

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, 18TH & 19TH 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 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

Tuesday 28 March - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm

Wednesday 29 March - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 10.00am

Thursday 30 March - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 7.00pm

LAETARE SUNDAY — MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Rejoicing Sunday half way through Lent, and a happy Mother's Day to all our mothers!

NARTHEX ENTRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The installation of the new toilets in the Narthex at St Edward's Church is delayed until after Easter. Further details will follow when a new start date 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 are using Rembrandt's painting of The Prodigal Son as a focal point and which inspired the book. All are welcome, including those from 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, 18 March, St Edward's, Whitley Bay – Sunday 10.00am, 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 secure for Data Protection. Whether you come to Church regularly or just occasionally, all are welcome.

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.

ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY STUDENTS AT MASS

Welcome to Year 9 students who will now join us for Mass at St Edward's Church on Thursday 30 March.

PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023

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

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB — DATE CORRECTION

The next Luncheon Club is on **Thursday 30 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.

NEW PARISH CARETAKER/CLEANER

A warm welcome to our new caretaker/cleaner who started at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches last Thursday. His name is Paul Malcolm and you may see him around over the next few weeks. If you do, please say hello and make yourself known to him. However if you have any health & safety or cleaning concerns, please contact the Parish Secretary in the first instance.

MASS INTENTIONS – BROWN ENVELOPES

If you want a Mass said for an intention, please fill out the brown envelope provided at the back of the church and deposit in the collection basket during Mass. Thank you.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOX APPEAL

The Spring edition of Mission Today is now available in both churches. We would be grateful if supporters wishing to make donations for the March Quarter would please contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St. Edward's) on 07889 969639. The January deposit was £164.00; thank you to all who donated.

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, hot dogs and tinned custard. 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.

OTHER NOTICES

BISHOP BYRNE'S RESIGNATION - INVESTIGATION

An investigation into the resignation of Bishop Robert Byrne has been commissioned by the Holy See's Dicastery for Bishops. A survey has been issued to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, and all answers are provided in complete confidence. The survey will run until 27 March 2023 and is available on Google Forms at <https://forms.gle/wevQ6zrj1t8SCxNq5>. Please complete the survey only once.

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>

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

On Saturday 25 March 2023, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, there will be a Day of Prayer for Life – in particular for the unborn and for pregnant women. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and an opportunity to venerate the relics of St Gianna Molla at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, following the 10.00am Mass until 4.00pm, organised by Catholic members of SPUC.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

There will be a lecture by Dr Liam Temple entitled 'A Missionary Centre for the North. The Capuchin Mission in Thirsk 1923-1960' on 5 April at 2.00pm at St Joseph's Centre in Gateshead. All are welcome, non members £1.00. Refreshments available.

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.

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP — ANNUAL AMPLEFORTH RETREAT

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from Monday 24 July to 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

HELP THE 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 28 July. If you would like more information please visit www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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| Monsignor Andrew Faley | stedwardsne26@btconnect.com | 0191 2528021 |
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| 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 | |
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| DAY & DATE | CHURCH |
| 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) |
| Monday 20th March ST CUTHBERT, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Albert & Lily Riley (EW) |
| Tuesday 21st March | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Norman Judge (MQ) |
| Wednesday 22nd March | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Gerald, Moira & Shirley Wilson (BH) |
| Thursday 23rd March | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Norman & Julia Judge (JH) |
| Friday 24th March | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion |
| Saturday 25th March SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI (RB) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Bridget Thompson (M & CMcA) |
| Sunday 26th March 5TH 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 Pauline Donoghue, Pete Scott, Angela Mary Gray & Raymond (Ray) Taylor & Colleen Lambe. 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

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. | 2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. |
| 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. |

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

John 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.' Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered. *(The rest of the Gospel will be proclaimed during Mass.)*