

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, 4TH & 5TH MARCH, 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 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 & Penitential Service: Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton, 7.00pm

Tuesday 14 March - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm

Wednesday 15 March - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 10.00am

Thursday 16 March - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 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.

NARTHEX ENTRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

Until there is a definite date for the installation of the new toilets, the Narthex entrance into St Edward's will remain open for all Masses. The toilet and piety stall in the Narthex are still available from inside the Church.

The installation of the new toilets will have a significant impact on the use of the Church as follows:

1. Sunday Masses and funerals only will be celebrated in 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.

LENT STUDY SESSIONS — IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

During Lent there will be study sessions each Wednesday, 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 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

For the children who are now registered for the programme, the first Parent's Information session will be held on Thursday 30 March from 7.15 - 8.30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in West Monkseaton. The first Children's Preparation session is on Monday 17 April from 5.00 - 6.15pm, again at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Times, dates and details of further sessions will be published in the bulletin on a regular basis.

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 jam/savoury spread, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, tinned custard & baby food – tins/packages/jars etc. 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.

THANKS FROM CAFOD

Thank you to all the parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea for the very generous donation of £1,650 raised for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. Your Parish's gift will help provide vital medical help, shelter, food, clean water as well as winter kits to help people cope with the freezing temperatures. Thank you so much for your support.
Michelle Oakford, CAFOD

CYMFED — FLAME - THANKS

Thanks for your generous support of our young people who attended the FLAME Young Catholics' celebration in the Wembley Arena on 4 March. The collection raised £500.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Wednesday 15 March. Peter Weighill will lead a 7 mile walk starting from Lintzford and going through Chopwell Woods, Spen Bank Woods to Rowlands Gill and returning via the Derwent Walk. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am and we will share cars. If you require more information please contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

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.

KEYS FOR ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

If anyone has keys for St Edward's Church and they don't need them anymore, could they please return them to either church. Pop them in an envelope with a name on so we know who has returned them. Many thanks,
Julie - Parish Secretary.

OTHER NOTICES

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>

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.

TYNESIDE IRISH ASSOCIATION

The Tyneside Irish Association are holding a 50th Celebration St Patrick's Day Mass on Friday 17 March at 10.30am at St Michael's Church, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. All are welcome.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIE CAMP 2023

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island. They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities both indoors and outdoors. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at

<https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>.

Applications open from 10th February 2023.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? 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 look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntl.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 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)
Monday 6th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Joan Maxfield (TA)
Tuesday 7th March SS PERPETUA & FELICITY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Norman Judge (PK)
Wednesday 8th March ST JOHN OF GOD	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am James McAuley (M&CMcA)
Thursday 9th March ST FRANCES OF ROME	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Alf Louvre (LL) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 7.00pm Penitential Service
Friday 10th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 11th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Christine Humble (SH) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm In Thanksgiving (CG)
Sunday 12th March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, Ron Lowes, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Joan Waugh & Ellen Gray 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.

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First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

We say the Psalm together

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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