

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 22ND & 23RD 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

The Jews were happy to have been released from captivity. They lived life based on the law and continued to do so in their new situation. However some difficulties needed to be addressed - who would restore the buildings, who would restore the community? They needed to work out their future, where they were going. In our parish we need to do the same. How do we establish a Synodal Church which includes communion participation and mission. We are working on this over the next few months. It is best to work together and share responsibilities among all the willing volunteers so that we act as one unit with the same objectives in mind. As Paul explained; '...we are all different with each of us having our own skills. If we were all the same the world would be static, nothing would get done'. It is our individual skills, working together that make us one body. The passage from Luke's gospel stresses that the Holy Spirit will drive us to do this as we move to change things on our journey in faith.

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. The Clergy and two representatives from each parish will attend.

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=SFRuK2xsd3VGO2VBbUNpMTh4RnhRZz09>

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.

DIOCESAN COVID CONTROLS

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.

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

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.

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.

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	CHURCH
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
Monday 24th January ST FRANCIS DE SALES	No Mass
Tuesday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Bill & Mary Dynes & Marian Dynes (AW)
Wednesday 26th January SS TIMOTHY & TITUS	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Thomas Murray (TM)
Thursday 27th January	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am In Thanksgiving for all NHS Staff & Carers (NY)
Friday 28th January ST THOMAS AQUINAS	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 29th January	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm Kevin Clarke (DC)
Sunday 30th January 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	CHURCH
Tuesday 25th January During 9.30 Mass (Father Andrew)	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH Filippo Armando Nikas
Sunday 30th January 11.30 (Deacon Terry)	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH Carlo Christopher Dallat

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 Mary Dalby, Florence Lipinski, Fr Peter Smith, Fr Kevin Daly, Fr Richard Harriott and Tom Bittle. 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

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18(19):8-10,15

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. | 2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. |
| 3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. | 4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

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