

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 19TH & 20TH FEBRUARY 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

As we move away from this pandemic, we may feel somewhat empty and ask ourselves 'Where do we go from here'? We may have reached a point where we are tired and sad at what has happened, but this has given way to an expectation of wanting to move on. Patience will be needed but we will be stronger for the experience. David had the opportunity to do away with his enemy Saul, but instead he displayed the kind of behaviour our Lord wants of us, to love others in the same way that God does. To treat others as you would want them to treat you without expecting anything back in return. We will then be children of the most high and - with Jesus at our side - have the confidence to carry on. **Deacon Terry**

TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION – PARTICIPATION—MISSION

Our Diocesan synod process has been moving ahead over the last months, responses from Diocesan groups and Parishes are now being collated.

--Partnerships are asked to finalise their responses by February 22nd and to pass these to their respective Episcopal Area meetings.

-The Lay Pastoral Forum, which includes representatives of all the Partnership and lay groups in the diocese will compile all the responses received into a submission to the Bishop in early March.

-The Bishop will then consider this, plus the responses from the Clergy, Caritas, and other Diocesan groups and produce his final submission by April 8th

-At each stage, copies of the various submissions will be made available.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION...

Last weekend, Partnerships across the Diocese sent people to join Bishop Robert for a morning of prayer, talking and listening, and to feedback on what they have heard during the last few months of our Diocesan Synod process. There was a lot of energy in the room, a joyful atmosphere, and people described "an overwhelming feeling of the Holy Spirit at work"; "It has been uplifting and inspiring.."; "So many people with so many really good things to talk about.."; "Coming along today has been a real joy."

Bishop Robert said, "We've had a very fruitful morning... we go forward trusting each other, and with a confidence in the joy and power of the Gospel".

If you've not been part of the conversation yet, there is one more opportunity at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd February. There will be an online gathering where you can

join in to add your voice to the Synod. To register and Join the Conversation, visit <https://diocesahn.org.uk/news/synod-join-the-conversation/>

The fourth of our Parish series of synod zoom meetings, to which all are invited, will be on **Tuesday 22nd February** at 7:00pm, when we will reflect on how the Mass and the Sacraments inspire us to a deeper encounter with Jesus; how prayer changes our understanding of our involvement in the mission of the Church; and what flows out from the Mass and the Sacraments to our local communities. We will also consider what are the opportunities in our community to be involved in decision making; when are there opportunities for communal discernment, in what ways is our local community accountable and transparent, and how can we develop this co-responsibility further. 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

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Redmond McDonnell of Whitley Bay, who died on 25th January aged 77 years. A funeral service will take place at 1.30pm on the 8th March at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Ferguson of Whitley Bay, who died on 2nd February aged 92 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11am on 1st March at St Edward's Church, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

There will be two Masses on Wednesday 2nd March; 9.30am at Immaculate Heart Church and 7pm at St Edward's Church.

PARISH COVID CONTROLS – UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2022

COVID Symptoms - if you show any COVID symptoms please stay at home and isolate.

Vaccinations - are the best way to control the spread of COVID. We can show that we care for each other by getting vaccinated and the booster when it becomes available.

Hand Sanitiser - it is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches. There is no need for readers to sanitise their hands before reading.

Face Coverings - all who attend church are encouraged to wear a face covering. It is recommended that clergy and servers on the sanctuary, providing they are 2 metres distant from the congregation, do not need to wear face covering except when distributing Holy Communion.

Social Distancing & Capacity of Churches - 1-metre social distancing continues between households.

Stewards - it is helpful for stewards to continue where numbers attending are likely to exceed the capacity of the church. We are grateful for all our stewards have done so far to keep us safe.

NHS Test and Trace - is still encouraged in church to support the NHS. This is done via the NHS QR code poster in the church entrance. Stewards may also use a separate parish signing-in system.

Parish Halls and Meeting Spaces - church meeting spaces can re-open to all groups and activities with immediate effect. Immaculate Heart Church is socially risk-assessed and can be used for social activities. St Edward's Parish Rooms will be risk-assessed soon for social use.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food bank through donations of food or money. This week we would ask for savoury snacks, tinned vegetables, tinned or packet potatoes and biscuits please. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORM

Confirmation application forms are now available, both electronically and in hard copy, from the Parish Office. If you or your child wish to be confirmed this year please contact the Parish Office to request a copy.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022

Our programme will commence soon and the children will receive the Sacraments on Saturday 18th June 2022. Parents who have already indicated interest on behalf of their child(ren), are now being asked to formally register them on the programme. Registration will close on 28th February 2022. If anyone has not yet contacted us, but would still like to enrol their child, please email us at 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com stating your child's full name and date of birth. Catechists will then provide you with full programme details.

OTHER NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service will take place on **4th March at 2pm in St Paul's Church, Whitley Bay**. The theme is 'I know the plans I have for you' and it has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Please join us for this special time - it is a service for everyone. Afternoon tea will be served after the service.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS BOOKLET

The past couple of years have probably felt like a very long Lent to many people, so now is a very appropriate liturgical season to express and engage fully with our tribulations. As Christians, we have a hope that shines along every rough road. We trust that this year's booklet will foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures' relevance to our daily Christian living as we look forward to Easter. The reflections have been contributed by clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community. The dedicated Lenten reflection page on the diocesan website which contains the booklet can be found here: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturg-prayer/#seasonal>

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. Please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 for more details.

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 19th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 20th February 7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Marie Horsburgh (LL)
Monday 21st February	No Mass
Tuesday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Albert & Lily Riley (EW)
Wednesday 23rd February ST POLYCARP	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Pam Bailey (M & JH)
Thursday 24th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL)
Friday 25th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Michael Wilson
Saturday 26th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm In Thanksgiving
Sunday 27th February 8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 19th February 11am (Deacon Terry)	Mia Jayne Gabriele
Saturday 26th February 11am (Deacon Terry)	Dylan Carter Viegas
Sunday 27th February 11.30am (Father Andrew)	Isabella Lyra Thompson-Korsbo

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 Fr Richard Harriott, Tom Bittle, Redmond McDonnell, Joan Ferguson & Fr Malcolm Cairns. 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

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. | 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. |
| 3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. | 4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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