

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, 11TH & 12TH 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 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

Tuesday 21 March - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm

Wednesday 22 March - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 10.00am

Thursday 23 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. 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..

ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY STUDENTS AT MASS

Welcome to Year 9 students who will join us for Mass at St Edward's Church on 16 March.

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.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOX APPEAL

The Spring edition of Mission Today is now available in both Immaculate Heart Church and St. Edward's Church. We shall be grateful if supporters who wish to make donations for the March quarter, please arrange to contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St. Edward's) on 07889 969639.

CYMFED — FLAME - THANKS

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

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, pot noodles, meatballs & toilet rolls. 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

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 21 March at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB—IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 23 March at the usual time of 12.00pm and it is wise to book in advance. Please contact Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD — TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is supporting provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. We 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>

PARTNERSHIP RETREAT TO AMPLEFORTH

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from Monday 24 - Wednesday 26 July and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be about £215 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. All rooms in The Grange are now en-suite. A deposit of £75 will be needed by Easter Sunday, 9 April, in order to confirm your booking. Please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 if you would like to come or for more details. If you would like more information about the Abbey, the website address is

www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk

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.

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 visit 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@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 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
Monday 13th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Freda Jack (JH)
Tuesday 14th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Jim & Tony Harrison (BH)
Wednesday 15th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Yvette Captier (MD)
Thursday 16th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Elaine Willcock (MHD)
Friday 17th March ST PATRICK	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Michael Wilson (MS)
Saturday 18th March ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Bob & Helen Thompson (MT) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 19th March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, 11TH & 12TH MARCH, 2023

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

We say the Psalm together

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

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