

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 5TH & 6TH MARCH 2022

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

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

The Cycle of Prayer

Lent

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.**

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The first Sunday of Lent is always about the testing of Jesus. In our Lenten season we enter into a partnership with the sufferings and hardship our Lord endured. Our Lenten journey should not be seen as some way we might torture ourselves but rather a period of preparation for the Passion and Resurrection of Easter. To each of the devil's taunts Jesus replies with a word of scripture. The lesson for us is that if we rely on God's word we will be safe. Despite the news each day which is testing our resolve, we remain solid in our faith. History has shown us that when bad people come they do cause suffering in the short term, but in the long term they always fail.

Deacon Terry

CAFOD – UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

There will be a Second Collection for CAFOD this weekend to support the people of Ukraine. If you prefer to donate directly, please go to www.cafod.org.uk.

TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION – PARTICIPATION – MISSION

The fifth and last of our parish series of zoom meetings, to which all are invited, will be on Tuesday 8th March at 7:00pm, when we will focus on: fulfilling as Church the commission of Jesus to make disciples of all nations, the formation we need for this and the difference that we can make to the world; how we become effective in passing on the faith; how we need to prepare ourselves for this task; and how we can continue dialogue so that the Church has a "lived synodality". The link to the zoom meeting is:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89990593963?pwd=SFRuK2xsd3VVGQ2VBbUNpMTh4RnhRZz09>

The Meeting ID is 899 9059 3963 Passcode: 901900

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

LENT 2022

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday at 7.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church. In this Diocesan Year of the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9.00am before each weekday Mass. Lent calls us to God's mercy. We turn ourselves to the light of Jesus and pray for conversion. In your home, create a sacred space for Lent with a crucifix, a candle, your rosary, prayer book and missal. Gather yourself and family in the space to pray together, and to be silent.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Redmond McDonnell of Whitley Bay, who died on 25 January aged 77 years. A funeral service will be celebrated at 1.30pm

on 8 March at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence Palmejar of Shiremoor, who died on 16 February aged 47 years. A Vigil of Prayer will begin with Reception at 3.00pm on 7 March at Immaculate Heart Church, with Mass celebrated at 7.00pm on 8 March. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00Noon on 9 March at St Edward's Church, followed by burial in Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Myers of Whitley Bay, who died on 21 February aged 79 years. A funeral service will be celebrated at 2.15pm on 17 March at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Noble of Whitley Bay, who died on 22 February aged 89 years. A funeral service will be celebrated at 10.30am on 14 March at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Quinn of Tynemouth, who died on 22 February aged 77 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 25 March at St Edward's Church, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Barrett of Whitley Bay, who died on 25 February aged 89 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 22 March at St Edward's Church, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH COVID CONTROLS

If you show any COVID symptoms, please stay at home and isolate. It is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches. All who attend church are

encouraged to wear a face covering. 1-metre social distancing in church continues between households. We are grateful for all our stewards have done to keep us safe during the Pandemic. They will continue to look after our churches and welcome parishioners. Church meeting spaces have re-opened to groups at Immaculate Heart and St Edward's.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are ill at home or waiting to be admitted into hospital, then please contact your priest to request the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing). This will mean that you have received the Sacraments before your admission. While in hospital, ask the staff to contact the Chaplain to bring you Holy Communion and pray with you.

WALKING GROUP

The proposed walk on Monday 7 March will not take place. The next walk will be on Monday 21 March, details to follow.

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 Tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, Savoury snacks - crisps etc. and Toilet rolls. Thank you.

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The Partnership Confirmation Programme for students in Year 10 and Year 11 will begin on Thursday 10th March 2022 and run for 5 weeks until Thursday April 7th 2022. Young people are now invited to sign-up by filling out the Confirmation Application Form. This is available from your parish priest or by emailing the Chaplain at St Thomas More on mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk.

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 closed on 28th February 2022, but If anyone has not yet contacted us and 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.

MILL HILL MISSIONARY SOCIETY RED BOX COLLECTIONS

Can Members of St Edward's who are holding donations please arrange to pass their red boxes to Bill Crumbley over the next few weeks. If anyone has any difficulties please contact Bill on 2519901.

OTHER NOTICES

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 is: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal>

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Head of Finance. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle and agile working is available. Full-time or 30 hours a week. Closing date for applications is 14 March 2022. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

FAMILY FAST DAY, FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

Next Friday is a day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World. Envelopes are available at the back of church and any contributions are gratefully accepted. You can also donate online via the CAFOD website. Why not join the 'Walk against Hunger' Lent Challenge by signing up at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Preparations are beginning for our annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 29th July - Friday 5th August 2022. It is hoped that this year, we will be able to travel together as a Diocese once more. In order to aid the planning stages, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July 2022 and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the smooth running of the Pilgrimage. Please contact lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk for an 'expression of interest' form.

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 5th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 6th March 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Malcolm Louvre (LL)
Monday 7th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 3pm Reception & Vigil Florence Palmejar
Tuesday 8th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Angelina Cosimini IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 7pm Mass, Florence Palmejar
Wednesday 9th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 12 Noon Requiem Mass Florence Palmejar
Thursday 10th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Louie Finn
Friday 11th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am A Sick Daughter (LH) 7pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 12th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 13th March 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Redmond McDonnell

Please remember in your prayers:

Layton Jay Newton, David Johnson, Ann Stroud, Eileen Scott, Win Foley and Sarah Walton who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died recently, especially Redmond McDonnell, Joan Ferguson, Fr Malcolm Cairns, Florence Palmejar, Dorothy Noble, Maria Quinn, Kathleen Myers, Maureen Barrett and Fr Harry Ryan. May they rest in peace. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our lord, **(at the words that follow, all bow.)** *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom
to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that in this crisis:
may we reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice become real
for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Through Christ Our Lord. 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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me." 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-15

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' | 2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. |
| 3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. | 4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,' I will save him in distress and give him glory. |

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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