

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER), YEAR C, 23RD & 24TH APRIL 2022

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

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

The Cycle of Prayer:

Easter tide

During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.**

SUNDAY REFLECTION

The two appearances of Jesus after the resurrection are linked by the person of Thomas. We do not know why Thomas is absent from the first, it is not given, but it does open up an opportunity for a second encounter, to which he is central. What follows is an exclamation that Jesus is God for the first time in the New Testament. Both events occur on the day of resurrection. Jesus appears standing next to the disciples in the upper room even though the doors were closed. His first address to them is one of peace. As he was present to them he is to us, whether we are sick, unhappy, in fear of what might happen in the war, we are challenged to discover the risen Lord in our lives and how he reveals himself in the sacraments and in the liturgy.

Deacon Terry

EASTER CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS

Welcome and congratulations to those who were baptized and received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil: Jennifer Lynch, Marie Louise Chapman and Ellie Louise Chapman. Thanks to everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so memorable, and especially Father Colahan for being with us in Mgr Andrew's absence. Thanks to those who prepared and decorated the churches, the welcomers, musicians and singers, servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers and collectors. Thanks, also, from Deacon Terry and Mgr Andrew for your Easter cards and gifts.

MONSIGNOR ANDREW FALEY

Monsignor Andrew is recovering well following his ankle replacement and is convalescing for the next few weeks. We are grateful to Fr Noel Colahan who will celebrate the Sunday Masses. If a priest is needed in an emergency, please phone Canon Martin Stempczyk on 0191 2513770, Fr Chris Hughes on 0191 2575801, or Fr David Smith on 0191 2623882. Monsignor Andrew thanks you for your continuing prayers.

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, where possible. Church meeting spaces have re-opened to groups at Immaculate Heart and St Edward's Churches. From Sunday 1st May, access/egress to St Edward's church will be via the Narthex/Coquet Avenue. The main rear doors will remain closed.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

This weekend there will be a special collection for The Northern Brethren Fund for Sick & Retired Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Duffy of North Shields, who died on 11 April aged 88 years. A funeral service will take place at Tynemouth Crematorium at 3.00pm on 28 April. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hazel Middleton of Cullercoats, who died on 11 April aged 84 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon on 29 April 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 Jeffrey Blakey (known as Jeff) of Cullercoats, who died on 18 April aged 83 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am on 6 May at St Edward's Church, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYERS & CONGRATULATIONS

Prayers and Congratulations to Rachele Willis & Stuart Murray who were married on the 23rd April at St Edward's Church.

THANKS FROM CAFOD

"Thank you to all parishioners at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £230 which we received recently. Thank you so much for being there for our global family."

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 ask for Jam/savoury spread, Hot dogs, Tea bags, Tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew and Tinned or packet potatoes. Thank you.

WALKING GROUP

On Wednesday 4th May Gerry Latimer will lead a six and a half mile walk from Morpeth to Bothal. The walk begins through pleasant countryside and farmland to Bothal and then returns to Morpeth along the wooded banks of the Wansbeck where a variety of birds, including herons, may often be seen. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am for shared transport. Contact Gerry on 0191 2516989 if you require further information.

WALK WITH ME

The Eastertide edition of Walk with Me (An Eastertide Journey of Prayer for 2022) is now available at the back of each church, priced at £1 per copy.

SVP APPEAL

A Mother and her three children who are parishioners urgently require to rent a three bedroomed property, preferably in the catchment area of Whitley Bay High School, on a long-term basis before the end of May. If anyone is able to assist please contact Bill Crumbley (2519901) or Pat Shinn (2529915).

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid Envelopes for the current year are at the back of St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches. Envelopes for St Edmund's parishioners are in the Narthex at St Edward's Church. If you have a problem locating your envelopes or any questions, please contact Michael on 0191 6704364.

DONATIONS

A big thank you for all your generous donations, which are greatly appreciated. Should you wish to transfer to standing order or bank transfer, the Parish bank details are:
Name: Our Lady Star of the Sea **Bank:** HSBC
Sort Code 40-34-45 **Account Number** 21157523.
If you wish to remember the Parish in your Will, further information is available from the Parish Office.

OTHER NOTICES

ENCOUNTERING THE SON

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission has now produced the '*Encountering the Son*' booklet, which is the second of a series of three booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist and Our Diocesan Synodal reflection. The booklet is available on the Diocesan website

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf>. As we journey through this Lenten season, we

hope that this booklet will help all the faithful of our diocese to deepen their personal relationship to our Lord, so they can more closely follow his example and teachings as active members of our universal Church family and in communion with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

ST CUTHBERT'S PRESBYTERY, NORTH SHIELDS

Tyneside Welcomes is an organisation which helps families displaced by conflict set up life in a new place. *Tyneside Welcomes* is delighted to know that the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has supported the Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields, in making the St Cuthbert's Presbytery available to resettle a refugee family from Syria or Afghanistan under the Government's Community Sponsorship Scheme. This is a big job and we hope for more volunteers to help. If you are thinking about volunteering please speak to Vin Totton and *Tyneside Welcomes* will do their best to answer your questions. Vin can be contacted on vintotton@btinternet.com.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more difficult. The emergency lockdown measures we have had to implement to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our residents safe have had a massive impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home. We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with our work of caring for the Elderly and we are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us. Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: **St Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA**. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Property Surveyor - Full-time, fixed term contract for 2 years. Flexible working is available. Closing date for applications: 28 April 2022.

Hexham, St Mary

Parish Secretary - 20 hours a week

Cleaner - 14 hours a week

Closing date for applications: 4 May 2022.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntl.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 23rd April	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 24th April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Kitty Liszka (MR)
Monday 25th April ST MARK	No Mass
Tuesday 26th April ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Wednesday 27th April	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH No Mass
Thursday 28th April	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Maria Quinn (PK)
Friday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 12 Noon Requiem Mass Hazel Middleton
Saturday 30th April	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 1st May 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Marguerite Jones (BJ)
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 23rd April 11am (Deacon Terry)	Charlotte Meabh Yeoman
Sunday 1st May 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Daisy Jean Nash
Sunday 8th May 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Thomas Alexander Coleman

Please remember in your prayers:

David Johnson, Ann Stroud, Eileen Scott, A Sick Daughter, Win Foley and Sarah Walton who are ill. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died recently, especially Fr Harry Ryan, Robert Ramsay, Teresa Stark, Thomas Kirk Reid, Hazel Middleton, Jeff Blakey and Margaret Duffy. 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. (CAFOD)

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

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' | 2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. |
| 3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. | |

Second Reading

Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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