

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A, 10TH & 11TH 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/DHNAAdvent2022](http://bit.ly/DHNAAdvent2022).

**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.

**NEW PARISH BOUNDARIES**

The Diocese has carried out a revision of its parish boundaries, and a copy of the Bishop's decree of authorisation and a map showing our Parish's boundaries are displayed in St Edward's Narthex, as requested by the Bishop.

**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.**

**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.

**STAR OF THE SEA ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

The Star of the Sea School Year 5 & 6 Carol Service raised the wonderful sum of £270.62 for the CAFOD Ukraine appeal. Thank you to everyone for your support.

**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 has now come to an end, 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 jam/savoury spread, soup, tinned custard and baby food – tins/packages/jars etc. Thank you once again.

**PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB**

The Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 15 December at 12.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. All tickets have now been sold.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 20 December at St Edward's Parish Rooms. Please ring the Parish Rooms door bell at the Presbytery.

**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.

## **SVP200 CLUB**

Club subscriptions are now due from existing members and new members are most welcome. For further information please ring Rena Rowe on 0191 2522761.

## **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. 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. Friday, St John's Methodist Church, Ilfracombe Gardens: 9.00am – 1.00pm.

### **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 third and fourth week of Advent reflections can now be downloaded from [bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022](http://bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022) or by searching for #DHNAdvent2022 on Facebook.

### **TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER**

Tyne to Tweed's 'Real Conversations' project is taking place at St Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, on 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>.

### **SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SWEP) NIGHT SHELTER**

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 the SWEP Coordinator at email: [whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk) or phone 07549 015896.

### **VACANCIES**

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

**Parish Secretary**, St Cuthbert's, Chester le Street – 16 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 19 December.

**Cleaner**, St Cuthbert's, North Shields - 3 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 20 December.

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023**

Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information please email or look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk)

### **HOLY ISLAND VINNIES CAMP 2022-23 - APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Have you got some time spare to help out our Term Time Camp? We urgently need volunteers for Term Time Camps taking place between Easter and the Summer Holidays and then September and October. We also need volunteers to supervise and look after children aged between 9 and 12 taking part in our weekly holidays over July and August. Volunteers would help organise activities and supervise their care. Commitment is for training, a DBS check and a few days to a week on the island. All roles can be applied for online at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/> where there is also much more information.

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley	<a href="mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com">stedwardsne26@btconnect.com</a>	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	<a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk</a>	0191 6432080
<b>Cluster Website</b>	<a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a>	

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 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)
Monday 12th December <b>OUR LADY OF GUADELOUPE</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 13th December <b>ST LUCY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Maria Quinn (LL)
Wednesday 14th December <b>ST JOHN OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Nancy & Robert Tulip (JT)
Thursday 15th December	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)
Friday 16th December	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 17th December	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Fred Sweeney (LL) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 18th December <b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)

**Please remember in your prayers:** Bishop Robert, 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 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 35:1-6,10**

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 145(146):6-10**

**We say the Psalm together**

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| 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,<br>who is just to those who are oppressed.<br>It is he who gives bread to the hungry,<br>the Lord, who sets prisoners free, | 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,<br>who raises up those who are bowed down,<br>the Lord, who protects the stranger<br>and upholds the widow and orphan. |
| 3. It is the Lord who loves the just<br>but thwarts the path of the wicked.<br>The Lord will reign for ever,<br>Zion's God, from age to age.                            |  |

**Second Reading**

**James 5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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