

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 12TH & 13TH 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**

There is no need to denounce anyone for not believing in the risen Lord. Our job is not to judge others. We are simply here to trust God and if he is at the centre of our lives we will behave as we have been created, in his image imitating his generosity, his forgiveness and his attentiveness to human need. Then our hearts will truly be turned to the Lord and our hopes justified. Unlike Matthews beatitudes which were given on a mountain, Luke's four are delivered on a piece of level ground where many people were gathered. They focus on life as it is. Jesus does not say to those who are overburdened that their life is ideal, far from it. He teaches that there is a truth in their circumstances, a strength not always realised. Within the struggle there is hidden grace. For those of us who have known grief it can be a spiritual eye opener but at the same time allow us to see God's life, God's will and his grace.

**Deacon Terry**

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

Our Diocesan synod process has been moving ahead over the last months, and we are now starting to collate the responses from all diocesan groups and parishes. This is how it will work:

- On Saturday, February 12th, representatives from all the partnerships will gather with the Bishop, and together, they will reflect on the input and the process so far.
- Following this meeting, the 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.
- Have you joined the conversation? If you've not yet taken the opportunity to contribute to the Synod process, there is still time to do so. Contact your Parish or Partnership representatives and ask how you can feed into your local response. Alternatively, you can email: [synod@diocesehn.org](mailto:synod@diocesehn.org)

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](mailto: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.

**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.

**Ventilation** - it is still important to ventilate our churches to dilute and disperse the virus.

**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.

**Church Booking** - parishioners are still required to book places for weekend Masses. Please phone **07340 169249** on Thursdays: 10.00am - 12.00 Noon or 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

**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.

**Church Cleaning** - pre-Covid cleaning is now sufficient. Cleaning after services is no longer required.

**Congregational Singing** - singing in church can continue. Cantors and groups are permitted without face coverings when members are 1 metre apart and at least 2 metres from the congregation.

**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.

**Hymn Books and Mass Cards** - can be used.

**Holy Water** - the stoups may be refilled with the water, which is to be changed at least once a week.

**Sign of Peace** - may be exchanged again if felt appropriate.

**Holy Communion** - is distributed at the usual time with people socially distanced in the procession without supervision from stewards. Holy Communion continues under one kind only. Ministers continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and to wear face covering. Holy Communion is distributed in the hand.

Ministers taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound must only do so if they are fully vaccinated. The risk of transmission by touch or expelled breath is increased when the minister is close to the sick or housebound person. Also, a sick person is more likely to develop a more serious reaction to COVID. Ministers to the sick and housebound should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to visit.

**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.

## **SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

This Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice. A second collection will be taken.

## **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 lifeline. This week we would be grateful for tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, sweet snacks, jam/savoury spread and tinned fruit please. Thank you.

## **WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Friday 18th February. We will meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 10.00am and will walk towards Earsdon/Shiremoor and on to Holywell, where we will pick up the Wagon Way and return to West Monkseaton, a distance of approximately 7 miles. We will be on good paths and tracks with virtually no gradient. If you would like any further information please contact David or Pauline Warren 0191 2515404.

## **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**

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](mailto: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.

## **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. It is always good to share in this day and join our prayers with those of Christians throughout the world. Please join us for this special time - it is a service for everyone. Afternoon tea will be served after the service.

### **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 12th February	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6pm June Carroll & Kathleen Jones (LC)
Sunday 13th February <b>6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 14th February <b>SS CYRIL, MONK &amp; METHODIUS</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 15th February	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Word & Communion
Wednesday 16th February	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Helen Fung (SF)
Thursday 17th February	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Bernie Thompson/Hagan (PS)
Friday 18th February	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Saturday 19th February	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 20th February <b>7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Marie Horsburgh (LL)
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 13th February 11.30 (Father Andrew)	Jacob David Burns
Saturday 19th February 11am (Deacon Terry)	Mia Jayne Gabriele
Saturday 26th February 11am (Deacon Terry)	Dylan Carter Viegas

**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 and Joan Ferguson. 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 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4,6

#### *We say the Psalm together*

1. Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night.
2. He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind:  
for the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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