

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 23RD & 24TH JULY 2022

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

The Cycle of Prayer:

Summer

We are asked to pray for these intentions: **a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers.**

SUNDAY REFLECTION

In the first reading, Abraham tries to push his luck with God using his own logic until he has gone beyond any sort of reason. God tolerates his game with an immense ability to forgive. When Jesus teaches his disciples to pray he invites them to call God their Father and approach him in the same way as children, who know they are loved. We then meet the man who is up and about in the middle of the night looking for bread. He argues a case with his neighbour who eventually gives in so as to be spared of the racket. This is Jesus' model of the true disciple: the one who doesn't give up – true disciples are hard to get rid of. By persevering in prayer we come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands and we can rest content to leave them there, trusting the situation will be cared for as God sees fit.

Deacon Terry

PARISH COVID CONTROLS

Diocesan guidelines only recommend that people in Church sanitise their hands, wear face-covering and that the church should be ventilated. You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. Please be sensitive to those who socially distance.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Louise Apostolopoulos of Barrasford Close, Ashington, who died on 20 June aged 76 years. A Funeral Service will be celebrated at 3.00pm on 8 August at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Tharakan formerly of Whitley Bay, who died on 8 July aged 71 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 29 July at Immaculate Heart Church, Monkseaton, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Claydon of Whitley Bay who died peacefully at home on 12 July aged 84 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm on 2 August at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Bell of The Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 15 July aged 79 years. A burial service will take place in Earsdon Cemetery at 1.15pm on 28 July. May he rest in peace. Amen.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST EDMUND, BACKWORTH

Whilst the church is closed, we continue to have an obligation to our insurers to ensure the safety and security of the premises. Lately, there have been occasions when

entry has been gained, but the security system has not been set on exit. The locks have therefore been changed and anyone needing access should contact the Parish Office for a key, which is returned to the office after use.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH, WHITLEY BAY – NARTHEX TOILETS

Over the past few months, discussion has been taking place with the Diocesan Property Department and the Historic Churches Committee to explore the possibility of increasing the number of toilets in the Narthex at St Edward's Church. We would all agree that the one toilet is inadequate and doesn't meet what is legally required under the UK Equality Act. It is also embarrassing for visitors when there's only one toilet available. We want to upgrade to two toilets and the Narthex will accommodate the upgrade without any adverse impact on the use of the area. The stage has now been reached for public notice of the project and the notice is posted in St Edward's Narthex. Details of the application can be inspected by visiting <https://www.catholic-historic-churches.org.uk/applications/hexham-newcastle-1013>. Any representations relating to this proposal must be submitted within 28 days of the date of the notice (6 July 2022), quoting the application reference number #1013 to: Professor J Murray, Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Historic Churches Committee – email: property@diocesehn.org.uk.

ANNE & LAWRIE THANKS

Anne and Lawrie would like to thank our parish family for the love and support leading up to our marriage last Saturday. Thank you all for your good wishes and many cards. To Fr Andrew for the beautiful nuptial mass and Fr Tony for his inspiring homily, all which contributed to making the day memorable.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

A group of parishioners meets for prayer and reflection in St Edward's meeting rooms every Wednesday, from 2.00pm - 3.00pm and for the next five weeks we will be reflecting on 'Encountering the Holy Spirit'. There will be no meeting on Wednesday 27 July so the next meeting will be on 3 August. All are welcome.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food bank; your efforts are greatly appreciated. This week we need sweet snacks – chocolate etc., microwave rice, pot noodles & tinned fruit. Thank you.

STELLA MARIS (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Your parish raised the wonderful sum of £900.08. This generous gift will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk.

MISSIO - RED BOX DEPOSITS

A big thank you for the recent donations from Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, totalling £793.46. This money goes towards the Red Box and the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you for all that you do to care for our Church family around the world. Stephen Davies, Red Box Director.

WALKING GROUP

The next Parish walk will be on Monday 1 August when Helen Young will lead a 5 mile route from Hartburn to Longwitton. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Following a useful meeting between Mgr Andrew and those Extraordinary Ministers who visit the sick and housebound with Holy Communion, it was agreed that parishioners need to inform the Parish Priest directly if any relative requires Holy Communion at home, and not arrange visits with a lay minister until the Parish Priest has been contacted. Information about those receiving Holy Communion is only held in the Parish Office for as long as the arrangement lasts.

AMPLEFORTH RETREAT

A reminder for those going to Ampleforth this Monday 25 July that the minibus will leave from St. Edward's Church at 9.00am.

OTHER NOTICES

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association will take place on Wednesday 27 July at 7.30pm in the Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's Church in North Shields, when the Catholic historian Dr. Leo Gooch will talk on "The Rising of the Northern Earls". All are welcome.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SUMMER FAYRE

The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding a Summer Fayre on Saturday 30 July, 1pm-4pm at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. All are welcome.

ENCOUNTERING THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission has now produced the '*Encountering the Holy Spirit*' booklet, which is the third of a series of reflection booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist. The booklet is now available on the Diocesan website from the following link: <https://bit.ly/3R2gJRZ>.

LITURGICAL FORMATION AND DAYS OF REFLECTION

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is pleased to share their Autumn calendar for Liturgical Formation and Days of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Please visit bit.ly/Liturgy2022 for further details or see the poster and information sheet on the parish notice board/website. Please book via the parish office. Further dates will be announced for other ministries.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) 2022-2023

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS programme is now available for 2022-2023 and a short presentation is shown on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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 July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 24th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Fred Sweeney (LL)
Monday 25th July ST JAMES, APOSTLE	No Mass
Tuesday 26th July SS JOACHIM & ANNE	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Julia Judge (Judge family)
Wednesday 27th July	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Brian, Fiona & Mark Smith
Thursday 28th July	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Andrew Murphy (JH)
Friday 29th July SS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 10.00am Requiem Mass Teresa Tharakan
Saturday 30th July	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Jenny & Ted McIntosh (VD)
Sunday 31st July 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 24th July 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Axel Lee Precht
Sunday 31st July 11.30am (Father Andrew)	Tommy Lucca Hipkin-Procter

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Sarah Walton, Eileen Scott, Gerry Rafferty, Don Williams, Catherine Kimmitt and Kathryn Newton-Henderson who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Andrew Morton, Marie Louise Apostolopoulos, Teresa Tharakan, Fr Dermott Donnelly, John Claydon and Joseph Bell. 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 or Father Sebastian on 01670 712476

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

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. | 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. |
| 3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. | 4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. |

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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