

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 4TH & 5TH FEBRUARY, 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 87 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 Paul King of Whitley Bay, who died on 6 December 2022, aged 57 years. A Funeral Service will be held at 9.45am on 24 February at Whitley Bay Crematorium Chapel, followed by burial in Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pauline Donoghue of Ridley Park Care Home, Blyth, who died on 29 January, aged 78 years. A Funeral Service will be held at 12.30pm on 24 February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial in Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

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

PREPARATION FOR LENT & HOLY WEEK 2023

There will be a meeting to prepare for Lent and Holy Week after the 9.30am Mass in the Upper Meeting Room at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, on Wednesday, 8 February. All are welcome.

MEETING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

There will be a meeting of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion after the 9.30am Mass in Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, on Wednesday, 15 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.

JOURNEY OF FAITH - ST EDWARD'S PARISH ROOMS

The next Journey of Faith meeting is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7 February. All are welcome.

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 in order to allow roof repairs to be carried out and to comply with Health and Safety regulations. Access to the Church will be via the main front doors on Park Road and the side door on Coquet Avenue. The toilet and 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023

Any parent/carers who wish their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year are asked to get in touch. The programme is open to children in Year 4, 5 & 6. If you would like to express interest on behalf of your child(ren) please email us at 1holychommunionolss@gmail.com stating your child's full name and date of birth. We will contact those registered with further information once programme plans are confirmed. Please pass this message on to any families who may not have seen this bulletin or whose children attend a school other than Star of the Sea Primary School.

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.

SCHOOL VISITS

The first school visits went well and the children from Marine Park 1st School in Whitley Bay will be visiting St Edward's Church again on 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 Mass and chat with the children it would be appreciated.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB - IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 23 February at the usual time of 12.00pm.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

There are a very small number of calendars left for sale. If you would like to buy one please contact the Parish Office.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who is able to support the food bank. Even though everyone is finding life difficult, your generosity never fails. They are currently in need of hot dogs, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, Jam/ savoury spread, tea bags, tinned or packet potatoes and shampoo. Thank you once again.

JUST WATER CHALLENGE

The Just Water Challenge for January has finished and I would like to thank everyone who contributed. Thanks to family, friends and parishioners we have raised £635 for Water Aid. This will go to address the lack of a basic commodity for so many people in the world that we take for granted. So once again many thanks, but remember the Water Aid well is ongoing at the back of church. With gratitude, Anne Ashton.

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 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 or by phone: 01670 812200.

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE PRIESTLY VOCATIONS TEAM

Is God calling you to be a Priest? The Diocesan Vocations Team have organised an overnight retreat for men aged 18+ to discern whether God is calling them to the Priesthood. The date is Friday 3rd March 2023 from 5.00pm to Saturday 4th March 2023 (after lunch). The place is the Emmaus Youth Village, Pemberton Rd, Allensford, Consett, DH8 9BA and the cost is £50 (including all meals and en-suite accommodation). Spaces are limited so please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information: Email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 01670 812200. Bookings to be made by Thursday 16th February.

FRUITFULNESS FOR THE KINGDOM - SATURDAY 4 MARCH

This is an opportunity to spend the day with Michelle Moran, of the Sion Community. It is being held at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7PE from 10.30am-4pm (coffee at 10.00am) and the day ends with Vigil Mass. Bring a packed lunch. There is no charge - a collection will be taken. To book please contact Pat Kennedy at pat.kennedy42@icloud.com or telephone 0191 2841690.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancy:
Parish Secretary, St Peter, Low Fell, Gateshead - 10 hours per week. Closing date: 10 February.
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stewardwardsne26@btconnect.com	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk	0191 6432080
Cluster Website	www.norhtynessidecatholic.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 4th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Alfie O'Reilly (M&RK) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 5th February 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Terence Donachy (LD)
Monday 6th February ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	No Mass
Tuesday 7th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 11.00am Requiem Mass Evelyn Mary Woodman
Wednesday 8th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Lily Sweeney (LL)
Thursday 9th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Patricia Donachy McAuley (LD)
Friday 10th February ST SCHOLASTICA	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 11th February OUR LADY OF LOURDES	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Mary McGill (JD) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Helen Fung (SF)
Sunday 12th February 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 5th February 11.30am	Poppy Catherine Dance
Sunday 12th February 11.30am	Charlotte Hodgson

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 Paul King, Margaret Rowell, Evelyn Mary Woodman, Freda Jack, John Steele & Pauline Donoghue. 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 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 111(112):4-9

We say the Psalm together

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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