

**26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 25TH & 26TH 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**

God is spirit and we are his creation, he gave us his spirit at our Baptism and we have to further the kingdom with its help for all eternity. He has given his spirit to many others as well. Faith and spirituality are a gift freely given by God, which has no boundaries, only that it never leads to evil. The man that John saw banishing in the name of Jesus was not one of their group and so he questions his authority, asking the Lord to endorse his action. Jesus' answer to John surprises him, he is not to stop him and he is not undermining Jesus' name. To say that one action is spirit driven and another is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to be with his Church until the end of time. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded neither will the wicked escape punishment. By their fruits we shall know them, that is all we need to be aware of. Leave all judgments to the Lord.

**Deacon Terry**

**REVISED COVID CURRENT CHURCH SITUATION**

Following the meeting last Tuesday with our church stewards, the following changes have been agreed and will take effect on the weekend of the 2/3 October 2021.

- **6.00 pm Vigil Mass** - will return to Immaculate Heart Church on Saturday, 2 October 2021.
- **Sunday Morning Mass** - will continue to be celebrated at 10.00am at St Edward's Church.
- **Our Lady and St Edmund's Church, Backworth** - will remain closed.
- **Sunday Mass Bookings** - places for the 6.00pm Vigil Mass and 10.00am Sunday Mass will continue to be reserved by phone. Phone **07340 169249** on Thursdays only, 10.00am -12.00 Noon or 6.00pm -8.00pm.
- **Weekday 9.30am Masses** - will resume on Wednesday, 13 October at Immaculate Heart Church.
- **Hand Sanitiser** - will continue to be used as people enter and leave church.
- **Face Coverings** - their use will continue to be encouraged in church.
- **Social Distancing in Church** - will be reduced from 2-metres to 1-metre between individuals and households.
- **Holy Water Stoups** - will remain empty.
- **Votive Candle Stands** - will be restored at church statues.
- **One-way System** - will remain in place in church. At St Edward's, the entrance is the Narthex door and the exits are the Coquet Avenue door and the main doors at the back of the church. At Immaculate Heart Church, the entrance and the exit will be the main church door.
- **Stewards** - will continue to operate at all Masses. Thanks for their generosity.
- **Ministers** - including altar servers and ministers of Holy Communion will resume their duties.
- **Incense** - will be reintroduced at the Sunday 10.00am Mass at St Edward's and at funerals in both churches.

- **Congregational Singing** - will be gradually reintroduced during Sunday Mass and funerals. Face coverings will continue to be worn whilst singing.
- **Bidding Prayers** - will be reintroduced at Sunday Masses.
- **Sign of Peace** - remains suspended.
- **Holy Communion** - will continue to be distributed under one kind. Before receiving Holy Communion, the minister says: 'The Body of Christ' and the communicant replies 'Amen'. At Sunday Mass, two ministers will distribute Holy Communion with social distance.
- **Cleaning** - a weekly clean of the church will take place after the Sunday Mass. Following weekday Masses, funerals, and baptisms, it will be sufficient to sanitise frequent touch points such as bench ends and door handles.
- **Baptisms** - the number of those attending will be up to the Covid-safe capacity of the church. Only one family will have children baptised at each celebration.
- **Confession** - remains available by private arrangement with the Priest at St Edward's. **Mgr Andrew Faley**

**FAMILY FAST DAY - 1ST OCTOBER 2021**

Friday 1st October is Family Fast Day, a day which aims to raise money to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world who are being hit hardest by the climate crisis. Harvests are failing, Cities are flooding and entire communities are finding it harder and harder to survive in the place they call home. You can support Family Fast Day by donating online at [cafod.org.uk/harvest](https://cafod.org.uk/harvest) or you can find envelopes at the back of Church from Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September. Please give generously if you can.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

Gift Aid Envelopes for all three churches are now available for collection from the Narthex in St Edward's Church.

## **FOOD BANK**

On October 6th the government is reducing the Universal Credit benefit by £20. To many of us £20 is a couple of bottles of wine, or a lunch out with a friend. It might be the latest celebrity cook book or a week's worth of speciality coffees. If you are on Universal Credit it is likely to be a weeks' food for one of your children, electricity for a week, or bus fares to work or school. Our Lady Star of the Sea can be really proud of the way we support the food bank, but the calls on their service are clearly going to increase dramatically in the next few months. If you have never supported them in the past please think about doing so now. This week we would be grateful for tinned meat chilli/ curry etc, pot noodles, crisps, microwave rice pouches. Thank you.

## **WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Monday 4th October. Please meet at West Monkseaton Metro Station at 10.15am. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk from Longbenton Metro via the old tramline into Jesmond Dene and Heaton Park. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy the Autumn colours! Further details from Jim Gunning on 0191 2669035 or 07538327784.

## **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.

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	READER
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.

## **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.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB**

A Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is to be held at Ushaw College, Durham on Saturday 16th October 2021 **or** Saturday 30th October 2021, from 10.30am - 3.30pm. Registration & refreshments from 10.00am. A light lunch and tea and coffee will be provided. Places should be booked through your parish 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 30th September Or Thursday 14th October respectively.**

### **LOVE CHRISTMAS - CHRISTMAS BOXES**

Looking for a way to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas? Love Christmas is a national initiative to do just this. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. Join the Love Christmas webinar on Wednesday 6 October, 11am - 12pm to find out how to get involved. Sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266>

### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

**All Saints, Denton Burn, St George's, Bell's Close, Newcastle, St John Vianney, West Denton & St Cuthbert's, Throckley**

Parish Secretary – 20 hours per week. Closing date for applications – 29 September.

#### **Diocesan Dept. for Education**

Senior Administrator – permanent, full-time. Closing date for applications – 4 October.

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 243 3301.

### **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@ntl.org.uk](mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntl.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 [parishofficeols@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeols@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 25th September	6pm Peggy Lazzari & Mary Graham (ME)
Sunday 26th September <b>26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 27th September <b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 28th September	9.30am Raymond Vicente (CV)
Wednesday 29th September <b>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL</b>	9.30am (Private Mass) Philip Rafferty (P & GR)
Thursday 30th September <b>ST JEROME</b>	9.30am Hugo Merilles (CC)
Friday 1st October <b>ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS</b>	9.30am (Private Mass) Greta Worthen (P & GR)
Saturday 2nd October <b>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6pm Paul Whalen (PW)
Sunday 3rd October <b>27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 2nd October 11.00am (Father Andrew)	Lily Barboza-Pál
Sunday 3rd October 11.30am (Father Andrew) 13.00pm (Deacon Terry)	Dominic Alfie Legg Kallie Savannah Hey

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Nicola Burns, Mary Woodman, Julie Stobbs, Clifford Browne, Christopher Browne, David Johnson, Kathryn Newton-Henderson, Ann Stroud, Eileen Scott and Win Foley 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**

**Numbers 11:25-29**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14**

*We say the Psalm together*

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| 1. The law of the Lord is perfect,<br>it revives the soul.<br>The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,<br>it gives wisdom to the simple.                    | 2. The fear of the Lord is holy,<br>abiding for ever.<br>The decrees of the Lord are truth<br>and all of them just.         |
| 3. So in them your servant finds instruction;<br>great reward is in their keeping.<br>But who can detect all his errors?<br>From hidden faults acquit me. | 4. From presumption restrain your servant<br>and let it not rule me.<br>Then shall I be blameless,<br>clean from grave sin. |

**Second Reading**

**James 5:1-6**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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.