

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 15TH & 16TH APRIL, 2023**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

**Eastertide**

During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.**

While Christ lay dead, the widowed world  
Wore willow green for hope undone.

But when bright Easter dew impearled the chilly, burial earth,  
All north and south, all east and west flushed red in the rising sun.  
Hope laughed, and faith resumed her rest, and love remembered mirth. (Anon)

**EASTER BLESSINGS & THANKS**

Cardinal Basil Hume once said: "The great gift of Easter is hope — Christian hope, which makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake." As we celebrate that Jesus conquered sin and death, we also celebrate that we are transformed by his resurrection from the dead. We are grateful for all the support and care we give and receive from one another in our Parish and beyond. Christian hope gives us direction for life, for our patience with each other, and for our ability to see the gift of each other beyond our weakness. Thanks to all who have done so much to make Lent and Holy Week so rich this year. I am grateful for your continuing support and prayers. I wish you and your families and friends Easter blessings and prayers. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Mgr Andrew.

**FUNERALS**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Waugh of Waterloo Road, Whitley Bay, who died on 30 March aged 84 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 27 April at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, followed by burial in Earsdon Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Hymers of Paignton Avenue, Monkseaton, who died on 31 March aged 93 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm on 20 April at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Cairns of Windmill Avenue, North Shields, who died on 8 April aged 89 years. A funeral service will take place at 12.00noon on 2 May at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**SUNDAY 16 APRIL — DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

This Sunday there will be a special collection for The Northern Brethren's Fund for Sick & Retired Priests.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

In our Parish Masses, 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.

**ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**

There will be refreshments after Mass this Sunday and subsequent Sundays at St Edward's Church.

**NARTHEX ENTRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH**

Please note the work to install the new toilets in the Narthex will commence on 17 April. This will mean that, apart from funerals, there will be no Mass or Word and Communion services celebrated at St. Edward's on weekdays for the next few weeks. All weekday Masses will take place at Immaculate Heart Church for the foreseeable future. From Saturday 22 April until further notice, access to St. Edward's Church will be via the main entrance doors on Park Road and the side entrance on Coquet Avenue. There will be signs to point to the alternative toilets in the Parish Rooms via the Sacristy beside the statue of Our Lady.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023**

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. Details of further sessions will be published in the bulletin.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 18 April at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are Welcome.

**WALKING GROUP**

The next seven mile walk will take place on Wednesday 19 April, from Blanchland through woodland to Shildon and Pennypie (the name is a clue to what they sold there to the cattle drovers) then via the Carriers Way to Newbiggin, returning to the village along the banks of the

River Derwent. Beautiful open country, fine views and lots of bird-life. There is an uphill stretch at the start and a corresponding descent near the end. Depart in shared cars from Immaculate Heart of Mary church at 9.30am. Further information from Gerry Latimer on 0191 2516989.

#### **IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK**

There will be no Food Bank collection this Monday; collections will resume on Monday 24 April at the usual time of 10am to 12 Noon. The Bank will then need savoury snacks - crisps etc., tinned or packet potatoes, microwave rice, tinned vegetables & biscuits. Thank you as always for your generosity.

#### **NO PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB IN APRIL**

Unfortunately, due to the funerals taking place later this month, there will be no Luncheon Club in April. Normal service will resume in May.

#### **PARISH SICK LIST**

The names of those who are sick are included weekly on the bulletin, and 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.

#### **A CAFOD WORD OF THANKS**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity this Lent, with special praise to those of you who took part in the Big Lent Walk – I hope you all had a wonderful Easter within your parish and family life. Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to [cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill](http://cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill)

#### **OTHER NOTICES**

##### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

**Administrator, Vicariate for Faith and Mission** (maternity cover) – full-time. Closing date: 18 April.

**Senior Administrator, Dept for Education**, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 18 April.

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

##### **DAY FOR CATECHISTS — 15 JULY 2023**

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 practice, 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](http://bit.ly/DHND0C23).

##### **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](mailto:mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk).

##### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

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. In order to provide care for all of the applicants for the Accueil, we need more registered adult helpers. The dates of travel are from Friday 28 July to Friday 4 August 2023. . If you would like any further information, please email:

[lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) or telephone: 0191 5281992. The link to register as an adult helper is:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZHWW4DD5ny>.

#### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

Monsignor Andrew Faley	<a href="mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com">stedwardsne26@btconnect.com</a>	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	<a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk</a>	0191 6432080
<b>Cluster Website</b>	<a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a>	

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](mailto: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
Easter Saturday 15th April <b>Confessions</b> <b>10.00am, St Edward's</b> <b>5.30pm, Immaculate Heart</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Freda Jack (JP) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Anne & Brian Watson (A&BW)
Sunday 16th April <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> <b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Monday 17th April	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 18th April <b>ST MARTIN</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Elaine Willcock (MHD)
Wednesday 19th April	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Michael Wilson (MS)
Thursday 20th April	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 12.30pm Requiem Mass Brian Hymers
Friday 21st April <b>ST ANSELM</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Rebecca Dela Fuente
Saturday 22nd April <b>Confessions</b> <b>10.00am, St Edward's</b> <b>5.30pm, Immaculate Heart</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Mary Woodman (MS) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd April <b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b>
Sunday 16th April 11.30am	Cameron Ellis Bowness
Sunday 23rd April 11.30am	Sebastian Pickard
<b>Please remember in your prayers:</b> Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, Ron Lowes, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell & Annette Pilman who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Colleen Lambe, Joan Waugh, Brian Hymers, Helen Cairns & Ellen Gray. May they rest in peace. Amen.	

**G**lory 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**

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**READINGS AT MASS**  
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**First Reading**

**Acts 2:42-47**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24**

**We say the Psalm together**

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| 1. Let the sons of Israel say:<br>'His love has no end.'<br>Let the sons of Aaron say:<br>'His love has no end.'<br>Let those who fear the Lord say:<br>'His love has no end.'                   | 2. I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,<br>but the Lord was my helper.<br>The Lord is my strength and my song;<br>he was my saviour.<br>There are shouts of joy and victory<br>in the tents of the just. |
| 3. The stone which the builders rejected<br>has become the corner stone.<br>This is the work of the Lord,<br>a marvel in our eyes.<br>This day was made by the Lord;<br>we rejoice and are glad. |   |

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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