

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 13TH & 14TH 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.**

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 for The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Care Home. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

SUNDAY 21 MAY — WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

A second collection will be taken next Sunday for World Communications Day.

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

The Catechist team are looking forward to our next session with the children at Immaculate Heart Church, Monkseaton at 5.00pm on Monday 15 May. The children will be learning about reconciliation and forgiveness. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their Journey of Faith.

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. The children from year group three will be attending on Wednesday 17 May. We look forward to celebrating Mass with them.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is Thursday 25 May at the usual time of 12.00pm. If possible, please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

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

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION 2023

At the beginning of May, 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

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who is able to support the food bank. Even though everyone is finding life difficult, your generosity never fails. This week 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.

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.

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. 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. Russ's 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

The public lecture by Professor Eamon Duffy at the Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne due to take place on 20 May has had to be postponed. He will give the lecture later in the year.

The Liturgical Formation Team will be holding a **Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** on Saturday 3 June 2023, 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am. The venue for this event will be St Michaels, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF and will cost £10.00 per person. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. To book your place or for more information visit bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents.

This Day of Reflection may be self-funded or funded by your parish. You can indicate your payment preference on the online booking form. An invoice will be sent to the payee following the event. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque.

Registered Nurses Required. The Little Sisters of the Poor run a large residential care home for the elderly in Newcastle. This is a friendly, relaxed, well equipped Home with over 105 staff. Day shift - 37.5 Hours per week; shifts are 8am-4pm, 1pm-9pm. Night shift - 20 hours per week, 9pm-8am. Two References and an enhanced DBS check are required. For more information please contact Lee-Marie on 0191 2731279 or email lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk

The course is held at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields from 30 May at 7pm. The course builds on the teaching of John Main giving practical guidance on Christian Meditation. There are 6 sessions:-

The course is open to anyone who would like to participate.

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.

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.

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.

Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 3.00pm on Wednesday.

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	CHURCH
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
Monday 15th May	No Mass
Tuesday 16th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Joan & Gerald Cowley (EH)
Wednesday 17th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Elaine Willcock (MHD)
Thursday 18th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Maria Quinn (MQ) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 7.00pm People of the Parish
Friday 19th May ST DUNSTAN	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Peter Hughes (PH)
Saturday 20th May ST BERNADINE OF SIENA Confessions 10.00am, St Edward's 5.30pm, Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Vera & Marian Wilson (AA) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 21st May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 14th May 11.30am	Areya Willow Wallace Etta Louise Wallace
Sunday 21st May 11.30am	Gabriella Del Vecchio Peacock

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 & Joan Skelton 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

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Canon Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770.

READINGS AT MASS
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First Reading

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! | 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. |
| 3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. | 4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. |

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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