

**23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR C, 3RD & 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

**DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

**Autumn**

During Ordinary Time from September to Advent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

**SUNDAY REFLECTION**

Occasionally we look at the beautiful sunrises or sunsets and wonder about God and his creation. It is a reminder that, though he is beyond our comprehension, he has remarkable strength and wisdom with a good amount of judgement and discernment. Our final home is not here but in heaven, where we will live in a glorious way with God and be at rest. So let us not cling to this existence or worry about the detail of what the future holds, only that we have been saved by this knowledge of God. What is Jesus talking about in the gospel? It is not that we have to hate our families, it means choosing Jesus above everything else. What he is saying is that our response to his invitation to be a disciple must be wholehearted and above all other relationships. There is no easy way to this and being a disciple of Jesus will cost us.

**Deacon Terry**

**PARISH COVID CONTROLS**

The wearing of a face covering is a personal choice, although it is recommended by the Diocese. If you need to, please sanitise your hands on entry. You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. Please be sensitive to those who socially distance.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction resume at 9.00am on Tuesday 6 September in St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches.

**SATURDAY MASS & CONFESSIONS**

There will be Saturday Morning Mass at 9.30am from 10 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.

**CAFOD - PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL**

CAFOD has joined the UK Disasters Emergency Committee to launch an appeal, in response to the Pakistan emergency. Their efforts will be directed to the Sindh Province, one of the worst affected areas. You can support the badly affected local communities by donating to the retiring collection at this Sunday's Masses or via the CAFOD website: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**EXAM CONGRATULATIONS**

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

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS**

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church we have some 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 need them. Thank you.

**THURSDAY MORNING CHAT**

From Thursday 8th September the parish rooms at St Edward's will be available, immediately after 9.30 Mass, for folk who would like to socialise over a cuppa with their fellow parishioners. Enter via the right hand sacristy. Please spread the word!

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE 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](mailto: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.

### **FOOD BANK**

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the food bank; your efforts are greatly appreciated. This week would like coffee, toilet rolls, savoury snacks - crisps etc. and tinned pasta/spaghetti/macaroni. Thank you.

### **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.

### **WATER WELL**

The Water Well has been reintroduced at St Edward's Church should you wish to donate to the Water Aid project.

### **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.

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

These sessions will begin again at the end of September in Immaculate Heart of Mary meeting rooms. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or renewing their Catholic faith is welcome. Further details to follow.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

### **TOUR OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2022**

The apparitions of Our Lady seen by St Bernadette in Lourdes are well known to us. In September and October of this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland, and Wales for the first time. This pilgrimage will give us the experience of the prayer and healing of Lourdes. The relics of St Bernadette will be in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on 1 and 2 October. It is essential that anyone wishing to venerate the relics registers for a time slot. Anyone who has not registered will be turned away. Registration Instructions can be found at:

[www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour)

### **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](http://bit.ly/Liturgy2022) for further details. 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.

### **FIRST STEPS – EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE**

Are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church.

We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. The course starts on Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm. If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the Online Enquiry Form <https://forms.office.com/r/4jwBpFuRvb> or email us at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk).

### **MUSIC FOR COMMUNION**

The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invite you to attend a short workshop led by Alison McLean (Director of Music at St Cuthbert's, Durham) and Paul Berry (Director of Music at St Mary's, Hexham) on Sunday 25 September, from 3.00-5.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, Durham, DH1 3HL. The workshop will explore new music for the communion procession. The cost is £10.00, which includes a copy of the book 'We come to your table' (RRP £12.00). Tea and coffee is provided. For more information about the workshop and to book your place, please visit the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/music-for-communion/>. Advanced booking is essential, please book by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

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Star of the Sea Primary School	<a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk</a>	0191 6432080

**Cluster Website** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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 3rd September <b>ST GREGORY THE GREAT</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 4th September <b>23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Maria Quinn (M&RK)
Monday 5th September <b>ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 6th September	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Noel Forsey (P&GR)
Wednesday 7th September	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Felix Ubasa & Carlo Ignacio (JP)
Thursday 8th September <b>THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Private Intention (KMB)
Friday 9th September	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Gerry Rafferty (FJ)
Saturday 10th September	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Marian & Peter Nesbitt (Prayer Group)  <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 11th September <b>24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Florence Palmejar (J&G)
BAPTISM	CHURCH
Sunday 4th September 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> Rory Andrew Bain
Sunday 11th September 11.30am (Deacon Terry)	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> Olivia Grace Apedaile Oakley
<p><b>Please remember in your prayers:</b> Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Sarah Walton, Eileen Scott and Don Williams who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Fr Dermott Donnelly, John Claydon, Joseph Bell, Catherine Kimmitt, Gerry Rafferty, Eleanor Moody Brown and Sybella Murray O'Leary. May they rest in peace. Amen.</p>	

**G**lory 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 The Chaplaincy on 0191 2934268 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**

**Wisdom 9:13-18**

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17**

**We say the Psalm together**

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| 1. You turn men back to dust<br>and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'<br>To your eyes a thousand years<br>are like yesterday, come and gone,<br>no more than a watch in the night. | 2. You sweep men away like a dream,<br>like the grass which springs up in the morning.<br>In the morning it springs up and flowers:<br>by evening it withers and fades.    |
| 3. Make us know the shortness of our life<br>that we may gain wisdom of heart.<br>Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?<br>Show pity to your servants.                        | 4. In the morning, fill us with your love;<br>we shall exult and rejoice all our days.<br>Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:<br>give success to the work of our hands. |

**Second Reading**

**Philemon 9-10,12-17**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Luke 14:25-33**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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