

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 2ND & 3RD OCTOBER 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

The man God created played no part in woman's creation, and neither did he witness it. A new person was made by God and the two are equal. There is no unevenness between the sexes, each is personally moulded by God. They are to help each other. The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into answering a question about what grounds is divorce permissible. Jesus sidesteps the question and brings the argument back to what God created from the beginning, a man and a woman are joined and the two become one body. Despite all our development as humans, Jesus wants us to be aware that God is still above us and is our creator. We are God's children and he wants us to see the relationship in this way. We remember the saying that 'children should be seen but not heard' but Jesus embraces the children and uses them as an example of how we should relate ourselves to God.

Deacon Terry

REVISED COVID CURRENT CHURCH SITUATION

Following the latest meeting 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** - returns 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**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend either Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass next weekend during which they will be invited to renew their commitment.

FR JOHN MCELHONE - ST AIDAN'S & ST BERNADETTE'S, WALLSEND

Fr McElhone has now retired from St Aidan's and St Bernadette's, Wallsend. We wish him every blessing for the years ahead and thank him for his priestly ministry in our Partnership. Fr David Smith at St Columba's, Wallsend, has been appointed Parish Priest of the three parishes.

STELLA MARIS THANKS

The Parish raised £250.96 for the Stella Maris Sea Sunday 2021 appeal. They have sent this message. "On behalf of all of us at Stella Maris and our seafarer beneficiaries, I would like to offer you and your congregation our heartfelt thanks for your compassionate and generous support of our work". With thanks, Roland Hayes

FOOD BANK

With your help, the Food Bank was able to provide 400,000 meals last year. This year the numbers have already exceeded that amount and there are still three months to go before the end of the year! Food Bank is very grateful for your generous ongoing support. This week we would ask for sweet snacks - chocolate etc, pot noodles, tinned fruit and rice pudding. 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 Partnership/Parish Journey in Faith meetings begin again on Tuesday October 19th at 7pm in St Edward's Church. These meetings are for anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Church with a view to possibly becoming a Catholic, and also 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. All are welcome, but we would like to know how many to expect so please register interest with the parish office if you intend to come along.

RED BOXES

Could the parishioners who have Red Boxes and would like them emptied please contact Mary Nugent on 0191 2533815 or Liz Hickey 0191 252 5989. This collection will be the final one for this year. If you would prefer to send your donations direct to the Mill Hill office by cheque please remember to put the name of the parish and the number allocated to us, which is HEX 189, on the reverse side. The address is: Red Box PO Box 163, Liverpool L37 1WW. Many thanks, Liz

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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

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

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.

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

Diocesan Department 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 or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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 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 2nd October THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm Paul Whalen (PW)
Sunday 3rd October 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 4th October ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	No Mass
Tuesday 5th October	9.30am Michael Snowdon (MS)
Wednesday 6th October	9.30am (Private Mass) Enzo Dimascio (MA)
Thursday 7th October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	9.30am David Collins (J & DJ)
Friday 8th October	9.30am (Private Mass) Felix Ubasa (FP)
Saturday 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 10th October 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am Mary Hegarty (SH)

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
Saturday 9th October 11.00am (Father Andrew)	Remi Ezra Sumner Green
Sunday 10th October 11.30am (Father Andrew)	Aidan James Marlow-Krzyzyk

Please remember in your prayers:

Nicola Burns, Mary Woodman, Clifford Browne, Christopher Browne, David Johnson, Kathryn Newton-Henderson, Ann Stroud, Eileen Scott, Win Foley and Michael Wilson who are ill. Please 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 Ray Blackburn. 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.

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 David Smith 0191 2623882. Deacon Terry McGann - contact via the Parish Office: 0191 2527066.

READINGS AT MASS
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First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127(128)

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. | 2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. |
| 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! | |

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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.