

**23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 4TH & 5TH SEPTEMBER 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 (Autumn) from September to Advent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

**SUNDAY REFLECTION**

I think we are all a bit cheesed off with this pandemic and its implications, having to walk around barriers and speak through Perspex screens. The first reading gives us hope that God will deliver us from our current troubles as he is a God of hope. Our Lord Jesus knew what suffering was, and it was something very familiar to him. The Psalm says 'It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed'. Jesus' very name means a 'God who saves'. Living amongst good and evil every day will continue to happen but ultimately God will protect us and win through in the end. By curing the man born blind Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah in the first reading. We might think it odd in these super hygiene days of putting fingers in ears and touching tongues with spittle but from time to time we will still be involved in the physical. Just putting an arm around someone going through a bad time is often gratefully accepted.

**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.

**MGR ANDREW - HIP REPLACEMENT - 29 JULY**

Mgr Andrew is making a good recovery following his hip replacement. He has returned to the celebration of Sunday Masses and Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.30am at St Edward's Church. Wednesday & Friday Masses will be said in private. Thanks to the local priests for their help in his absence. 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Blackburn of Margaret Cottages, Whitley Bay, who died on 30 August aged 82 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, on Thursday 16 September, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. Numbers are restricted to the capacity of the church due to Covid regulations. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**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, and will cost much less to run and cause less environmental damage. This work has been possible due to the generosity of parishioners who have given legacies in their wills, for which we are very grateful.

**FOOD BANK**

The next food bank collection takes place on Monday 6th September. Contributions of tinned meat, tea bags, sugar and tinned vegetables would be much appreciated. Thank you.

**PARISH/PARTNERSHIP JOURNEY IN FAITH 2021 - 2022**

The next series of Journey in Faith sessions will begin in mid-October. These sessions are aimed at anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Church with a view to possibly becoming a Catholic, and also at those who are already Catholic but wish to have a fresh look at the Church. Please share this notice with anyone you think may be interested and ask them to leave contact details with the parish office by email or phone. One of the team will then get in touch with further details.

## **SECOND COLLECTIONS & OTHER DONATIONS**

The total given since April 2021 to date is as follows:

Day for Life	£188.90
Peter's Pence	£145.07
Apostleship of the Sea	£370.96
Water Aid	£130.00
CAFOD Haiti Disaster Appeal	£349.15

Thank you for your generosity in these challenging times.

## **WALKING GROUP**

The next Parish walk will be on Friday 17th September. Please meet at Weetslade Country Park at 10.30am. The walk will take in the Weetslade Country Park, Wideopen and Gosforth Park, a distance of 6 miles on good tracks and tarmac surfaces. If you require more information, please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	READER
Saturday	04 September	6pm	Joan Tulip
Sunday	05 September	10am	Ryan Blakey
Saturday	11 September	6pm	Liz Louvre
Sunday	12 September	10am	Derek Hooper
Saturday	18 September	6pm	Maire Cross
Sunday	19 September	10am	Helen Jobe
Saturday	25 September	6pm	Pauline Keavey
Sunday	26 September	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.

## **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.

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley (St. Edwards) stedwardsne26@btconnect.com (0191) 2528021  
Star of the Sea Primary School starofthesea.primary@ntl.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 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.

## **BRING A MASK TO CHURCH**

Although we do supply masks if required, we would ask that parishioners bring their own to church wherever possible. Thank you.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **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](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).*

### **VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Sunderland

- Cleaner – 16 hours per week

Newcastle (based at St Teresa's, Heaton)

- Parish Secretary – 12 hours per week

Closing date for applications – 8 September

Sunderland, Lay University Chaplain – full-time

Closing date for applications 12 September

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.

### **DAY OF REFLECTION - SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER**

A Day of Reflection for Readers is to be held on Saturday 9th October 2021, from 10.30am - 3.30pm at Ushaw College, Durham. Registration & refreshments from 10.00am. A light lunch and tea and coffee will be provided. Places should be booked through your parish (forms are available from the Parish Office) or by contacting The Vicariate for Faith & Mission on 07375 934713 or email: [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)  
The cost of the day is £15 per person and is payable by your parish. **Please book no later than Thursday 23rd September 2021.**

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 4th September <b>THE TRANSLATION OF ST CUTHBERT</b>	6pm Peter John Leeder (EF)
Sunday 5th September <b>23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 6th September	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 7th September	9.30am George Fawcett (EF)
Wednesday 8th September <b>THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	9.30am (Private Mass) Martin McGann
Thursday 9th September <b>ST PETER CLAVER</b>	9.30am Rev. Gildas D Parry (RB)
Friday 10th September	9.30am (Private Mass) Florence Palmejar & Family (FP)
Saturday 11th September	6pm Peter & Albertina Arrighi (LD)
Sunday 12th September <b>24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 5th September 12 Noon (Father Andrew)	Ruben Jose Mair
Sunday 12th September 12 Noon (Father Andrew)	Lily Rose McHugh

**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, Fr Bill O'Gorman, Estelita Marciano, Fr. Michael Sharratt and Paul Blackburn. 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**  
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**First Reading**

**Isaiah 35:4-7**

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 145(146):7-10**

*We say the Psalm together*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**Second Reading**

**James 2:1-5**

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Mark 7:31-37**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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.