

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C, 21ST & 22ND MAY 2022

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

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

The Cycle of Prayer:

Eastertide

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

Our times, like many before, are troubled by sinfulness which has led to war breaking out. Our Lord knows this and he has some beautiful words of encouragement in the gospel. Those who love him will be loved by God who will make his home with them. He promises to send the Holy Spirit who will help and teach us everything. We are not to be troubled or afraid. Recently I baptised a little boy and as I looked at him I thought 'You've no idea what is going to happen' But his Parents and Godparents did. All he knew was that he was warm and dry and then he was wet. No wonder some of them cry at that stage. The gift of the Holy Spirit is given and will remain with him and with us forever. **Deacon Terry**

MONSIGNOR ANDREW FALEY

Monsignor Andrew is recovering well following his ankle replacement and will convalesce for the next few weeks. He will celebrate the Sunday Masses from now on, but is not returning to full duties for some time. 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 and gifts.

PARISH COVID CONTROLS

If you show COVID symptoms, please stay at home and isolate. Please sanitise your hands when entering and exiting the church. Please wear a face covering. 1-metre social distancing continues between households. Church meeting spaces have re-opened at Immaculate Heart and St Edward's Churches. Access/egress to St Edward's Church is via the Narthex and Coquet Avenue.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The Bishops of England and Wales have resolved that, from Pentecost Sunday, 5 June 2022, the Sunday Mass obligation is no longer impeded. The Bishops have stressed that those who still do not feel safe enough to return to Mass should not do so. All other Catholics are subject to the precept to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. Live streaming of Masses has been a great benefit to many during the pandemic, and will continue to be for those genuinely unable to attend Mass. The Bishops remind us, however, that watching a live streamed Mass does not fulfil the obligation. The full resolution of the Bishops' Conference can be read on the diocesan website.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Next Sunday (29th May) is World Communications day and a special collection will be taken.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022

We look forward to welcoming the children to St Edward's Church for the third session of the Sacramental Programme on Monday 23rd May, from 5.00pm. We are grateful for your prayers as the children continue this stage of their journey in faith with Jesus Our Lord.

COMPLINE

Compline will be resuming after a considerable absence and will firstly be at the end of the Journey in Faith sessions at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Tuesday 24th May at 8.00pm and Tuesday 7th June at 8.00pm. After these two evenings, Compline will continue at St. Edward's Church on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. If you have not had the experience of Compline, why not come along. It is a very prayerful and peaceful time at the end of the day.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

During Easter time a group of parishioners are reflecting on the second diocesan booklet, 'Encountering the Son'. We meet in St Edward's meeting rooms every Wednesday, from 2.00 - 3.00pm. All are welcome.

ATTENTION PARISH GARDENERS

Could you spare an hour on Wednesday 25th May, from 10.00am, to do a bit of weeding in St Edward's Church drive. Please bring your own tools. Thank you.

PARISH SUMMER BERRIES AFTERNOON

We would like to invite you to come along to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for a Parish celebration on Thursday 26th May from 2.00pm for a cup of tea or coffee, a good natter and a Summer berry treat! Join us for strawberry cake, shortbread or scone, with all proceeds split between the Disasters Emergency Committee and the Bay Foodbank. Hope to see you there!

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 ask for savoury snacks - crisps etc., tinned pasta/spaghetti/macaroni, microwave rice and coffee. Thank you.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 9th June. Please meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary church at 9.30am for an 8 mile walk along North Tyneside Waggonways in flat and easy terrain. Lunch will be at the duck pond behind the Village Hotel which is currently populated with many varieties of breeding water fowl. For further information please contact David Armstrong on 07982 000853.

OTHER NOTICES

LAUDATO SI WEEK

Pope Francis invites Catholic communities around the world to participate in Laudato Si' Week 2022 from May 22-29. The weeklong global event will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care and unite the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to listen and respond to the cry of God's creation. We will celebrate Laudato Si Week in our Diocese with a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, at 7.00pm on Monday, 23 May. Bishop Robert will preside, and Fr Chris Hughes will preach on hearing the cry of the poor and the earth. Music will be provided by pupils from Sacred Heart High School, Fenham. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Mass focusing on creation care.

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.

WHITLEY BAY FIESTA - ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Sunday 5th June (Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend) Can you give some time to help with the Fiesta on Sunday 5th June? There are lots of opportunities to help - setting up, stewarding during the event, and packing away at the end of the Fiesta. This is a great opportunity for you to be involved in this wonderful community event. For more information please contact: **Andrew Foster** (andrew.foster@wbbc.org.uk or 07837 737712).

WHITLEY BAY & DISTRICT CHURCHES+TOGETHER

The initial three Sunday Fiesta festivals in Whitley Bay town centre have been a huge success. In order to put on further Fiestas, we have been invited to apply for community funding from the North of Tyne Authority that will cover the running costs for the next 2 years, but we have to demonstrate the community is behind us through crowd funding.

We need your help to do this. Deadline 5th June.

If you can provide a donation, no matter how small, please click on the 'Spacehive' link below, which will take you to our project 'Sustain Fiesta Whitley Bay'. Click on the box 'Back this Project' follow the instructions on screen and make a donation to help us to reach our target. It is a simple and secure process that takes a few minutes- the instructions will appear on screen. Every penny you donate will help to make certain that Fiesta is here to stay. You can also 'Like' our project. Thank you, because Fiesta wouldn't happen without your involvement and support.

<https://www.spacehive.com/fiestawb>

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 would like more information, please contact Chris Lincoln on 07549 015 896 or whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk by 31st May 2022.

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>

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 parishofficeollss@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 21st May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 23rd May	No Mass
Tuesday 24th May	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 8pm Compline
Wednesday 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE	No Mass
Thursday 26th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Len, Catherine & Shirley Wilson (The Wilson family)
Friday 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 28th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6pm Harry Purdy (JP)
Sunday 29th May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 22nd May 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Teddy Williamson
Saturday 28th May 11am (Father Andrew)	Leonardo Masucci
Sunday 29th May 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Lorenzo Eashan D'Oca

Please remember in your prayers:

David Johnson, Ann Stroud, Eileen Scott, Louise Coulthard, Win Foley, Sarah Walton and Catherine Kimmitt who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died recently, especially Thomas Kirk Reid, Hazel Middleton, Jeff Blakey and Margaret Duffy. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Glory 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

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

We say the Psalm together

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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