

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 6TH & 7TH MAY, 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.**

Prayer for the King

O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION — GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The magnificent sum of £885.51 was collected last Sunday for The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Care Home. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

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

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.

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.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 16 May at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

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.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL PUPILS AT MASS

Children from Star of the Sea School, Year 5, attended Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Wednesday 3 May and enjoyed their visit. Other year groups will also be attending on Wednesdays (not every week) until the 5 July. We look forward to celebrating Mass with them.

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION 2023

Last week, around 40 young people from across the Partnership joined together for the first time to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation which they will receive this summer. Please keep them in your prayers. For any inquiries, please contact Michael Thompson, School Chaplain at St Thomas More, on mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk

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.

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.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK

There will be no Food Bank collection until Monday 15 May when the Food Bank requires tinned rice pudding, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, savoury snacks-crisps etc. & toilet rolls. Thank you as always for your generosity.

PARISH GENEROSITY

A big thank you for all your generous donations, which are greatly appreciated. Whitley Bay HSBC branch is now closed 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

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. 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 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.

Friday 5 May, from 1.45pm - Coronation Community party: dedication of the King's tree followed by refreshments.

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

SAILING PILGRIMAGE

Please join Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) at Royal Northumberland Yacht Club, Blyth from 6.30pm on 17 May to greet Russ Fairman's Round Britain Sailing Pilgrimage, celebrating 100+ years of Stella Maris' service. Stella Maris is the largest ship-visiting network in the world and the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Be a part of this historic event, celebrating seafarers, fishers and Stella Maris' Centenary. You will hear from Russ about the journey, local Stella Maris Port Chaplain Paul Atkinson about the charity's work locally, and local ship visiting volunteer Maire Cross. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate with Stella Maris and show your support for those who work tirelessly at sea.

Russ' sailing pilgrimage is a round-Britain prayerful mission calling at over 50 ports and Holy sites in celebration of 100 years of Stella Maris' support and service to seafarers around the globe. At the reception, there will be drinks and food. To register your attendance, please call:

020 79011931 or email: info@stellamarismail.org

TALK BY PROFESSOR EAMON DUFFY

The renowned historian Professor Eamon Duffy, also a frequent broadcaster on radio and television, is visiting Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3JX, on Saturday 20 May at 11am to give an entertaining and informative lecture about a period and subject which will be new to most audiences. He will tell the fascinating story of Father Robert Benson, the most famous Catholic Priest in Edwardian England, and his extraordinary family. Fr Benson's father was Archbishop of Canterbury, while one brother wrote "Land of Hope and Glory" and the other wrote the Mapp and Lucia novels. Booking is not required, doors open at 10.30am and 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
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Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk	0191 6432080
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Cluster Website	www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk
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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 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
Monday 8th May	No Mass
Tuesday 9th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Wednesday 10th May ST JOHN DE AVILA	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Brian Hymers
Thursday 11th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)
Friday 12th May SS NEREUS AND ACHILLES	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 13th May Confessions 10.00am, St Edward's 5.30pm, Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Freda Jack (J&MR) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm In Thanksgiving (TM)
Sunday 14th May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 7th May 11.30am	Ivy Grace Mendonca Darling
Sunday 14th May 11.30am	Areya Willow Wallace Etta Louise Wallace
Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton & Bill Hamblin 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

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First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

We say the Psalm together

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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