

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 21ST & 22ND AUGUST 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

In the face of a challenge to your understanding or faith, whom do you trust? In our first reading Joshua challenges Israel with this question, and the people choose to remain faithful to God. St Paul's letter to the Ephesians speaks of the absolute trust and commitment needed in matrimony, and invites spouses to take as their model Christ's total sacrifice of himself for the sake of the Church. In our Gospel reading Jesus challenges his disciples to leave him or stay faithful. Some abandon him, but the Twelve see that fidelity is the only option. In matrimony we commit our total welfare into the care of another. Like marriage, committing to God is a gamble; we have no idea what it is going to cost us. But unlike the big prize competitions advertised on TV, committing ourselves to God is a sure-fire winner. The prize is guaranteed and beyond our wildest imagining. To use a modern expression, 'It's a no-brainer.' The Twelve had the right and only answer: 'Lord, who shall we go to? You alone have the message of eternal life.'

Joseph James

WELCOME TO THE PARISH

A warm welcome to Father Peter Carr who will celebrate Mass for the next two weekends at St Edward's Church.

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.

CHURCH LIGHTING UPGRADE

The electric lighting in our churches is being upgraded to comply with the phasing out of halogen and fluorescent bulbs as directed by the UK Government. St Edward's Church has been upgraded to LED lights, which cost much less to run, and causing less environment damage. The lighting in Immaculate Heart Church and meeting rooms will also be similarly upgraded in the near future. This work has been possible due to the generosity of parishioners who have given legacies to the Parish.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy Huffam of Haddington Road, Whitley Bay, who died on 4 August aged 91 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 23 August, at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium at 11.15. May she rest in peace. Amen. Thanks to Canon Stempczyk for his assistance. Parishioners and friends are welcome to attend the Requiem, but in order to manage numbers you are asked to notify your intention to do so to jjames9241@aol.com or by telephone to 0191 2513740.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Gott of Eccles Grange, Backworth, who died on 13 August aged 91 years. A Funeral Service will be held at 12.00Noon on 2 September at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by interment at Earsdon Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Clapperton of Eastbourne Gardens, Whitley Bay, who died on 16 August. Funeral details to follow. May she rest in peace. Amen.

MGR ANDREW - HIP REPLACEMENT - 29 JULY

Mgr Andrew is making good progress during his convalescence following the hip replacement. We welcome Fr Peter Carr who will celebrate the Sunday Masses for the next two weekends. 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 John McElhone 0191 2623820, or Fr David Smith 0191 2623882. Mgr Andrew is grateful for your continuing prayers and support.

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.

FOOD BANK

The food bank collection will not take place next Monday because there is a funeral at Immaculate Heart of Mary church and the following Monday is a bank holiday. We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 6th September. Contributions of tinned meat, tea bags, sugar and tinned vegetables would be much appreciated when we next meet. Thank you.

McGANN FAMILY - GRATEFUL THANKS

Christine and Deacon Terry McGann and family say a big thank you to everyone in the parish or partnership who supported us at Martin's funeral on 9 August by being present or joining online. We are most grateful. In tragedy, your friends rally around and give you comfort. There have been so many cards and flowers, it is just amazing. A special thank you to Michelle who designed the white cross which went on Martin's coffin, she did a brilliant job. We feel privileged to be part of a special parish. Thanks again and God bless.

READER'S ROTA - AUGUST 2021

DAY	DATE	TIME	READER
Saturday	21 August	6pm	Claire James
Sunday	22 August	10am	Joe James
Saturday	28 August	6pm	Freda Jack
Sunday	29 August	10am	Peter Nesbitt

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.

CHURCH KEYS AND FOBS

If anyone has keys and fobs for churches in the Parish and doesn't need them anymore, could you please hand them in to the Parish office so they can be re-distributed to those who need them. The office at Immaculate Heart is open every Thursday from 10am to 3.30pm. If you have

keys but aren't able to get to the church, please ring the parish office and we can arrange for them to be picked up. Thank you.

WALKING GROUP

Gerry Latimer will lead the next walk on Friday 3rd September starting at 10.00am from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The six and a half mile walk will follow the Silver Fox Way from Shiremoor to Percy Main, then on to the Royal Quays Marina. We will return through Chirton Dene Park, to admire the brooklime and marsh marigolds in the Water Landscape and end at the Meadow Well Metro for the return. The walk is a very gentle incline to the River Tyne without notable rises or descents. Further information from Gerry, if required, on 0191 251 6989.

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD - HAITI EARTHQUAKE DISASTER APPEAL

Over 1500 people have been killed with at least one million people affected. Homes have been destroyed and people need emergency supplies, including medicine, shelter, food and water. Storm Grace, which hit the region a few days later, made the situation worse with heavy rains, leading to flooding and mudslides. Please give as much as you can to help the suffering. Baskets will be available as you leave church. Many thanks.

FIRST STEPS – EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE

Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. Starts Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm. If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the [Online Enquiry Form](#) or email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Diocesan Department for Education:

- Senior Administrator – permanent, full-time
- Administrator (maternity cover), full-time

The closing date for applications is 2nd September. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 2433301.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edwards) stedwardsne26@btconnect.com (0191) 2528021
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 10.00am - 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 21st August THE DEDICATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL	6pm Sophie Taylor (J, D & CJ)
Sunday 22nd August 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 23rd August ST ROSE OF LIMA	IMMACULATE HEART 10.00am Requiem Mass Peggy Huffam
Tuesday 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW	No Mass
Wednesday 25th August	No Mass
Thursday 26th August	9.30am Word & Communion
Friday 27th August ST MONICA	No Mass
Saturday 28th August ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO	6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 29th August 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am Tom Murray (TM)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 22nd August 12 Noon (Father Andrew)	Reggie Edward Jones
Sunday 29th August 12 Noon (Father Andrew)	Oliver Reece Hodgson

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 Martin McGann, Peggy Huffam, Kathleen Gott & Sheila Clapperton. 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

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. | 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. |
| 3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. | 4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. |
| 5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. | |

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts.

For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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.