

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, YEAR B, 14TH & 15TH 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.**

### REFLECTION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Victorious Olympic athletes have been rapturously welcomed home this week. We have been inspired by their achievements. Today we celebrate the glorious homecoming of Mary into heaven. Our Gospel Acclamation says, "Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing." What a celebration that must be! The Doctrine of the Assumption challenges earthly science and logic, but in our first reading St. John lifts us above our own earth-bound thinking, to give us a heaven's eye view. Paul writes of the final victory over death; a victory made possible by Mary's singular dedication. Luke reminds us that Mary rejoiced in serving God. What the Church celebrates today is Mary's inspiring example to all of us of total and joyful devotion to God's service.

### WELCOME TO THE PARISH

A warm welcome again to Father Peter Martin who will celebrate Mass this weekend 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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:jjames9241@aol.com) or by telephone to 0191 2513740.

### 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.

### PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS - CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our students who received examination results this week. We pray for their ongoing success and the flourishing of their gifts for the future ahead.

### MGR ANDREW - HIP REPLACEMENT - 29 JULY

Mgr Andrew is making good progress during his convalescence following the hip replacement on 29 July. We welcome Fr Peter Martin and Fr Peter Carr who will celebrate the Sunday Masses for the next 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.

### YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM BBQ

The Youth Ministry Team would like to invite you to a BBQ at the Emmaus Youth Village with a Sing-Along: Live Hymns Old and New; on Sunday 15th August from 12-4pm. The bar will remain open after 4pm. Tickets are £5 and covers BBQ and Quiz entry. Accommodation is available. Card payments only. Payment would be taken on the day of arrival; however, booking is essential. For room pricing and to book rooms or tickets, please email [phillip.salkeld@ymt.org](mailto:phillip.salkeld@ymt.org)

### FOOD BANK

This week The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be open on **Monday** from 10.00am - 12.00 Mid-day for Food Bank donations. This week we would be grateful for long life milk, pot noodles, tinned pies and meatballs please. Thank you.

### READER'S ROTA - AUGUST 2021

DAY	DATE	TIME	READER
Saturday	14 August	6pm	Carolyn Duffy
Sunday	15 August	10am	Gerry Rafferty
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.

### 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.

### 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.

### OTHER NOTICES

#### WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP....

**To do what?....**Join our friendly bunch of volunteers to help us reopen Mary's Place at the Mercy Hub, St Mary's Cathedral from September onwards.

**Mary's Place is...**A Centre for the homeless, lonely, disadvantaged to come for food and friendship. We offer a hot drink, simple food and chat.

**Why help?...**Quite simply, we won't be able to reopen unless we get a few more willing hands. But it's also a nice thing to do, good company and great "craic".

**How to help...**Volunteer on a Monday morning once every 3 weeks to help in the café - either in the kitchen (prepping light foods), serving or as "meet and greet", from approx. 9.15 - 1.15.

**Next steps...**Contact Derek Hooper at [derekhoper707@btinternet.com](mailto:derekhoper707@btinternet.com) or text/ring 07835717510 (NB Jenny and I were both involved at the beginning of this project back in March 2020 and then everything stopped! It was great how many people came and how great they were. Important point also – very handy for the Metro, just opposite the Central Station.)

#### VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- Parish Secretary, St Bede's, Bedlington, 10 hours per week. Closing date 20 August.
- Cleaner, St Matthew's, Jarrow, 6 hours per week. Closing date 17 August.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 2433301.

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edwards) [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 10.00am - 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 14th August <b>ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE</b>	6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 15th August <b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	10.00am Rev. Graham Golden (RB)
Monday 16th August <b>ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 17th August	<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday 18th August	<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday 19th August <b>ST OSWIN, KING</b>	9.30am Word & Communion
Friday 20th August <b>ST BERNARD</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 21st August <b>THE DEDICATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL</b>	6pm Sophie Taylor (J, D & CJ)
Sunday 22nd August <b>21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 15th August 12 Noon (Father Andrew)	Madeline Rose Hall & Gabrielle Lily Hall
Sunday 22nd August 12 Noon (Father Andrew)	Reggie Edward Jones

**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, Patricia Rumney, Lawrence Dane, Martin McGann & Peggy Huffam. 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**  
**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, YEAR B, 14TH & 15TH AUGUST 2021**

**First Reading**

**Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10**

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 44(45):10-12,16**

*We say the Psalm together*

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| 1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.<br>On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.<br>Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:<br>forget your own people and your father's house. | 2. So will the king desire your beauty:<br>He is your lord, pay homage to him.<br>They are escorted amid gladness and joy;<br>they pass within the palace of the king. |
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**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:39-56**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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.