

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 21ST & 22ND JANUARY, 2023

The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time (Winter)

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Openness to the World of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat It; the Unemployed.**

POPE BENEDICT XVI - MEMORIAL CARDS

Free memorial cards commemorating the life and death of Pope Benedict are available at the back of church.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Rose Rowell of Whitley Bay, who died on 30 December, aged 84 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 26 January at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Evelyn Mary Woodman of Coble House, Whitley Bay, who died on 15 January, aged 88 Years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 7 February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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. This week we would be grateful for tinned pasta/spaghetti/macaroni, tinned pies and savoury snacks - crisps etc. Thank you once again.

RED BOX DEPOSIT - December 2022

Thank you for the recent contribution of £724.13 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.

MELDRUM FAMILY THANKS

The Meldrum family would like to thank Father Andrew, the Parish Consolation Team and the community of St Edward's Church for their help and assistance in giving Herbert such a loving and smooth send off on his final journey. We now know he will be resting in peace.

CAFOD THANKS

Thank you to all the parishioners in Our Lady Star of the Sea parish for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for the latest donation of £750 received in January. Thank you so much for being there for our global family. Michelle Oakford, CAFOD Representative.

JUST WATER CHALLENGE

Anne Ashton (Wilson) has committed to the "Just Water" challenge for the month of January in aid of Water Aid. This entails drinking only water (no tea, coffee, juices or alcohol - food is permitted!) She would be glad of your support. Please see link below to donate:
<https://wateraid.enthuse.com/pf/anne-wilson-8ee9a>.
Thank you, Anne.

ST EDWARD'S PARISH ROOMS - REFRESHMENTS

There will always be tea, coffee, milk and biscuits for regular meetings, but please log any meetings in the Parish Rooms diary so we can make sure there are enough supplies for all. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Children's Liturgy sessions to celebrate the Gospel have been arranged for this weekend, February and March at the following Mass times:

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton - Saturday 6.00pm, 4 February, 11 February, 11 March, 18 March.

St Edward's, Whitley Bay – Sunday 10.00am, 5 February, 12 February, 12 March, 19 March.

We support children between the ages of 3 and 11 years. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult or an older sibling. Families with First Holy Communion children this year are strongly encouraged to attend. Please note; a register is kept for safeguarding purposes of all children and adults attending, and the information is kept securely in accordance with Data Protection (GDPR). Whether you come to Church regularly or just occasionally, all are welcome.

WALKING GROUP

On Tuesday 6 February Gerry Latimer will lead a six and half mile walk, leaving from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am and walking to the Silver Fox Way in Shiremoor and then down to the Royal Quays Marina. The walk will continue to the North Shields Fish Quay and end at Tynemouth Priory for a Metro back to West Monkseaton. The walk is on paved ways with no significant climbs. Further details from Gerry on 0191 2516989 if required.

OTHER NOTICES

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish — Backworth, West Monkseaton and Whitley Bay, along with St. Cuthbert's & St Joseph's Parish, North Shields, are looking to appoint a part-time Caretaker/Cleaner to work 11 hours per week between the parishes. An application pack is available at www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle on 0191 2433301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 23 January 2023.

WHITLEY BAY CHURCHES TOGETHER - UNITY SERVICE

You are invited to a gathering of local Christians during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 24 January at St Paul's Anglican Church, Whitley Bay.

POVERTY ACTION SUNDAY

Please join Church Action on Poverty North East to explore the importance of Dignity, Agency & Power in addressing the injustice of child poverty. This is being held on Sunday 19 February at 3.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. Various speakers will be present and all are welcome with refreshments afterwards. For more information please contact Fr Chris Hughes at chris1707hughes@live.co.uk or 0191 2575801.

A WARM WELCOME IN WHITLEY BAY

Some of the churches in Whitley Bay have opened their doors to 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.

HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE PRIESTLY VOCATIONS TEAM

We invite men aged 18+ who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to meet the Vocations Team to find out more. Discernment Evenings for 2023 are: 14 February, 4 April, 27 June, 3 October & 5 December, at The Cloister Café, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne, 6.00pm - 8.00pm. This will be a time of Prayer, a talk and discussion, followed by a meal together. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact the

Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone: 01670 812200.

LITURGICAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Date: Saturday 4th February 2023

Times: 10.30am-4.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am

Location: The Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert, 37 High Street, Amble, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 0LE.

Cost: £15.00 per person

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

Booking Details: To reserve a place on this Day of Reflection please complete the online booking form at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/liturgical-day-of-reflection-for-extraordinary-ministers-of-holy-communion/>

This Day of Reflection may be self-funded or funded by your parish. An invoice will be sent to the payee following the event. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque. Alternatively, contact

adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

Booking Deadline: Tuesday 31st January 2023.

The Liturgy Team is beginning 2023 with a course for those to be commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The course begins on Tuesday 31 January, with further information below. Training will take place at St Aidan's, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 8AD.

Session 1: Tuesday 31 January, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Session 2: Tuesday 7 February, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Session 3: Saturday 11 February, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Participants to bring their own packed lunch for the day event, tea and coffee provided.

NB. The Saturday session ends with a Mass of Commissioning at 3.00pm.

Cost: £15 per participant. If you are interested, please contact Mgr Andrew or the Parish office on 0191 2527066.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stewardwardsne26@btconnect.com	0191 2528021
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Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk	0191 6432080
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Cluster Website	www.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk	
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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 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 21st January ST AGNES	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Gerry Rafferty (The Catenians) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Kevin Clarke (DC)
Sunday 22nd January 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 23rd January	No Mass
Tuesday 24th January ST FRANCIS DE SALES	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Bill & Mary Dynes (AW)
Wednesday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Basil Caroline (MC)
Thursday 26th January SS TIMOTHY & TITUS	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 11.00am Requiem Mass Margaret Rose Rowell
Friday 27th January	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am A Sick Friend (MA)
Saturday 28th January ST THOMAS AQUINAS	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Eileen Salter (MS) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Hilda Valentine (TM)
Sunday 29th January 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 22nd January 11.30am	Isabella Sophia White Calva
Saturday 28th January 11.00am	Xavier Ferguson

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, John Steele, Ron Lowes, Freda Jack, Eddie Meenaghan & Eileen Whalen who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Norman Judge, Herbert Meldrum, Pope Benedict XVI, Margaret Rowell and Evelyn Mary Woodman. 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 kneel or 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, on 0191 2733903.

Newcastle General Hospital: Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Mgr Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882, Canon Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770.

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First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

We say the Psalm together

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: *'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.'* From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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