

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 7TH & 8TH MAY 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

This week's readings fit together beautifully. In Acts, Paul and Barnabas are rejected three times by their own people and it cuts them to the bone. He turns to Barnabas and says, 'since we have been rejected in this way, we'll have to turn to the pagans' (Thank God!) "because... 'I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth'" The second reading is equally superb since in a few words it explains what is in store for us if we keep the faith. Finally in the third reading our Lord explains his love for us all as he compares himself to a Good Shepherd. Whatever is happening in the world today, including all the pain and suffering in Ukraine we can be reassured that our Lord will prevail and defeat all those against him.

Deacon Terry

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. Access/ egress to St Edward's church will be via the Narthex/ Coquet Avenue. The main rear doors will remain closed.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022

The first session of this year's Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme will take place on Monday 9th May, from 5pm - 6.15pm, at St Edward's Church. We look forward to welcoming the children and their families and ask for your prayers as they embark on this stage of their journey in faith.

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 ask for Tinned Meat - spam etc., Meatballs, Rice Pudding and Microwave Rice. Thank you.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will take place on Wednesday 18th May. Jim Gunning will lead a 6.5 mile walk from Bolam Lake via Shaftoe Crag and the Devil's Punchbowl. It's an easy walk on good paths with great views. Meet at Immaculate Heart Church car park at 9.30am for shared transport. Contact Jim on 07538327784 if you require further information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This weekend a special collection will be taken for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

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.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

Following the Lenten Reflections, a small group of parishioners are now reflecting on the second booklet, 'Encountering the Son'. We meet at St Edward's Church meeting rooms every Wednesday, from 2 - 3pm. All are welcome.

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.

WHITLEY BAY & DISTRICT CHURCHES+TOGETHER

Pray for Peace - You are invited to join with us, so that together we can pray for peace, particularly in Ukraine, but also across the world. Service to be held on Thursday 12th May, from 7.30pm, at Whitley Bay Baptist Church. Deacon Terry is going to this and if anyone wants to come along they can meet up at the venue on Park Avenue in Whitley Bay.

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. We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue to care 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/

COULD YOU BE A PRAYER CO-ORDINATOR FOR STREET PASTORS?

The work of Street Pastors is undergirded by prayer. It is essential. Prayer Pastors pray while Street Pastor teams are on patrol. Whitley Bay Street Pastors are looking for a committed Christian to fill this voluntary role of leading the Prayer Pastor team. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Chris Lincoln on 07549 015 896 or whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk by 31st May 2022.

TYNESIDE CIRCLE OF THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association is restarting after the pandemic closure in the church hall of St.Cuthbert's, North Shields. Our first meeting at the new venue will be on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm for a talk by Father Chris Hughes entitled "Can Theology Be Practical? Encouraging Reflective Discipleship". All welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND WITH STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris is holding a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 4th June 2022, led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. The pilgrimage starts at 12 noon. All are invited. Please check tide times. For further information contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504).

HOLY ISLAND CHILDREN'S SVP CAMP are seeking volunteers - helping in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and cleaning etc - to help this summer. If interested please visit: <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Property Surveyor – Full-time, fixed term contract – 2 years. Flexible working is available. Closing date for applications: 12 May 2022.

Hexham, St Mary

Parish Secretary – 20 hours a week. Closing date for applications: 18 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@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 7th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 8th May 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Maria Quinn (L & BH)
Monday 9th May	No Mass
Tuesday 10th May ST JOHN DE AVILA	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Wednesday 11th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH No Mass
Thursday 12th May	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Maria Quinn (B & HC)
Friday 13th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 14th May ST MATTHIAS	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 15th May 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Michael Wilson (Wilson Family)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 8th May 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Thomas Alexander Coleman
Sunday 15th May 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Lincoln Christopher Dance
Sunday 22nd May 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Teddy Williamson

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
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 7TH & 8TH MAY 2022

First Reading

Acts 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. | 2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. |
| 3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. | |

Second Reading

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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