

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A, 1ST & 2ND APRIL, 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 4 April - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm

Wednesday 5 April - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 10.00am

Thursday 6 April - Mass of the Lord's Supper: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.30pm

Friday 7 April - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 3.00pm

Saturday 8 April - Easter Vigil: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 8.00pm

Sunday 9 April - Easter Sunday: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 10.00am

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that, given where we are with Covid and that most people are protected with vaccinations, permission is given for Holy Communion under both species (Host and Chalice) to be restored from this Maundy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper. As we know, our Catholic faith professes that when we receive Holy Communion in the Sacred Host and/or the Chalice, we receive the totality of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, and that we always show reverence and adoration towards the Blessed Sacrament. The Bishops have left the decision to reintroduce Holy Communion under both species and its timing with each parish priest. I'm grateful to the Parish Pastoral Council for our recent discussion, in which concern was expressed for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who would distribute the Chalice, and for parishioners receiving from the Chalice, and the possible risk of infection, including when ministers consume the remains of the Precious Blood after Holy Communion. I have decided that Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one species only, the Sacred Host. The situation will be reviewed towards the Feast of Corpus Christi in June. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Many thanks. Mgr. Andrew Faley.

PALM SUNDAY COLLECTION — HOLY PLACES

A second collection will be taken this Sunday for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

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.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 4 April at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are Welcome.

LENT STUDY SESSIONS — IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

The final Lent study session will be held this Wednesday, at Immaculate Heart Church in the Upper Meeting Room after the 9.30 Mass. These sessions have been 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.

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 tinned meat – spam etc., tinned or packet potatoes, tinned rice pudding & baby food – tins/packets/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.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 6 April. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30 am. We will travel to Great Lumley and walk along the Lumley Park Burn, River Wear passing Lumley Castle and the Duck Hospital. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023

We have 31 children registered to take part in this year's programme. The first Parents' Information session was held on Thursday 30 March. We look forward to welcoming the children for their first preparation session on **Monday 17 April from 5.00pm - 6.15pm** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Times, dates and details of further sessions will be published in the bulletin.

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. If you would like a specific date, please ensure you request it well in advance. Thank you.

PARISH SICK LIST

The list of the sick which is included weekly on the bulletin, is mainly for the sick of the Parish who we pray for in the Bidding Prayers at Sunday Mass. It is important, however, that the list is kept up to date by those who have added the names. Please contact Julie, the Parish Secretary, to confirm whether the name(s) you have added are to stay on the list. Many thanks. Mgr Andrew.

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.

OTHER NOTICES

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION 2023

The Partnership Confirmation Programme for students in Years 9 and 10 will begin in April 2023 with the Confirmation ceremony taking place in the week commencing July 17th. Application forms are available from your parish or the school chaplain. If you have any queries or questions please email Michael Thompson at mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk.

COMING SOON - A DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic. Whether you are a seasoned catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the New Directory of Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. Individuals and parish groups are welcome. To register your interest/book a place, please visit bit.ly/DHND0C23.

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 Wednesday 5 April at 2.00pm at St Joseph's Centre in Gateshead. All are welcome, non members £1.00. Refreshments available.

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

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE — VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever thought about travelling on Pilgrimage to Lourdes in response to the call of Our Blessed Lady? Every year, many people generously offer their service to those who stay in the Accueil (hospital) and need some additional care and support from volunteers like yourselves. This could include making a cup of tea, having a chat, helping in the dining room or assisting a pilgrim to attend the various Masses and services which take place during Pilgrimage Week. **We need you!** In order to provide care for all of the applicants for the Accueil, **we need more registered adult helpers.** We do not have enough at present and do not want to disappoint pilgrims who are looking forward to travelling with us. The dates of travel are Friday 28 July to Friday 4 August 2023. Financial help with the cost of travel and accommodation is available in the form of a subsidy for this year only. If you would like any further information, please telephone 0191 5281992 or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk. The link to register as an adult helper is: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZHWW4DD5ny>. Please note, registration will close on Wednesday 5 April. All forms **MUST** be received by this date. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Cluster Website	www.norhtynesidecatholic.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 1st April	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Geri & Peter St Julien (GSJ) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm George Miller (AM)
Sunday 2nd April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 3rd April	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Freda Jack (A&RL)
Tuesday 4th April	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Freda Jack (L&BH)
Wednesday 5th April	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Agnes Scott (D&PK)
Thursday 6th April HOLY THURSDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Vigil of Prayer Catherine Kimmitt (JK)
Friday 7th April GOOD FRIDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday 8th April HOLY SATURDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 8.00pm Easter Vigil People of the Parish
Sunday 9th April EASTER SUNDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Alan Connors-Fowler (AF)

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

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READINGS AT MASS
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Opening Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, '*Tell the daughter of Sion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass.*' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

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

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' | 2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones. |
| 3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! | 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons. |

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.