook@youthministryteam. Further details from the diocesan Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council: [philipwatson83@outlook.com](mailto:philipwatson83@outlook.com).

### 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.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.

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
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
Monday 17th May	
Tuesday 18th May	9.30am Edith Hodson (JT)
Wednesday 19th May <b>ST DUNSTAN</b>	9.30am (Private Mass) Fr. Michael McCoy (Sr. M Francis)
Thursday 20th May <b>ST BERNADINE OF SIENA</b>	9.30am Harry Purdy (CW)
Friday 21st May <b>ST GODRIC OF FINCHALE</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart Church</b> 2.00pm Requiem Mass: Jim Pratt
Saturday 22nd May	9.30am Agnes Conway (J & DJ) 6pm Edith Hodson (TB)
Sunday 23rd May <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 23rd May 12 Noon (Deacon Terry)	David & Darcy & Grayson Molloy

**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, Margaret Jones and Jim Pratt. 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**  
**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 15TH & 16TH MAY 2021**

**First Reading**

**Acts 1:15-17,20-26**

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. ‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’ Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20**

*Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.*

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| 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord<br>all my being, bless his holy name.<br>My soul, give thanks to the Lord<br>and never forget all his blessings.               | 2. For as the heavens are high above the earth<br>so strong is his love for those who fear him.<br>As far as the east is from the west<br>so far does he remove our sins. |
| 3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven<br>and his kingdom is ruling over all.<br>Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,<br>mighty in power, fulfilling his word. |   |

**Second Reading**

**1 John 4:11-16**

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 17:11-19**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

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.