

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 20TH & 21ST 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

We sometimes wonder if evangelisation is succeeding or if we are achieving anything. Thinking this way is wrong because it is God who does the calling, we do the living. It may come at a specific time, at a life changing moment or it may gradually become more relevant to us. On reflection, over time, we may come to realise the fragility of our humanity and our dependency on God. It is God who calls everyone to believe in him, through the experiences and events in their lives, he offers salvation to all whether they know him personally or not. Then we might ask ourselves; having found God, why is the way so difficult at times? The second reading gives us the answer; 'Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his Sons'. To someone who asks how he can be saved Jesus replies, it takes real effort. It's not something you read about, then have a light bulb moment. It requires change. The door is not always wide open, we might have to squeeze through and this hurts.

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 Eleanor (Ellie) Moody Brown of Wellington Avenue, Wellfield, who died on 2 August aged 90 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm on 23 August at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place at 9.00am in St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches, before the 9.30am weekday Mass.

SATURDAY MASS & CONFESSIONS

There will be Saturday Morning Mass at 9.30am from 3 September at St Edward's Church, followed by Confessions, 10.00am – 10.30am in the Confessional beside the organ. Confessions are available at Immaculate Heart Church on Saturdays, 5.30pm – 5.50pm in the Ground Floor Meeting Room before the 6.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass. Confessions are also available by appointment by phoning St Edward's.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

At Immaculate Heart of Mary church we currently have a small number of sturdy chairs with arms to help our older or frail parishioners to stand and sit more safely during Mass and other occasions. If you don't need this aid, please leave these chairs free for those who do need them. If you need any help please see Chris or Deidre at the back of church. Thank you.

OUR LADY STAR OF SEA CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are hoping to restart Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Autumn Term. Once our team is established, we will publish the details. Children aged 3 to 11 years will be welcome to celebrate the Word through sharing and activities. This is a very rewarding role and we would like to recruit more volunteers. If you would like to join, or know more about what is involved, please contact us via email using 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com giving your name and contact details. Many thanks.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

The First Holy Communion Mass for children of our parish attending Year 4 to 6 at Primary Schools in the Parish will take place on Saturday 10 June 2023. The details of the preparation sessions are still to be finalised, and are likely to take place during the 6 to 7 weeks leading up to 10 June. If you intend to enrol your child, please remember these dates when booking holidays. Please pass this information to friends or family who may not see this bulletin. Many thanks.

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.

EXAM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and prayers to our young people who received GCSE and A-Level examination results this week. May God bless them in their choices and the way ahead.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food bank; your efforts are greatly appreciated. This week we need Baby food – tins/packets/jars etc., long life milk and pot noodles. There will be no collection on Bank holiday Monday, 29 August. Thank you.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTIONS

A group of parishioners meet 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 24 August. All are welcome.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Tuesday 6 September. Peter Weighill will lead a 6 mile walk from Wylam to Prudhoe Castle and return along the banks of the River Tyne to Hag Bank and the old railway line to Wylam. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am. If you require more information contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

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. Stephen Davies, Red Box Director.

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.

OTHER NOTICES

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.

The first course is **Formation for New Readers of the Liturgy of the Word** and the Booking Deadline is Sunday 11 September (or when full). Your application must be endorsed by the Parish Priest.

Day 1 is taking place on Tuesday 13 September from 7.00 – 9.00pm at St Joseph's, Jarrow.

Day 2 is taking place on Saturday 17 September from 10.00am – 4.00pm at St Joseph's, Jarrow.

Please ensure you are available for both dates when booking and bring a packed lunch on the Saturday.

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. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education. 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 20th August ST BERNARD	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 21st August 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Kevin Linden (JW)
Monday 22nd August THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY	No Mass
Tuesday 23rd August ST ROSE OF LIMA	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 12.30pm Requiem Mass Eleanor Moody Brown
Wednesday 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Brian, Fiona & Mark Smith
Thursday 25th August ST LOUIS	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Adriana Arnone (LD)
Friday 26th August ST NINIAN	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Estelita Marciano (CC)
Saturday 27th August ST MONICA	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Margaret Aherne (P & DK)
Sunday 28th August 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	CHURCH
Saturday 20th August 11am (Deacon Terry)	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH Logan Valentino Walters
Saturday 27th August 11am (Father Andrew)	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH Edward Scott McKeen
Sunday 28th August 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH Henry Adam Oliver

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, Gerry Rafferty and Eleanor Moody Brown. 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

Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116(117)

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! | 2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. |
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Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? *My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons.* Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So *hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread;* then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

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Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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