

**4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 28TH & 29TH 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.**

**FUNERALS**

- 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Freda Jack of Burnside, Wellfield, who died on 21 January, aged 81 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 16 February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Steele of Coble House, Whitley Bay, who died on 24 January, aged 87 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 17 February at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY**

Next Sunday is a day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice. A second collection will be taken.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 7 February. All are welcome.

**MEETING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

There will be a meeting of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion after the 9.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, on Wednesday, 8 February. The aim of the meeting will be to reflect on the purpose of this lay ministry and how it meets the needs of parishioners, especially the sick and the housebound.

**NARTHEX ENTRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

Could parishioners please note that the Narthex entrance to St Edward's will be closed for two weeks commencing Monday 13 February in order to allow roof repairs to be carried out and to comply with Health and Safety requirements. Access to the Church will be via the main front doors on Park Road and the side entrance on Coquet Avenue. The toilet facility and the piety stall in the Narthex will still be available with access from inside the Church.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY - STAR OF THE SEA PARISH**

Children's Liturgy sessions to celebrate the Gospel have been arranged for 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.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND THANKS**

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all the parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea who raised £750 through the Christmas collections for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging, so please continue to remember us and those we support in your prayers. Brendan Metcalfe, Executive Director.

**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 long life milk, baby food – tins/packets/jars etc. & pot noodles. Thank you once again.

**JUST WATER CHALLENGE**

Three more days and counting! Thankyou for your generous donations. To know that we are helping to provide clean running water to hospitals and clinics in Mozambique so that infant mortality can diminish and nurses don't have to walk through the bush to collect water makes it all worthwhile. The link is still available below. With gratitude- Anne Ashton.

<https://wateraid.enthuse.com/pf/anne-wilson-8ee9a>.

### **SCHOOL VISITS**

Children from two schools in Whitley Bay will be visiting St Edward's Church after 9.30 Mass on Tuesday 31 January, Thursday 9 February and Tuesday 14 February. They would like to meet and talk with parishioners about the church and the Catholic Faith. We already have a few volunteers but if anyone else would like to stay after these Masses and chat with the children it would be appreciated.

### **PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB**

Thank you very much to all the luncheon club volunteers who were instrumental in getting the five star rating from the Environmental Health Department when they made a spot check on us last Thursday. Thank you also to the people who come along every month to support us and show their appreciation of our efforts. All participants seem to enjoy the occasions whether they are helping or eating!

### **WALKING GROUP - CHANGE OF ROUTE**

The next walk will be on Tuesday 7 February. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk from Callerton Parkway Metro Station to the Airport Metro. This is a pleasant walk through the countryside surrounding Ponteland on good paths, with little climbing and good views. Meet at West Monkseaton Metro Station at 9.30am. For further details please contact Jim on 0191 2669035 or 07538 327784.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **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](mailto:chris1707hughes@live.co.uk) or 0191 2575801.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

#### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

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

Parish Secretary, St Peter, Low Fell - 10 hours per week.

Closing date: 10 February.

Diocesan Offices, Newcastle, Management Accountant – full-time, permanent. Closing date: 6 February.

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

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley	<a href="mailto:stewardardsne26@btconnect.com">stewardardsne26@btconnect.com</a>	0191 2528021
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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
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<b>Cluster Website</b>	<a href="http://www.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a>	
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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 28th January <b>ST THOMAS AQUINAS</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Eileen Salter (MS) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Hilda Valentine (TM)
Sunday 29th January <b>4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 30th January	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 31st January <b>ST JOHN BOSCO</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Albert Whiting (The Catenians)
Wednesday 1st February	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Bryan Bunton (M&CMcA)
Thursday 2nd February <b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)
Friday 3rd February	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Deceased Members of the Keilty family (MC)
Saturday 4th February	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Alfie O'Reilly (M&RK) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 5th February <b>5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Terence Donachy (LD)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 28th January 11.00am	Xavier Ferguson
Sunday 5th February 11.30am	Poppy Catherine Dance

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

**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 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

**Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13**

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

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

#### We say the Psalm together

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

### Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Matthew 5:1-12a**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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