

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 19TH & 20TH MARCH 2022

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

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The Cycle of Prayer

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 Hebrews were at a very low point and were oppressed refugees lacking both land and security. Then God speaks with Moses and tells him his name 'I am who I am', in other words, that being God is sufficient. He has not been blind to the miserable existence of his people and will deliver them from it. Moses' instruction is to believe this and take that message to them from their God. Jesus also has a message and it is one of repentance and forgiveness. To be repentant means to do something about it, changing our scale of values with others. Forgiving them in the same way that God does for us. The Lord's prayer ends with 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive others' In our troubled times we pray for the people of Ukraine that the madness of war will end soon and they can return in peace to their own country and be free of oppression.

Deacon Terry

TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION – PARTICIPATION – MISSION

Reflections have been received from across the Diocese by the Bishop's team which manages the synod process. The Bishop will release his final reflection next month, and send it on to the national stage of the process. Our Partnership reflection is available at the back of the church.

LENT 2022

During Lent, Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7.00pm on Friday at Immaculate Heart Church. In this Year of the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 9.00am before weekday Mass. Lent calls us to God's mercy. We turn ourselves to the light of Jesus and pray for conversion.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Quinn of Tynemouth, who died on 22 February aged 75 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Ramsay of Whitley Bay, who died on 4 March aged 89 years. A funeral service will be held at 1.30pm on 29 March at St Edward's Church, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Stark of Langdale, Monkseaton, who died on 8 March aged 83 years. A funeral service will take place at Tynemouth Crematorium at 12.00 Noon on 8 April. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH COVID CONTROLS

If you show any COVID symptoms, please stay at home and isolate. Please sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches. All attending are asked to wear a face covering. 1-metre social distancing continues between households. We are grateful for the stewards who continue to look after our parishioners. Church meeting spaces have re-opened to groups at Immaculate Heart and St Edward's Churches.

CONGRATULATIONS & PRAYERS

Prayers and congratulations to Laura Myers and Andrew Spencer who were married on the 18 March at Immaculate Heart Church.

UKRAINIAN APPEAL

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. You can still donate at: www.cafod.org.uk.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 21st March. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk from Kingston Park Metro Station to Callerton Parkway Metro station. This walk is on good paths and is mainly flat. We will walk via Woosington Village and visit Abbotswood Nature Reserve. Meet at West Monkseaton Metro Station at 9.50am to catch the 10.08am metro. For further details please contact Jim on 07538327784.

MILL HILL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Spring edition of Mission Today is now available for Members to pick up at either St. Edwards or Immaculate Heart.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food bank through donations of food or money. This week we ask for Sweet snacks – chocolate etc., Pot Noodles, Tinned fruit and Rice Pudding. Thank you.

CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

The first coffee morning since lockdown started will be on Thursday 24th March from 10.30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in aid of Cafod. Please come along to enjoy tea/coffee and a scone and a chat with friends you may not have seen for a while.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022

Our programme will commence soon and the children will receive the Sacraments on Saturday 18th June 2022. Father Andrew and the Catechists are looking forward to meeting all of the parents on Thursday 24th March at 7.15pm at Star of the Sea School. Any enquiries should be directed to 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com.

USED STAMPS

In the past someone collected stamps and forwarded them on for good causes. If anyone knows anything about this or would like to take this forward, please contact Julie in the parish office at Immaculate Heart Church. Thank you.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

A few parishioners are coming together to read and reflect on Lenten readings. If you would like to join us please come along to St Edward's Parish rooms, starting Wednesday 23rd March from 2 - 3pm.

OTHER NOTICES

LENTEN REFLECTIONS BOOKLET

The past couple of years have felt like a very long Lent to many people, and now is a very appropriate time 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 written 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 Senior Administrator in the Safeguarding Team. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle and is full-time. Closing date for applications is 23rd March 2022. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details of the vacancy or contact us on 0191 2433301.

WHITLEY BAY & DISTRICT CHURCHES+TOGETHER - FUNDRAISING LUNCHES AT ST PAUL'S

St Paul's Church in Whitley Bay will be serving home-made soups and bread rolls each Saturday until Saturday 2nd April. Soup and roll lunch will be served from 12noon to 2pm and all proceeds will be shared between The BAY Foodbank and the Samaritans of Tyneside. **Please join us and support these worthy local charities.**

STELLA MARIS

On the first anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO ACCOMPANY THOSE SEEKING INNER HEALING?

The Diocese will be providing training in this ministry, initially to help you discern how God may be directing you. A residential training course will take place at Minsteracres Retreat Centre and will run across 2 sessions:

Session 1: 22nd - 23rd April 2022

Session 2: 15th - 16th July 2022

For more information contact the Vicariate for Faith & Mission admin team who can provide further details and application forms. adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

PARTNERSHIP RETREAT TO AMPLEFORTH

A reminder that 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. At the moment we have 10 people who are interested. This will not be enough to finance hiring a coach to take us there but it is just enough to make the retreat viable. It would mean that participants will have to organise their own transport but on the positive side the overall cost of the retreat will be reduced. If anyone else is interested in coming, please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 0191 2521790 before 31st March so that a decision can be made about hiring a coach.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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| 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 | |
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| DAY & DATE | CHURCH |
| Saturday 19th March ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm George, Martha & Edmund Wilson (Wilson family) |
| Sunday 20th March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish |
| Monday 21st March | No Mass |
| Tuesday 22nd March | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Requiem Mass Maureen Barrett |
| Wednesday 23rd March | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Maureen Barrett (PO) |
| Thursday 24th March | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Alf Louvre (LL) |
| Friday 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 11.00am Requiem Mass Maria Quinn IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 7pm Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday 26th March | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish |
| Sunday 27th March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Stephanie Thompson (AA) |

Please remember in your prayers:

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 Florence Palmejar, Dorothy Noble, Maria Quinn, Kathleen Myers, Maureen Barrett, Fr Harry Ryan, Robert Ramsay & Teresa Stark. 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 THE PEOPLE OF 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

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11

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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. | 4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

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