

19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 6TH & 7TH AUGUST 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 our world of instant information, some may think that faith is a weak concept but the first reading assures us it is the bedrock of our hope in the eternal life promised by Our Lord. The letter to the Hebrews is addressed to those who had joined the Christian community but did not want to lose their Hebrew traditions. Again faith is to be the centre of their experience. The fulfilment of our journey will happen for all of us individually after death when we face the judgement of our life by the Lord. We do not need to be afraid of this. He will reward us by offering himself as our servant because we have been faithful to him. I cannot finish this week's reflection without congratulating the Lionesses on their victory. They also had faith and believed in themselves. It's a great example for all of us.

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 Catherine Kimmitt of Madeira Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 29 July aged 90 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am on 16 August at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gerard (Gerry) Christopher Anthony Rafferty of Hastings Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 30 July aged 87 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm on 19 August at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. 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.

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 9 August at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 7.00pm. It will be held in the upstairs meeting room.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food bank; your efforts are greatly appreciated. This week we need tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, tinned rice pudding, tinned fish – tuna etc., tinned vegetables and biscuits. Thank you.

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 we will be reflecting on 'Encountering the Holy Spirit'. The next meeting will be on 10 August. All are welcome.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Following a meeting of those Extraordinary Ministers who visit the sick and housebound with Holy Communion, it was agreed that parishioners must inform the Parish Priest directly if any relative requires Holy Communion at home, and not to 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.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 15 August. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk starting from the car park of the Sun Inn at Morpeth. This is a fairly easy and varied walk through riverside woods and fields. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary car park at 9.30am. For further details please contact Jim on 07538 327784.

CATENIAN BURSARY FUND

'Individual Project Award' is a grant made to assist a young catholic (aged 16-25) who wishes to undertake some individual project by volunteering to do something wonderful for someone else. This could be on your own, or with others, organised by you or through another organisation, but the essential thing that the Trustees are looking for is that you will be doing something of benefit to others - not yourself.

'**Lourdes Awards**'. Every year many young Catholics travel to Lourdes to work as a helper or as support staff to an assisted pilgrim. We know this can be a life-changing experience, and if you do plan to go, then we'd like to help you with your expenses. This can be on your own, or with an HCPT or Diocesan Pilgrimage, and we also support those providing the same service to assisted pilgrims on the Jumbulance. Students at St Thomas More Academy have benefitted from this award in recent years.

You do not need to have any knowledge or acquaintance with the Catenian Association to apply for these awards. For further information and details of how to apply, visit www.thecatenians.com.

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

HOLY ISLAND CHILDREN'S VINNIES CAMP 2022

There are still some places at this year's Holy Island Children's Camp, particularly in the last week of the School Summer Holiday. If you have a child/children in school years 5-7 who would like a week's residential holiday on Holy Island or you know of any children who would benefit from going to Camp this year please email christinej@svp.org.uk for further information.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, NEWCASTLE

St Joseph's Home (LSP), Newcastle are still looking for volunteers to help throughout the Home (e.g. helping with residents' activities, administration duties, fundraising and other various duties). If you are interested and would like to help, please contact Sister Evelyn or Mother Deirdre at St Joseph's Home on 0191 2731279 for further details.

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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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 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Monica Whalen (PW)
Sunday 7th August 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 8th August ST DOMINIC	No Mass
Tuesday 9th August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Jimmy Smith (PS)
Wednesday 10th August ST LAWRENCE	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Michael Johnson (J D & CJ)
Thursday 11th August ST CLARE OF ASSISI	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Jeff Blakey (C & AG)
Friday 12th August	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Martin McGann (T & CMcG)
Saturday 13th August	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 14th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIGIN MARY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 7th August 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	Myles Richard Francis
Saturday 13th August 11am (Deacon Terry)	Senan Jack Laverick

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Sarah Walton, Eileen Scott, Kathryn Newton-Henderson and Don Williams who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Marie Louise Apostolopoulos, Teresa Tharakan, Fr Dermott Donnelly, John Claydon, Joseph Bell, Catherine Kimmitt and Gerry Rafferty. 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
19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 6TH & 7TH AUGUST 2022

First Reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):1,12,18-20,22

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. | 2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. |
| 3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. | |

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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