

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 29TH & 30TH 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 Helen Cairns of Windmill Avenue, North Shields, who died on 8 April aged 89 years. A funeral service will take place at 12.00 Noon 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 — GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY —
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

This Sunday, there is a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. There will also be a special collection for The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Care Home, Newcastle, where new lifts need to be installed. Please give as generously as you can.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

There will be refreshments after Mass each Sunday at St Edward's Church.

NARTHEX ENTRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

Please note the work to install the new toilets in the Narthex is going well. 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. 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.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY — OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated in May at the following Masses: Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Monkseaton - Saturday 6.00pm, 13 & 20 May. St Edward's, Whitley Bay - Sunday 10.00am, 14 & 21 May. All are very welcome.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK

There will be no Food Bank collection for the next two weeks because of Bank Holidays. The next will be Monday 15 May when the Food Bank requires tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, tinned rice pudding, toilet rolls and savoury snacks-crisps etc. Thank you as always for your generosity.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Our session on 24 April was about Mass and the Word of God. The children learned about the format of the Mass and all of the special items we use. There were lots of giggles when we demonstrated the use of an aspergillum (a holy water sprinkler)! Our next session will take place on 15 May at Immaculate Heart Church at 5.00pm when we will learn about reconciliation and forgiveness.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 19 May. Helen Young will lead this walk in the Ryle area of Northumberland. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill 0191 2512917.

THANKS FROM THE HYMERS FAMILY

Astrid Hymers and family would like to thank Monsignor Andrew, parishioners, friends and relatives who contributed in so many ways to the Requiem Mass celebrating Brian's long life. We were greatly comforted to know so many people cared as much about Brian as we did. Thank you very much.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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

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.

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. Whitley Bay HSBC branch is closing in May so if anyone would like 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

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following two vacancies:

Deputy Director of Education (Leadership) and Deputy Director of Education (Inspection). Both roles are permanent and full-time, term-time. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301

MESSAGE FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding these difficult economic times, which everyone is facing, increasingly more challenging. It is certainly a worrying and anxious time for us all. The current economic climate is having a significant impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home. We are working hard to raise vital funds to help with the cost of replacing the three lifts in the Home. They have

served us well over the years and with us relying heavily on them, they are in constant need of expensive repairs. As you can appreciate, the lifts play an integral role in helping to maintain the safety of our residents at all times, helping to increase their level of mobility and allowing them to maintain their independence for longer. For this reason we are appealing for urgent donations to assist us in our efforts to make critical upgrades to our lifts, which in turn will help the Sisters and Staff deliver essential person centred care at all times. Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/ Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us.

WHITLEY BAY & DISTRICT CHURCHES+TOGETHER

Come and celebrate the King's Coronation with us at St Paul's Church in Whitley Bay.

Saturday 29 April, 7pm - Coronation concert by the Ravenswood Singers (£7 per ticket) with refreshments and raffle.

Friday 5 May, from 1.45pm - Coronation Community party: dedication of the King's tree followed by refreshments. Activities for children and young people available.

Sunday 7 May, 6pm - Choral Evensong in thanksgiving for the King's Coronation.

CAFOD AND CAMELS

On Tuesday, 2 May at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields, at 7.00pm, Karen Kilby, Bede Professor of Catholic Theology will be giving a talk titled: "On CAFOD and camels: theological reflections on a recent trip to the horn of Africa". Professor Kilby recently travelled with CAFOD to a region in East Africa suffering drought. She will speak about what she saw and heard and offer some reflections on the complexities of compassion and the nature of hope. Karen has served as a Trustee of CAFOD for the last 6 years. All are welcome.

PROUD CATHOLICS

Proud Catholics is a support group for Catholics in the Diocese who identify as LGBT+ or who are questioning their sexual or gender identity. We are now an established group within the Diocese and part of the Vicariate of Caritas. If you would like further information about what we do please visit: <https://proud Catholics.co.uk>. You can also find information about the group on the diocesan website, in the Caritas and Outreach section - Diocesan groups.

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 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)
Monday 1st May	No Mass
Tuesday 2nd May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Charles Donachy (LD)
Wednesday 3rd May SS PHILIP & JAMES	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Peggy Huffam (PH)
Thursday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	No Mass
Friday 5th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Chris & Antonietta Wilson (AA)
Saturday 6th May Confessions 10.00am, St Edward's 5.30pm, Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Marguerite Jones (BJ) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm The Cosgrove Family (MC)
Sunday 7th May 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	CHURCH
Sunday 30th April 11.30am	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH Emily Catalina Ruvino-Cotton
Sunday 7th May 11.30am	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH Ivy Grace Mendonca Darling

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. & Fr John Reid. 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.

PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Mgr Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882, Canon Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770.

READINGS AT MASS
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 29TH & 30TH APRIL, 2023

First Reading

Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. 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

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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