

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A, 7TH & 8TH 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.**

### 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.

### FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Herbert Meldrum of Seaview Care Home, Whitley Bay, who died on 12 December, aged 84 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1.00pm on 9 January at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen. The Mass will be live-streamed.

### SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

There will be refreshments in the Parish Rooms at St Edward's following the 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 8 January and subsequent Sundays.

### POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI - REQUIEM MASS

The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle will celebrate Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 9 January at 12.05pm. The Mass will be live-streamed.

### JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 10 January at the usual time of 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

### 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. Collections start again on Monday 9 January when we would be grateful for long life milk, meatballs, coffee and toothpaste/toothbrush. Thank you once again.

### PEACE SUNDAY - 15 JANUARY

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. Further information is available at [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk).

### WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 16th January. This will be a local walk taking in the Waggonways, Holywell Dene and Earsdon. At the end we will go for lunch in the Beacon. If you want a meal please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917 or email [peterweighill@aol.co.uk](mailto:peterweighill@aol.co.uk). All meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

The Christmas collections raised the sum of £1498.11. Cheques have been sent to CAFOD for their specific use in Ukraine and The Friends of The Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

### NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS

The 2023 edition of the Northern Catholic Calendar is now available at the back of each Church. Ringbound copies are £3.50.

### WATERAID THANKS

Thank you so much to everyone in the Parish for your latest donation of £100. With your group's support, we can continue ensuring everyone, everywhere has a sustainable source of clean water. Emily, WaterAid.

### 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.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **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.

### **WHITLEY BAY CHURCHES TOGETHER**

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.

### **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? Contact SWEP Coordinator: [whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk) or phone 07549 015896.

### **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. Sign up through our website [www.realconvos.org](http://www.realconvos.org) or through Facebook event <https://fb.me/e/2k1hAMGa7>.

## **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 [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) or look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/>

### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancy:  
Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Chester le Street - 6 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 12 January. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

### **FORMATION AND DAYS OF REFLECTION**

The Diocesan Liturgy team's courses for formation and Days of Reflection is available for the beginning of 2023. There is the opportunity to register for:

- A course for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- A course for New Sacristans.
- Formation for New Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion.

#### **Courses confirmed:**

- **Tuesday 31 January 2023** - Formation for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Day 2 on 7 February and Day 3 on 11 February).
- **Monday 13 February 2023** - Formation for New Sacristans.
- **Tuesday 28 February 2023** - Formation for New Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion (Day 2 on 7 March and Day 3 on 14 March).

Further information and booking details will be available early this month on the [Liturgy and Prayer webpage](#).

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley	<a href="mailto:stewardardsne26@btconnect.com">stewardardsne26@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 7th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Gerry Rafferty (B&HC) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 8th January <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Enzo Dimascio (MA)
Monday 9th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 1.00pm Requiem Mass Herbert Meldrum
Tuesday 10th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Lucy Steele (RR)
Wednesday 11th January <b>ST AELRED OF RIEVAULX</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Tom Bittle (KB)
Thursday 12th January <b>ST BENET BISCOP</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Eric, Helen, Vivienne & Tony Riley (EW)
Friday 13th January <b>ST HILARY</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Word and Communion
Saturday 14th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am In Thanksgiving (J&MR) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 15th January <b>2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b>
Sunday 8th January 11.30am	Laurel Jay Murphy
Sunday 15th January 11.30am	James Geoffrey Welton

**Please remember in your prayers:** Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, John Steele, Ron Lowes & Freda Jack who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Francis Kelman, Norman Judge, Herbert Meldrum, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI & Margaret Rowell. 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, 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.

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### First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

#### We say the Psalm together

1. O give the Lord, you sons of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court.
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.
3. The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever.

### Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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