

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 22ND & 23RD 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)

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 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ron Lowes of North Ridge, Whitley Bay, who died on 17 April aged 89 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 3.00pm on 4 May at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

SUNDAY 30 APRIL — WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Next Sunday, there will be a special collection taken for The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Care Home, Newcastle.

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 each Sunday at St Edward's Church.

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.

NARTHEX ENTRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

Please note the work to install the new toilets in the Narthex commenced this week. This means 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

Our first childrens' session on the 17 April went very well and we look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 24 April at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 5pm. Details of further sessions will be published in the bulletin.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 2 May at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are Welcome.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK

Food Bank collections start again on Monday. This week the Bank needs savoury snacks - crisps etc., tinned or packet potatoes, microwave rice, tinned vegetables & biscuits. Thank you as always for your generosity.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The recent collections raised the sums of £376.00 for Holy Places (Catholic Community in the Holy Land) and £361.05 for the Northern Brethren Fund for Sick & Retired Priests. Thank you to all who donated so generously .

A CAFOD WORD OF THANKS

Thank you for your continued support and generosity this Lent (and for your latest donation of £100), 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

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 17 July. 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.

DONATIONS

A big thank you for all your generous donations, which are greatly appreciated. Now that the Whitley Bay HSBC branch is closing, should you wish to transfer to standing order or bank transfer, this would help to simplify our banking procedure. The Parish bank details are:

Name: Our Lady Star of the Sea, **Bank:** HSBC,
Sort Code 40-34-45, **Account Number** 21157523.

If you wish to remember the Parish in your Will, further information is available from the Parish Office.

OTHER NOTICES

GAELIC FOOTBALL FAMILY FUN DAY — 8 JULY

A Family Fun Day (in association with Tyneside Irish Centre) is being held on Saturday 8 July from 10am to 1pm at Amberley Playing fields, Killingworth, NE12 6SE. There will be a morning session of some fun active drills to teach the basic skills of Gaelic football and also other non-football based activities for children. Food & Refreshments will also be available. Admission is free so come along and join in the fun. To register your interest please email: Secretary.cuchulainns.yorkshire@gaa.ie.

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.

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 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:

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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 22nd April Confessions 10.00am, St Edward's 5.30pm, Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Mary Woodman (MS) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd April 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 24th April ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND	No Mass
Tuesday 25th April ST MARK	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Jan Patrick Clarner (NS)
Wednesday 26th April	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Private Intention (JT)
Thursday 27th April	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 10.00am Requiem Mass Joan Waugh
Friday 28th April	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA Confessions 10.00am, St Edward's 5.30pm, Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Jeff Blakey (AB) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 30th April 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Sarah Walton (LL)
BAPTISM	CHURCH
Sunday 23rd April 11.30am	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH Sebastian Pickard
Sunday 30th April 11.30am	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH Emily Catalina Ruvino-Cotton
Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman & Layton Newton who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Joan Waugh, Brian Hymers, Helen Cairns, Ellen Gray & Ron Lowes. May they rest in peace. Amen.	

Glory 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.

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READINGS AT MASS
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First Reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' | 2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. |
| 3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. | 4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. |

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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