

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, 25TH & 26TH FEBRUARY, 2023

The Cycle of Prayer

Lent

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.**

LENT 2023

Tuesday 28 February - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm

Wednesday 1 March - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 10.00am

Thursday 2 March - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 7.00pm

Tuesday 7 March - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm

Wednesday 8 March - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton, 10.00am

Thursday 9 March - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton, 7.00pm

LENT 2023

This Lent, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Mass from 9.00am, Monday — Friday. Stations of the Cross will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a Lent Study Session will be held after Mass on Wednesdays. Further details will appear each week in the box above.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond John (Ray) Taylor of Tynedale Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 2 February aged 69 years. A funeral Service will be held at 11.15am on 1 March at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Mary Gray of Collingwood Court, North Shields, who died on 10 February aged 83 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am on 3 March at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in Peace. Amen.

FAMILY FAST DAY — FRIDAY 3 MARCH

Next Friday is a day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World. Envelopes are available at the back of church and contributions are gratefully accepted. You can also donate via the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day

NARTHEX ENTRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

Could parishioners please note that the Narthex Entrance to St Edward's Church will be closed for two weeks commencing Monday 13 February to allow roof repairs to be carried out and comply with Health and Safety regulations. Access to the Church is through the main front doors on Park Road and the side door on Coquet Avenue.

The toilet and piety stall in the Narthex are still available from inside the Church.

Parishioners also note that following the Narthex roof repairs, the refurbishing of the existing toilet facility and installing a second new toilet in the Narthex will start early in March. This will have a significant impact on the use of the Church as follows:

1. Sunday Masses and funerals only will be celebrated at St. Edward's Church during this period. Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart Church.
2. The Narthex will be closed during this period and signs will show access to the toilets in the Parish Rooms for those attending Sunday Mass and funerals.
3. Access to St. Edward's Church will be via the main front doors on Park Road and the side door on Coquet Avenue. Further details will be published once a definite start date for the work is known.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — THANKS FROM MARINE PARK FIRST SCHOOL

Please could you pass on our thanks to everyone involved in our visits to St Edward's Church. All of the people involved were so welcoming and did such a good job answering all the children's questions. The children learnt so much and all thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Claire McGarr, Marine Park First School.

LENT STUDY SESSIONS — IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

During Lent there will be study sessions each Wednesday beginning 1 March at Immaculate Heart Church in the Upper Meeting Room after the 9.30 Mass. These will be based on 'The Return of the Prodigal Son - A Story of Homecoming' by Henri J. M. Nouwen. We will be using Rembrandt's painting of The Prodigal Son as a focal point and which inspired the book. All are welcome and we will be issuing invitations to other churches in the area.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY — OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Children's Liturgy of the Word has been arranged for March at the following Masses:

Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton - Saturday 6.00pm, 11 & 18 March.

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

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Registration will close at the end of February. Any parents/carers who wish their children to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year are asked to register by contacting us at 1holychommunionolss@gmail.com stating their child(ren)'s full name and date of birth. The programme is open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6. We will contact those registered with further information once the programme is confirmed.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who is able to support the Food Bank. We are always grateful for the generosity you show. The Bank currently needs long life milk, sweet snacks – chocolate etc., tinned pies & tinned fruit. Please bring donations to Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, on Mondays, 10.00am - 12.00noon. Thank you once again. Immaculate Heart Church is also open between 10.00am and 12.00 Noon every Monday for private prayer.

WALKING GROUP

On Wednesday 1 March, David Armstrong will lead a 7 mile walk on good flat foot paths around North Tyneside waggonways. Meet at 9.30am at West Monkseaton Metro Station for a short journey to Northumberland Park Metro Station. The walk will proceed from Northumberland Park, via West Allotment then to the rear of Cobalt Business Park, onto Middle Engine Lane finishing back at the church. Further details from David Armstrong on 07982000853 if required.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 7 March at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

OTHER NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — FRIDAY 3 MARCH

Join us on Friday 3 March at 2.00pm at Monkseaton Methodist Church (next to Spar). The Theme is **'I have heard about your faith'**. The service has been written by the women of Taiwan, a country that has for many years been caught in a superpower struggle. All are very welcome and there will be an opportunity to have a cup of tea following the service.

CAFOD — TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. For more details visit CAFOD's Turkey Syria Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

There will be a lecture by Dr Scholastica Jacob entitled: Happy Homecoming or Second Exile? The return of the first Benedictine Nuns to England after the Reformation at St Joseph's Centre in Gateshead (next to the Metro) at 2.00pm on Wednesday 1 March. Hosted by the North East Catholic History Society, all welcome, non members fee £1.00. Refreshments available.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADMISSION APPEALS PANELS

The Diocesan Department for Education is looking for volunteers to serve on admission appeals panels for Catholic schools. Appeal panel members hear parents' appeal cases when, occasionally, they feel that the school they have been allocated for their child is not appropriate or practical. If you:

- are interested in education and want to get involved though you do not need to be a teacher;
- have excellent listening skills, combined with the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions;
- have the time to offer (usually appeals last half a day, a day, or two at each sitting);
- are willing to undertake training to understand the rules of school admissions

then this is an excellent way to serve Catholic schools. For more information and to obtain an application form, please email education@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk	0191 6432080
Cluster Website	www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk	

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 25th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Norman Judge (L&BH) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 26th February 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Maria Quinn (MQ)
Monday 27th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am The Holy Souls (J&MR)
Tuesday 28th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Norman Judge (PR)
Wednesday 1st March ST DAVID	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Jack & Isabella Caroline (MC) ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 11.15am Funeral Service Raymond John (Ray) Taylor
Thursday 2nd March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)
Friday 3rd March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Requiem Mass Angela Mary Gray
Saturday 4th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Florence Palmejar (JP) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 5th March 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Malcolm Louvre (LL)

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, Ron Lowes, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen & Joan Waugh who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Paul King, Margaret Rowell, Evelyn Mary Woodman, Freda Jack, John Steele, Pauline Donoghue, Pete Scott, Angela Mary Gray & Raymond (Ray) Taylor. May they rest in peace. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our lord,
(at the words that follow, all bow.)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
 Amen.

CAFOD LENT PRAYER 2023

Plant in us, Lord,
 seeds of solidarity,
 so that, rejoicing in your gifts,
 we may cherish your presence
 in each other and all creation.

Root us, Lord,
 in compassion and justice.
 Pour your Spirit down like gentle rain,
 softening our hearts,
 washing away division and selfishness.
 Cultivate in us, Lord,
 attentiveness to your call.

Give us hope to dream of a better world
 and strength to play our part
 to make it a reality.

Grow in us, Lord,
 your ways of peace and courage,
 so that in this time of Lent,
 we may bear witness to your love,
 revealed to us in Jesus. 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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, 25TH & 26TH FEBRUARY, 2023

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

We say the Psalm together

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. | 2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. |
| 3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. | 4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. |

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**