

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 29TH & 30TH JANUARY 2022

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

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

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 people of Nazareth listened to Jesus, one of their own. His reputation had reached them and they were pleased to see him. Why then did they turn against him after he had spoken? They knew God would protect his chosen people from their enemies who wanted to destroy them. Part of this would be to hear what a prophet had to say provided it wasn't controversial. They saw themselves as special in the eyes of the Lord, but the essence of what our Lord was saying was that God looks deep into our hearts and loves all people unconditionally. That's what they couldn't take, it was a step too far. At the recent synod meeting people acknowledged that the current situation seems to be improving. We discussed listening and reaching out to others as part of our response, as a Church, to Pope Francis' vision of Communion, Participation and Mission.

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.

The third of our parish series of zoom meetings, to which all are invited, will be on **Tuesday 8th February at 7:00pm**, when we will focus on how well we communicate with each other in our groups, parish, partnership and diocese, and how effectively we take our collective responsibility to collaborate effectively in the life of the local church. 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.

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 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.

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.

These arrangements will be reviewed again at the beginning of February. Further information is available on the diocesan website.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Bittle of Whitley Bay who died on 12 January aged 86 years. A private funeral service will take place on 8 February. May he rest in peace. Amen.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Natalie Moore and Dominic Foy who will be married at St Edward's on Saturday, 5 February.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022

This year's First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 18th June. Any parent/carers who wish their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are asked to get in touch. The programme is open to children in Year 4, 5 & 6. If you would like to express interest on behalf of your child(ren), please email us at 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com stating your child's full name and date of birth. We will contact you with further information once programme plans are confirmed.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food bank through donations of food or money. So many people find your donations a life line. This week we would be grateful for tinned meat - spam etc., hot dogs, tinned vegetables and rice pudding. Thank you.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 4th February. Please meet at West Monkseaton Metro Station at 10am prompt to catch the 10.08 to South Gosforth Metro Station. We will walk down Station Road to Benton Park Road to join Coxlodge Waggonway and walk east to the Rising Sun

Country Park. At this point a decision has to be made, either walk to Palmersville Metro Station, a distance of 6 miles, or walk on to Northumberland Park Metro Station which is 7.5 miles. David Armstrong 07982 000853.

MARINE PARK SCHOOL VISIT

The Year 3 visit from Marine Park School had to be cancelled due to illness. New dates will be arranged in a few weeks time.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH - STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS

Roof repairs have still to begin at St Edward's following the damage caused by Storm Arwen several weeks ago. This work may take up to three weeks.

OTHER NOTICES

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:

A Senior Administrator to manage and provide high quality administration support for the Department for Education. This position is full-time and permanent. For further information and details of how to apply please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

PARTNERSHIP RETREAT TO AMPLEFORTH

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey is returning this year from Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th July and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be about £190 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. All rooms are now en-suite and a deposit of £50 will be needed by March 31st in order to confirm your booking. If you would like more information about the Abbey, the website address is www.ampleforth.org.uk where you will find a link to the Hospitality & Pastoral Services. Please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 for more details.

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 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 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
Monday 31st January ST JOHN BOSCO	No Mass
Tuesday 1st February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Sheila Clapperton
Wednesday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Joe McAleer (M & CMcA)
Thursday 3rd February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Giovanna Hyde (JM)
Friday 4th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Michael Wilson
Saturday 5th February ST AGATHA	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 6th February 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Michael & Ken Anderson (AA)

BAPTISM	CHURCH
Sunday 30th January 11.30 (Deacon Terry)	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH Carlo Christopher Dallat
Sunday 13th February 11.30 (Father Andrew)	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH Jacob David Burns

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 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

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. 'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. 'I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 70(71):1-6,15,17

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. | 2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. |
| 3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. | 4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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