

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C, 27TH & 28TH NOVEMBER 2021**

The Year of St Joseph, Father of the Church.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF IT OUTSIDE THE CHURCH**

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**

**SUNDAY REFLECTION**

God always fulfils his promises, made first to the Jewish nation and then to us as the new Israel. We shall dwell in confidence. Advent begins liturgical year C, the year of Luke. He directed his writing towards the Gentiles, being one himself. His gospel provides the readings for most of the Sundays of the year. As this new year begins, it looks to the end, to the destruction of Jerusalem. This is seen as the foretaste of the final liberation at the second coming of Christ. Jesus gives the last address of his public ministry and he is clearly fretful about the future as he paints a bleak picture of the end of the world. Nations are in agony and bewilderment, people are dying of fear of the power which menaces the world. In short, a nightmare will descend on every living being on the face of the earth. However, nightmares are bad experiences we usually wake up from, not ones we stay awake for. It is a symbol of freedom from the toil of evil in which humanity is embroiled, and the final triumph of Christ. **Deacon Terry**

**COVID-19 CHURCH RESTRICTIONS**

Following the latest meeting with our church stewards, the following changes have been agreed.

- **6.00 pm Vigil Mass** - Immaculate Heart Church.
- **10.00am Sunday Mass** - St Edward's Church.
- **Our Lady and St Edmund's Church, Backworth** - closed.
- **Sunday Mass Bookings** - places for the 6.00pm Vigil Mass and 10.00am Sunday Mass are reserved by phone. Phone **07340 169249** on Thursdays only, 10.00am -12.00 Noon or 6.00pm - 8.00pm.
- **Hand Sanitiser** - is used as you enter and leave church.
- **Face Coverings** - are encouraged in church.
- **Social Distancing** - reduced to 1 metre between individuals and households.
- **Stewards** - continue to operate at all Masses. Thanks for their generosity.
- **Confession** - is available by phoning St Edward's (0191 2528021). **Mgr Andrew Faley**

**NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

Our Holy Souls Parish Mass was celebrated on 2 November at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, with around 90 people present. Those who had died since the start of the Pandemic were prayed for and their names read out. Thanks to those who prepared and attended the Mass, including the stewards. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the memorial book in front of the Altar in St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches; these will be taken to the Cathedral for the Bishop's Mass on 27 November. We thank members of the Parish Consolation Team for all their support of families preparing and celebrating the funerals of loved ones over the past 18 months. Their work is very much appreciated. May the Holy Souls rest in peace. Amen. **Mgr Andrew Faley**

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S**

If you wish to have the name of a deceased loved one in the Book of Remembrance at St Edward's, please fill in a form next to the book in the blue box and it will be added in due course.

**MONSIGNOR ANDREW – ANKLE REPLACEMENT**

Regrettably, Monsignor Andrew suffered a serious allergic reaction to the drugs used in preparation for the ankle replacement operation, and the surgery had to be stopped. Further investigations are needed to find out the cause before a new date is agreed with his surgeon. Mgr Andrew thanks you for your support and asks that you keep him in your prayers.

**TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION – PARTICIPATION – MISSION**

In his October pastoral letter, Bishop Robert announced our part as a Diocese in the Synod called by Pope Francis. The core questions Pope Francis asks of us are: 'How do we journey together as a local church?', and 'What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?' These are good questions to reflect on as we emerge as a Church from the Pandemic. For guidance, we are offered from Rome some Synod questions which the Diocese has printed in a leaflet, framed within the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus from St Luke's Gospel. There is a lot to consider, so we need time to prayerfully reflect on them. The leaflet is available this weekend for you to take home. You are asked to reflect on the questions during Advent and Christmas, and a gathering for reflection for parishioners from across the Partnership will take place at St Cuthbert's, North Shields, on Saturday, 29 January 2022. More details to follow.

## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Dalby of Carolyn Way, Whitley Bay, who died on 29 October aged 96 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am at St Edward's Church, on 8 December 2021. May she rest in peace. Amen.

## **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY - RETIRING COLLECTION**

Last Sunday we celebrated World Youth Sunday when the Church across the globe reflects on the gift of young people and offers our support as we accompany them on their faith journey. You can still donate via Text (text **Youth10** to **70500** to donate £10).

## **FOOD BANK**

We are now three weeks into our Food bank reverse Advent Calendar. Instead of opening a door on your Advent Calendar and receiving a chocolate each day, we are encouraging everyone to support the food bank by giving a small item each day. They can be brought, as usual, on a Monday morning to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and will then be taken to the foodbank. For inspiration, I have suggested what you might contribute each week. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Festive Extras
Shampoo/Conditioner	Biscuits	Deodorant	Tinned Fruit	Antibacterial Spray	Christmas Crackers

## **MASS COLLECTIONS**

Bishop Robert has approved the collections during Mass being taken by passing the basket along the rows, as was done prior to the pandemic. If you donate by standing order or other means, please just pass the basket along. Thank you.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The reformed Parish Council met last night with the Year of The Eucharist announced by Bishop Byrne in October and Our Lady's & St. Edmund's, Backworth, being the main topics for discussion. Our Lady's & St. Edmunds remains closed and it's future will need to be discussed further by the Parish before the final recommendation is made to the Bishop in time for the meeting of the Council of Priests in Spring 2022. There will be more news with regard to the Synod called by Pope Francis following the Partnership meeting for parishioners which will take place at St. Cuthbert's, North Shields, on Saturday 29th January 2022. Bill Crumbley, Parish Council Chair

## **JAM JARS**

Joan Skelton and Ann Donnelly would be grateful for any 1lb Jam jars you may have. Would you please telephone 0191 2584454 or 0191 2511197 and we will call and collect them. Thanks for your help.

## **WALKING GROUP**

Gerry Latimer will lead the next walk on Wednesday 1 December. Meet at 10.00am at West Monkseaton station for the Metro to Wallsend. The walk will follow the Tyne, taking in points of interest including the Royal Quays and then on to the Fish Quay, Prior's Haven, and King Edward's Bay. The walk will end at the Long Sands, and those who wish may return from Tynemouth Station, a distance of approximately six miles. Those who would prefer a longer walk may wish to walk further along the coast to Whitley Bay. Further information from Gerry on 0191 251 6989.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced a set of booklets of Advent reflections, one for each week of Advent. The Seasonal Reflections page on the diocesan website can be found here: [https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal\\*](https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal*). Printing individual booklets in large numbers can be expensive and time-consuming, so we encourage you to use the link to access the information. Last year's Advent booklet was very well received. As we prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas, we hope that this year's edition will once again foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures and their relevance to our daily Christian living. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community. Kindest regards and thank you for your help in spreading the Good News!

### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS**

Advent calendars and candles, Christmas cards, diaries and Catholic diaries are available at SHALOM, 226 Whitley Road.

### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has vacancies for Cleaners in Crook and Darlington. The closing date for applications is 3rd December. For further information and details of how to apply, please visit our website <https://diocesehn.org.uk> or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk	0191 6432080
<b>Cluster Website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a></b>	

**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 in our Parish. Telephone the number below if you have an enquiry.**

**Current Parish Office opening hours: Wednesday & Thursday, 9.15am - 4pm and Friday 9.15am - 2pm, 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 3.00pm on Wednesday.**

## MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	CHURCH
Saturday 27th November	<b>IMMACULATE HEART</b> 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 28th November <b>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b> 10.00am Giovanni Arnone (MA)
Monday 29th November	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 30th November <b>ST ANDREW, APOSTLE</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b> 9.30am Michael Linden (Josephine)
Wednesday 1st December	<b>IMMACULATE HEART</b> 9.30am Sheila Clapperton (JH)
Thursday 2nd December	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b> 9.30am Damian MacAndrews (DM)
Friday 3rd December <b>ST FRANCIS XAVIER</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART</b> 9.30am Marian DiMascio (PO)
Saturday 4th December	<b>IMMACULATE HEART</b> 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 5th December <b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b> 10.00am Janet Fawcett (EF)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S
Sunday 28th November 12.00 Noon (Deacon Terry)	Jace Samuel Bentham
Sunday 5th December 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Harriet Thornton Hodges

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Nicola Burns, Mary Woodman, Clifford Browne, Christopher Browne, Kathryn Newton-Henderson, Layton Jay Newton, David Johnson, Ann Stroud, Eileen Scott and Win Foley who are ill. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died recently, especially Ray Blackburn, Michael Wilson, Damian MacAndrews, Sylvia Begg, Albert Whiting and Mary Dalby. 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.

**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**

Mgr Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, 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**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14**

***We say the Psalm together***

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| 1. Lord, make me know your ways.<br>Lord, teach me your paths.<br>Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:<br>for you are God my saviour.                                  | 2. The Lord is good and upright.<br>He shows the path to those who stray,<br>He guides the humble in the right path,<br>He teaches his way to the poor. |
| 3. His ways are faithfulness and love<br>for those who keep his covenant and law.<br>The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;<br>to them he reveals his covenant. |   |

**Second Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-28,34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**