

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 18TH & 19TH 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

Wednesday 22 February - Ash Wednesday: St Edward's—10.00am Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary—7.00pm Mass

Thursday 23 February - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7.00pm

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

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

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

LENT 2023

This Lent, there will be daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass from 9.00am, apart from Sunday, and Mass will also be available on Mondays during Lent. 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 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.
- 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.

POVERTY ACTION SUNDAY — SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

This Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed, and Poverty Action Sunday.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY COLLECTION

The collection held for the above two weeks ago raised the generous sum of £369.48. Thank you to everyone who gave. No matter how big or small, your donation makes a difference.

TURKEY & SYRIA CAFOD COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection for the victims of the Turkey and Syria earthquake raised £1650. Many thanks for your generosity.

CYMFED — FLAME 2023

A student from St Thomas More Academy will speak at each Mass this weekend about the Catholic young people's Flame 2023 festival which takes place on 4 March in the Wembley Arena in London. A retiring collection will be taken to support them.

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 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.

SCHOOL VISITS — ST EDWARD'S CHURCH, WHITLEY BAY

Thank you to all of those who have stayed behind after Mass to talk to the children from 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. Nowen. We will be using Rembrandt's painting of the same 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. Please pass this information on to any families who may not have seen the bulletin or whose children attend a school other than Star of the Sea Primary School.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — 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. The Bank currently needs meatballs, tinned meat – spam etc., soup & toothpaste/toothbrush. 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 12.00Noon every Monday for private prayer.

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.

WALKING GROUP

On Tuesday 21 February Gerry Latimer will lead a six and a half mile walk, leaving from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am and walking to the Silver Fox Way in Shiremoor and then down to the Royal Quays Marina. The walk will continue to the North Shields Fish Quay and end at Tynemouth Priory for a Metro back to West Monkseaton. The walk is on paved ways with no significant climbs. Further details from Gerry on 0191 2516989 if required.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 21 February at 7.00pm in St Edward's Church Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB—IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

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

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. For more information please contact Fr Chris Hughes at chris1707hughes@live.co.uk or 0191 2575801.

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. It has been isolated internationally for decades and, as of April 2022, only 13 of the 193 UN member states and the Vatican City/Holy See have recognised Taiwan as a sovereign country. 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. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. 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>.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntl.org.uk	0191 6432080
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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 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 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)
Monday 20th February	No Mass
Tuesday 21st February ST PETER DAMIAN	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Marie Horsburgh (LL)
Wednesday 22nd February ASH WEDNESDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Maria Quinn (MQ)
	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 7.00pm Freda Jack (MS)
Thursday 23rd February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Ellen & James Hayes (RR)
Friday 24th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 12.30pm Funeral Service Pauline Donoghue
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)
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
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 & 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. 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

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "'Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "'You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'"

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. | 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. |
| 3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. | 4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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