

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 24TH & 25TH JULY 2021

The Year of St Joseph, Father of the Church.

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

During Ordinary Time (Summer) we are asked to pray for these intentions: **A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.**

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The gospel of John prefers to call the things that Jesus did as signs rather than miracles. A sign is something that points to something else. Jesus feeds the people and they understand something wonderful has happened because he fed them with such a small amount. What they didn't perceive was the sign that it pointed to which was that it is Jesus himself who is the bread of life. When the servant came to Elisha with some food he was told to give it to the people. The servant protested saying there was not enough but Elisha persisted and there was ample because it was from God. The Eucharist is our food for life, anyone who participates in a prayerful way never goes away unsatisfied as it is also food from God.

Deacon Terry

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE - POST-19 JULY – STEP 4 GUIDANCE

I have taken both Clergy and Lay advice and due to the very high infection rates across all areas of the Diocese, I ask you to retain all of the COVID control measures and cleaning protocols that you are currently following in all our churches and church halls until at least the end of August 2021. (Bishop Robert Byrne, CO, 18 July 2021)

For everyone's safety when attending Mass at St Edward's, please continue to wear face coverings, sanitise hands when entering and leaving the church, follow the directions of the stewards for seating and the one-way system around the building, remembering to keep social distancing. Many thanks.

During the pandemic our stewards have made it possible for us to gather for Mass and the other Sacraments and funerals and have cleaned and sanitised our churches. They will continue to provide this ministry of welcome for the foreseeable future. We thank them and offer them our continuing prayers.

BAPTISED - RECEIVED - CONFIRMED - HOLY COMMUNION

Our congratulations and prayers go to Kerry Dunn and Megan Furness who were baptised, and Carolyn Butler, Michael Reay and Paul Jameson who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church and received Holy Communion last weekend. Each received a hand-carved olive wood holding cross from Bethlehem as a gift from the Parish.

WEEKEND MASSES

Places for Saturday's Vigil and Sunday Mass 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS - 2021

The postponed First Holy Communion Masses were celebrated on Saturday 24th July at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton. The children received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Monsignor Andrew and the Catechists helped them take this important step in their journey of faith. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

PARISH DONATIONS

A big thank you for all your generous donations, which are greatly appreciated. Should you wish to transfer to standing order or bank transfer, the Parish bank details are:
Name: Our Lady Star of the Sea **Bank:** HSBC
Sort Code 40-34-45 **Account Number** 21157523.
If you wish to remember the Parish in your Will, further information is available from the Parish Office.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Martin McGann, eldest son of Deacon Terry and Christine McGann, who died on 19 July aged 37 years. May he rest in peace. Amen.

MGR ANDREW – HIP REPLACEMENT – 29 JULY

Mgr Andrew will be in hospital this coming Thursday for a hip replacement and will then convalesce for several weeks in St Edward's Presbytery. We welcome Fr Noel Colahan, Fr Peter Martin and Fr Peter Carr who will celebrate the Sunday Masses for the next few weeks. There will be no weekday Mass until further notice. A service of Word & Communion will be held on Thursdays at 9.30am at St Edward's Church. If a priest is needed urgently, please phone Canon Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770, or Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, or Fr John McElhone 0191 2623820, or Fr David Smith 0191 2623882. Mgr Andrew is grateful for your prayers and support.

READER'S ROTA - JULY 2021

DAY	DATE	TIME	READER
Saturday	24 July	6pm	Carolyn Duffy
Sunday	25 July	10am	Freda Jack
Saturday	31 July	6pm	Joan Tulip
Sunday	01 August	10am	Gerry Rafferty

Readers, please note that you must reserve a place for the Mass you are reading at by telephoning **07340 169249** on a Thursday between 10.00am - 12.00 Noon or 6.00pm - 8.00pm. If you would like to be added to the Rota please contact Liz Louvre on 07411046075, to give your details and which Mass you would like to read at.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 5 August. The walk will be lead by Helen Young. Please meet at West Monkseaton Metro Station to catch the 9.36 metro to North Shields (Helen will get on the metro at Monkseaton). From North Shields we walk to the Ferry Landing to catch the 10 o'clock boat to South Shields and from there the metro to Hebburn. We will walk the south side of the Tyne to Gateshead Quayside returning home from there. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill 0191 2512917.

STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Star Of the Sea Catholic primary school has places available for September. For all enquiries please contact the school office on 0191 6432080 or email starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk

FOOD BANK

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is open on Mondays from 10.00am - 12.00 Mid-day for Food Bank donations. This week we would be grateful for tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, jam or savoury spread, hot dogs and custard. Thank you.

WEEDING AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

If you could give one hour of your time on Wednesday 28th July at 10am you could make a huge difference in smartening up the church surroundings. If you have a few favourite gardening tools why not bring them along and lend a hand?

SEA SUNDAY COLLECTION

We thank you for the generous donation of £370.96 received from the collection held on the 11th July. The money will be well used to support Seamen visiting our local ports.

OTHER NOTICES

ONGOING FAITH WITNESS AGAINST HASSOCKFIELD

In October, the Home Office plans to open an Immigration Removal Centre at Hassockfield on the site of the former Medomsley Detention Centre. This will be for 80 women seeking asylum in the UK. The proposal is inhumane, unjust and incompatible with our faith which calls us to recognise the intrinsic dignity of each person. These women are people like ourselves who have the right to a place of safety and to be treated with respect and compassion. **A monthly prayer vigil will be held at the barrier to Hassockfield on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm starting on Sunday 1st August.** This will last for about 30 minutes and will incorporate a time of silent witness. Please support this with your prayer and, if at all possible, come along. For further information, please contact lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – Thank You

The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank everyone for supporting the recent Diocesan Church Collection in aid of St Joseph's Home (Newcastle). We are extremely grateful for the kindness shown to us. We ask God to bless and reward you and your families for all you have done to help us continue the work of Jeanne Jugan in caring for our elderly residents. Assuring you of our grateful prayers. Mother Deirdre and The Community.

LOURDES

As the Diocese is unable to travel to Lourdes this year, there will be a 'Virtual Pilgrimage', providing opportunities for our Pilgrimage Family to join together in prayer and worship over the course of a week which starts on 31st July with a day at Ushaw. Unfortunately, numbers are restricted and places do need to be booked in advance. Following our opening day of reflection at Ushaw, all other Masses and services will be streamed via YouTube or Facebook. During the week there will be a Service of Healing and a Bereavement Service. You can access the links to the services via the Pilgrimage website: www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or searching YouTube for [HN-Lourdes Hospitalite](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN-1LourdesHospitalite).

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 24th July THE MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 10.00am First Holy Communion Mass 12 Noon First Holy Communion Mass ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 25th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am The Forgotten Souls (LD)
Monday 26th July SS JOACHIM & ANNE PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	No Mass
Tuesday 27th July	9.30am (Private Mass) Juana Boada (JH)
Wednesday 28th July	9.30am (Private Mass) Pat & John Maguire & Deceased family and friends
Thursday 29th July	9.30am Word & Communion
Friday 30th July	No Mass
Saturday 31st July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA	6pm Paul & Peter Whalen (PW)
Sunday 1st August 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 25th July 12 Noon	Mary Eoife Gibbins
Sunday 1st August 12 Noon	Jesse Keenen Price

Please remember in your prayers:

Nicola Burns, Mary Woodman, Julie Stobbs, Clifford Browne, Christopher Browne, David Johnson, Kathryn Newton-Henderson, Ann Stroud and Eileen Scott who are ill. Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died recently, especially, Lavinia Anderson, Lilian Morris, Patricia Rumney & Martin McGann. 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

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
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First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

We say the Psalm together

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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.