

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 11TH & 12TH 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 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 Ford Crescent, Shiremoor, 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 12 FEBRUARY — TURKEY & SYRIA COLLECTION

A Special Collection will be taken this weekend for those affected by the Turkey/Syria earthquake.

POVERTY ACTION SUNDAY — SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed, and Poverty Action Sunday. A retiring collection will be taken to support the new Debt Centre opening at Whitley Bay Baptist Church.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — MONDAY PRAYER

From Monday 13 February, Immaculate Heart Church will be open between 10.00am and 12.00Noon every Monday for private prayer.

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 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.

SCHOOL VISITS — ST EDWARD'S CHURCH, WHITLEY BAY

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.

MEETING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a meeting for 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.

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, 11 February, 11 March, 18 March.
St Edward's, Whitley Bay – Sunday 10.00am, 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 that a register is kept for safeguarding purposes of children and adults attending, and the information is kept securely for 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 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year are asked to get in touch. The programme is open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6. If you would like to express interest on behalf of your child(ren) please email us at 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com stating your child's full name and date of birth. We will contact you with further information. Please pass this message on to any families who may not see this message or whose children attend a school other than Star of the Sea Primary School.

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	CHURCH
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
Monday 13th February	No Mass
Tuesday 14th February SS CYRIL, MONK & METHODIUS	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Malcom Louvre (LL)
Wednesday 15th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Elaine Willcock (MHD)
Thursday 16th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 11.00am Requiem Mass Freda Jack
Friday 17th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Brian Smith & Family (KS)
Saturday 18th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Helen Kelly (SVP) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 19th February 7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 12th February 11.30am	Charlotte Hodgson
Sunday 19th February 11.30am	Sebastian Pickard

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, Ron Lowes, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen & Pete Scott 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

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First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

We say the Psalm together

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law.
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him*. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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