

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 15TH & 16TH JANUARY 2022

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

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The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time (Winter)

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; the Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.**

SUNDAY REFLECTION

A wedding is a celebration which represents the closest two parties can get and so it is understandable that weddings, in the Bible, are used as an image which represents how close God sees himself to his people. After the return from exile Isaiah prophesies that a time will come when the relationship between God and Man will be as joyous as a newly wedded couple. This is picked up by Jesus with himself as the bridegroom. Despite all our failings to the contrary Jesus offers us a relationship which is full of festival joy. At Cana Jesus changes water into wine, or something bland into something glorious. This also mirrors what he has done for us and our faith relationship with him. Everyday we have to get used to this new Covid situation which is unlike anything we have experienced. We will do it and we can be assured that Jesus' love for us does not change.

Deacon Terry

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 some 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. We need time to prayerfully reflect on them and the leaflet is available to take home. A gathering for reflection for parishioners from across the Partnership will take place on Saturday, 29 January 2022. More details will follow, but that date is not the end of the process.

The second of our parish series of zoom meetings, to which all are invited, will be on Tuesday 25 January at 7:00 pm, when we will focus on how well we listen to each other and to the signs from outside the Church, including other faith traditions, and how we respond to what we hear in order to enhance our own faith. The link to the zoom meeting is:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89990593963?pwd=SFRuK2xsd3VGQ2VBbUNpMTh4RnhRZz09>

The Meeting ID is 899 9059 3963 Passcode: 901900

For further information ring Joe James on 0191 2513740 or email jjames9241@aol.com

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST & SYNOD

Resources and points for reflection on the Year of the Eucharist and the Synod are available on the new diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk>.

WEEKEND MASSES

Parishioners are still required to book places for weekend Masses. Please phone **07340 169249** on Thursdays only, 10.00am - 12.00 Noon or 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

PEACE SUNDAY

Peace Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday. The theme is 'Education, Work and Dialogue Between Generations: Tools for Building Lasting Peace'. Further information is available at www.paxchristi.org.uk.

DIOCESAN COVID CONTROLS – BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE

Bishop Byrne has issued the following statement. *As people begin returning to more regular patterns of parish life, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement about the importance of honouring Sunday. To facilitate this return to church I have taken both clergy and lay advice and offer some simple clarifications of our Diocesan COVID controls. These may allow our church capacities to increase, whilst still protecting the health of our clergy and congregations.*

Hand Sanitiser: use of hand sanitiser on entering and leaving church should continue.

Face coverings: all in church are recommended to wear a face covering unless they are exempt. Priests in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion.

Social Distancing and Capacity of Churches: it is now possible for each row of pews to be used providing there is at a minimum 1M spacing between households in the same pew.

Cleaning: use commonly available cleaning materials. Clean high frequency touch points in buildings after each act of worship, and thoroughly clean the church once a week.

Congregational Singing: indoor congregational singing can take place if face coverings are worn.

NHS Test and Trace: the Government encourages places of worship to keep a record of those attending to support the NHS Test and Trace. The NHS QR code poster is at the church entrance and exit. Use a separate signing-in system which is manageable for the parish.

Immunisation of Eucharistic Ministers: guidance has been requested on whether Eucharistic Ministers function if they have opted not to receive COVID vaccinations. People who are not vaccinated are at much greater risk of becoming infected with COVID and passing it on. The risk of transmission by touch or expelled breath is increased further because the Eucharistic Minister would be in close contact with communicants in church, the sick or housebound at home. Additionally, a sick communicant is much more likely to develop a more serious reaction to COVID if it were transmitted. Eucharistic Ministers who distribute Holy Communion in church or to the sick and housebound must only do so if they have received the COVID vaccinations.

I would request that there be no further relaxation of the controls outlined above at this time. These arrangements will be reviewed again at the beginning of February. Further information is available on the diocesan website.

FOOD BANK

Thank you so much to everyone for such a brilliant start to 2022. I am constantly amazed and delighted by the generosity of the people of our parish who, every week, devote time and effort to ensure that they support those who are in need. This week we would appreciate, tinned meat/curry/stew, jam or savoury spread, hot dogs and tinned custard. Thank you.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 20th January. Please meet at 10am at the Six Mile Bridge at the north end of Wideopen before it becomes Seaton Burn. This is the Great North Road, B1318. There is ample roadside parking. We will walk west alongside the Seaton Burn, go under the A1 and to the north of Brunswick Village to Dinnington. The return route will follow the Reivers cycling route to re-cross the A1 back to Seaton Burn. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

Northern Catholic Calendars are now on sale at St Edwards and Immaculate Heart, priced at £3.50. An envelope is available for your payment.

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.

MILL HILL MISSIONARY SOCIETY RED BOX COLLECTIONS

Can Zealators and Members please note that Bill Crumbley has taken over the collection of the red boxes on behalf of the Society now that Mary Nugent has stepped down from this role together with Liz Hickey as secretary and we are grateful for their service in these roles. Further information will be published in the bulletin but in the meantime can Zealators please indicate to Bill whether they still wish to continue. The telephone number for contact purposes is 07889969639. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES

WHITLEY BAY & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

We are invited to a gathering of local Christians during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 at **7.30pm on Thursday 20th January at Whitley Bay Baptist Church.** (Bring a mask to wear, unless exempt.) St Paul's Anglican Church is covering prayer on **PEACE.** St John's Methodist Church is covering prayer on **JUSTICE.** St Edward's Catholic Church is covering prayer on **LOVE.**

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Partnership Confirmation Programme for students in Years 10 and 11 will begin in March 2022 and will conclude before the Easter break. The Confirmation Masses are likely to take place across the parishes in the summer, with full details to be confirmed. Students in the current Years 8 and 9 will be invited to participate in 2023. Full details - including sign-up information - will be published to families soon.

We are currently looking for adult volunteers who may like to become catechists and assist with the programme.

If you think you could help in any way, please email Michael Thompson: mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk

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
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 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 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 15th January	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 16th January 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Malcolm Louvre (LL)
Monday 17th January ST ANTHONY	No Mass
Tuesday 18th January	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Charles Donachy (LD)
Wednesday 19th January	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Alan Watson (AW)
Thursday 20th January	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am David & Thelma Rix (J & DJ)
Friday 21st January ST AGNES	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 22nd January	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm Michael Wilson
Sunday 23rd January 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Tuesday 25th January During 9.30 Mass (Father Andrew)	Filippo Armando Nikas

Please remember in your prayers:

Layton Jay Newton, David Johnson, Ann Stroud, Eileen Scott and Win Foley who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died recently, especially Albert Whiting, Mary Dalby, Florence Lipinski, Fr Peter Smith, Fr Kevin Daly and Fr Richard Harriott. 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

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

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. | 2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. |
| 3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name. | 4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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