

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A, 26TH & 27TH NOVEMBER 2022

The Cycle of Prayer

Advent and Christmas

During Advent and Christmastide, we pray for these intentions: **Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**

Advent is when the Church re-sets the calendar of our remembering and celebrating the saving work of Christ. This Advent is more challenging due to the threats and challenges facing us. Our usual distraction with gifts and cards seems more distant this year. We know of people's worries over food and fuel, safety, and health. Prayer resources on the diocesan website are offered as a lifebuoy, a remedy, and a prayer book for the Advent days ahead. Advent is a time to stretch and arouse our imagination for what it brings: a maturing expectation and sensitivity to the Lord's coming as judge and new-born child. Access the resources at: bit.ly/DHNAAdvent2022.

1 December, 5.30pm – Star of the Sea School Advent Carol Service, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay.

13 December, 7.00pm – Stella Maris Carol Service, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay.

Christmas Eve – 5.00pm Carols & Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm Carols & Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton.

Christmas Day – 10.00am Mass, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH - MASS LIVE-STREAMING

We are delighted that live-streaming has been installed in St Edward's Church. To access the live-stream, go to the YouTube website and search for 'St Edward's Whitley Bay'. The live-stream starts five minutes before Mass on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. If anyone would like to help run the live-streaming, please contact Michael Reynolds on 07758 583694. It would be useful to have more people trained to operate the system, which is easy to use.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Francis John Alan Kelman of Haddon Close, Monkseaton, who died on 15 November, aged 89 years. A funeral service will be held at 3.00pm on 5 December at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – RECEIVING THE PYX

Ministers of Holy Communion who are going out to the sick and housebound are asked to please come to the altar step immediately at the end of Holy Communion to receive your pyx. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Our Children's Liturgy sessions in the first half of the Autumn term were a great success. We cater for children between the ages of 3 and 11 years. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult or an older sibling. We will be offering Children's Liturgy for December at the following Mass times **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton - Saturday evening 6:00 pm**, 10 & 17 December. **St Edwards, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 10:00 am**, 11 & 18 December.

DIOCESAN GIFT AID LETTERS

There are letters at the back of both churches from the Diocese thanking you for your contributions to the Gift Aid scheme for the year to March 2022. Could you please collect these as soon as possible. The Parish are also very grateful for your generosity.

GIFT AID

The total refund received for donations made through Gift Aid from April 2021 to March 2022 is £8962.58. Thank you to everyone who donates through Gift Aid. If anyone would like to join the Gift Aid scheme or have any questions, please contact Michael Reynolds on 07758583694 or Mick Cosgrove on 07934418041.

WILSON/THOMPSON WEDDING

Monica and Alan Wilson would like to express their gratitude and thanks to all those who were involved in making the wedding of Adele and Richard such a joyous celebration. Everything was just perfect: the flowers, the church, the music and the refreshments after the ceremony. Thanks go to all of the parishioners who came along and joined in and thank you especially to Monsignor Faley for a wondrous Mass. All who attended expressed how much they enjoyed the service.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES - RED BOX APPEAL


Can we ask all supporters of the Society who would like their Missio boxes to be emptied to bring these into St. Edward's or Immaculate Heart Churches before Christmas. Also please note that the Missio 2023 Calendars are now available free of charge in each Church. If you have any queries please contact Bill Crumbley on 07889 969639 or Margaret Graham on 2529569. Thank you.

RED BOX DEPOSIT – October 2022

Thank you for the recent contribution of £707.23 from the Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea, towards the Red Box and the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you for all that you continue to do to care for our Church family around the world.

FOOD BANK & BAY FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2022

For those people who find it difficult to get up to the food bank at Immaculate Heart on Mondays there is an additional box in St. Edward's Church Narthex for your contributions and they will be taken up to the food bank on Mondays. Thank you for your generosity.

Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	 Merry Christmas everyone
Tinned Rice Pudding	Pasta in Sauce	Micro-wave Rice	Juice	

This week there will be 4 everyday items. We begin early so that the food bank has time to send items out before Christmas. As always we are grateful for anything you can give.

BLESSINGS LOVE AND GRATITUDE to all who have been praying for my niece, Sarah Walton, aged 51, since February this year. Sadly, Sarah died on Tuesday 22 November. Please continue to keep her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace. Amen. Liz Louvre.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 2 December when David Armstrong will lead a local walk from Immaculate Heart Church. Please meet there at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact David on 07982 000853.

OTHER NOTICES

ST CUTHBERT'S CARE - ADVENT ALMS 2022

This Advent, we call on your generosity to help us raise funds to purchase a vehicle for our two nursing homes. Your support will allow us to offer more regular outings, so our residents' lives are as varied as possible, with fresh air and a change of scenery for good mental health. We appreciate this winter will be difficult for many and ask support only if you are able. For information on our charity, visit: www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk. Thank you. Moira Ashman, CEO, St Cuthbert's Care.

A WARM WELCOME IN WHITLEY BAY

Some of the churches in the Whitley Bay area have opened their doors to the public from 1 November. They offer a warm, safe place, something to drink and a friendly welcome, and all completely free. Monday, St Paul's Anglican Church, Whitley Bay: 9.00am – 1.00pm. Tuesday, Whitley Bay Baptist Church, Park Avenue: 9.00am – 5.00pm. Wednesday, Hillheads Community Church, Kingsley Avenue: 10.00am – 4.00pm. Thursday, The Bay Church, Whitley Road: 9.30am – 3.00pm and The Big Local, Whitley Road: 10.00am – 5.00pm. Friday, St John's Methodist Church, Ilfracombe Gardens: 9.00am – 1.00pm. Friday, The Big Local, Whitley Road: 10.00am – 4.30pm.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission has produced a series of reflections on the Advent readings. They have been written by people of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The first and second week of Advent reflections can be downloaded from bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022 or by searching for #DHNAdvent2022 on Facebook.

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancies:

Parish Secretary, St Charles, Gosforth - 12 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 30 November.

Cleaner, St Peter, Low fell, Gateshead - 8 hours per week

Closing date for applications: 1 December

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

TYNESIDE CIRCLE OF THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association is on Wednesday 30 November at 7.30pm in the church hall at St. Cuthbert's, North Shields. Bernard Robinson will give a talk entitled "'All will be Saved' - Eventually: The Universal Salvation Debate".

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle on Saturday 3 December (1pm-3pm). All are welcome.

CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The next meeting is at St Joseph's, Gateshead at 2pm on Wednesday 7 December when Dr James Kelly will speak on "The Other Reformation, from an early modern border town to global Catholic reform". Non-members are welcome.

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 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 26th November	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Helen Kelly (RR)
	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Jean Rutherford (KY)
Sunday 27th November 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 28th November	No Mass
Tuesday 29th November	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Anne Butler (EMcN)
Wednesday 30th November ST ANDREW, APOSTLE	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Marian Dimascio (PO)
Thursday 1st December	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Peter & Albertina Arrighi (LD)
Friday 2nd December	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am In Thanksgiving (MHD)
Saturday 3rd December ST FRANCIS XAVIER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Tom & Sheila Clapperton (LL)
	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Deceased Members of the Willcock & Dawson Families (MHD)
Sunday 4th December 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, Pat Tinker, John Steele, Layton Newton & Ron Lowes who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Luca Murphy, Laurence Carroll, Joan Maxfield, Margaret Joicey, Agnes Speedie, Sarah Walton, Francis Kelman & Norman Judge. May they rest in peace. 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.

READINGS AT MASS
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First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. | 2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. |
| 3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' | 4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. |

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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