

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A, 3RD & 4TH DECEMBER 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/DHNAdvent2022](https://bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022).

**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.

**26 December** – 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Norman Judge of Shorestone Avenue, Cullercoats, who died on 23 November, aged 92 years. There will be a Reception and Prayer Vigil at 6.30pm on 8 December at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay and Requiem Mass at 10.30am on 9 December, also at St Edward's Church, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**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 this way. 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.

**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.

**FOOD BANK**

Thank you all so much for your incredible generosity over the last few weeks. The food bank has been astonished at the amount that people have donated at a time when money is scarce. Our Parish reverse Advent calendar came to an end last week, but if you are able to continue to donate there is still a huge need for the basic foodstuffs. This week we are asking for tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, savoury snacks-crisps etc., tinned rice pudding & toilet rolls. Thank you once again.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR DE PAUL**

This year, donations of tea and coffee will be collected at St Edward's Church and selection boxes or chocolate bars at Immaculate Heart Church. Donations will be received at both churches until Sunday 11th December. Thank you.

### **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.

**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.

### **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. 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](http://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.

#### **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.

### **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Newcastle Male Chorus and the Gibside Singers are performing a Christmas concert to raise funds for St Joseph's Care Home on Wednesday 21 December at 7.30pm. For tickets, which are £6, please contact The Little Sisters on 0191 2731279 or Terry O'Brien on 0191 2521481.

### **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](http://bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022) or by searching for #DHNAdvent2022 on Facebook.

### **WHITLEY BAY & DISTRICT CHURCHES+TOGETHER**

It's Fiesta Time at Whitley Bay Shopping Centre and St Paul's Church on Sunday 4 December, from 11am. There will be stalls, music, food and fun for all. Please come along.

### **TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER**

Tyne to Tweed's 'Real Conversations' project is taking place at St Paul's Church on Tuesday 6 December & Tuesday 10 January from 7.00pm to 9.30pm. Come along to: Share in your experiences of Whitley Bay; Add your voices to the conversation; Discuss your hopes, needs and concerns; Help create transformation and change; Meet new people and new friends.

We want to hear your voice. We provide free food and drink and there are limited spaces so sign up now. Sign up through our website [www.realconvos.org](http://www.realconvos.org) or through Facebook event <https://fb.me/e/2k1hAMGa7>.

### **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.

### **SWEP NIGHT SHELTER**

During November to March, when the 'feels-like' temperature drops to zero degrees and below, a SWEP Night Shelter will operate for rough sleepers in Whitley Bay at Oxford Street Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to help run the shelter. Can you, or someone in your church, help? Would you like more information? Contact SWEP Coordinator: email [whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk) or phone 07549 015896.

#### **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](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 December <b>ST FRANCIS XAVIER</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Tom & Sheila Clapperton (LL)  <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Deceased Members of the Willcock & Dawson Families (MHD)
Sunday 4th December <b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 5th December	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 6th December <b>ST NICHOLAS</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Judy Ashton (LA)
Wednesday 7th December <b>ST AMBROSE</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Gerry Rafferty (MS)
Thursday 8th December <b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Gerry Rafferty (L&BH)  <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 6.30pm Reception & Vigil Norman Judge
Friday 9th December	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.30am Requiem Mass Norman Judge
Saturday 10th December <b>OUR LADY OF LORETO</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Dorothy Mullen (J&MR)  <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 11th December <b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Giovanni Arnone (MA)

**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**

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**READINGS AT MASS**  
**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A, 3RD & 4TH DECEMBER 2022**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17**

**We say the Psalm together**

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| 1. O God, give your judgement to the king,<br>to a king's son your justice,<br>that he may judge your people in justice<br>and your poor in right judgement. | 2. In his days justice shall flourish<br>and peace till the moon fails.<br>He shall rule from sea to sea,<br>from the Great River to earth's bounds. |
| 3. For he shall save the poor when they cry<br>and the needy who are helpless.<br>He will have pity on the weak<br>and save the lives of the poor.           | 4. May his name be blessed for ever<br>and endure like the sun.<br>Every tribe shall be blessed in him,<br>all nations bless his name.               |

**Second Reading**

**Romans 15:4-9**

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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