

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 20TH & 21ST 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.

SUNDAY 21 MAY — WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

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

SUNDAY 28 MAY — SECOND COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken next Sunday for the Lay Training Fund.

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, 20 May. St Edward's, Whitley Bay - Sunday 10.00am, 21 May. All are very welcome.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023

The Catechist team is looking forward to the next session with the children at Immaculate Heart Church, Monkseaton at 5.00pm on Monday 22 May. The children will be learning about The Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their Journey of Faith.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL PUPILS AT MASS

Children from Star of the Sea School, Year 3, attended Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Wednesday 17 May and enjoyed their visit. The children from Year 2 will be attending on Wednesday 24 May. We look forward to Mass with them, their teachers, parents and carers.

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.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The next Journey of Faith meeting is on Tuesday 30 May at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Monday 5th June when Pauline and David Warren will lead a walk from Whitley Chapel in Hexhamshire. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am to share cars. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill 0191 2512917.

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION 2023

51 young people from the Partnership Parishes have joined together to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation which they will celebrate in July. Thanks to those who joined in their Ascension Day Mass last Wednesday evening at St Edward's Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 baby food – tins/packets/jars etc., jam/savoury spread, tinned custard & soup. 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.

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.

OTHER NOTICES

DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

The Diocesan Environmental Group invite you to a series of events marking Laudato Si' week Sunday 21 – Sunday 28 May 2023. The week will begin with a special Mass on Saturday 20 May 2023 at The Cathedral Church of St Mary, Newcastle at 10.00am. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate creation and to reflect on how to protect it. Throughout the week we will be presenting special screenings of the film, 'The Letter'. For details please see the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/a-series-of-special-events-mark-laudato-si-week-across-our-diocese/>

Details of the screenings:

Monday 22 May: at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Old Durham Road, Gateshead NE9 6RZ with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 23 May: at St Wilfrid's, Waterloo Road, Blyth
NE24 1EA at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 24 May: at Carmel College, The Headlands, Darlington DL3 8RW with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

Saturday 27 May: at St Cuthbert's Church, Albion Road West, North Shields NE29 0JB at 7.00pm.

The Letter is a powerful film produced by the team that made the Oscar-winning film *My Octopus Teacher*. It brings the message of Pope Francis's *Laudato Si'* to life through the stories of the people representing the voices of the poor, the youth, indigenous peoples and the natural world. This is a film that everyone should see and talk about in their families and communities, definitely not to be missed!

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE invites you to come and hear Chris Maunder speak on 'Our Lady of the Nations - Apparitions of Mary in 20th Century Catholic Europe' at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, North Shields, on Wednesday 31 May, at 7.30pm. Chris Maunder is a retired Senior Lecturer and Visiting Fellow, Theology & Religious Studies at York St John University and a researcher and writer in the area of Marian Studies. The title of his talk is that of his book (2016, Oxford University Press). A scholar of Catholic popular religion in professional life, he is also passionate about Marian shrines, visiting them across Europe and helping to maintain his local shrine, a 15th-century rock chapel in Knaresborough.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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.

Booking Deadline: Tuesday 23 May 2023.

This Day of Reflection may be self-funded or funded by your parish. Payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – JOB VACANCY

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

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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:-

30/05/2023 Week 1 What is Christian Meditation?

06/06/2023 Week 2 John Main.

13/06/2023 Week 3 The Roots of Meditation in the Christian Tradition.

20/06/2023 Week 4 The Wheel of Prayer: Meditation and Other Ways of Prayer.

27/06/2023 Week 5 Leaving Self Behind: Meditation and Discipleship.

04/07/2023 Week 6 The Fruits of Meditation.

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

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:

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Cluster Website

www.norhtynsidecatholic.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 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)
Monday 22nd May	No Mass
Tuesday 23rd May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am In Thanksgiving (RB)
Wednesday 24th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Harry Purdy (JP)
Thursday 25th May ST BEDE THE VENERABLE	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Philomena O'Laughlin (EMcN)
Friday 26th May ST PHILIP NERI	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Dorothy Snowdon (Storey Family)
Saturday 27th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY Confessions 10.00am, St Edward's 5.30pm, Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Helen & Paul Kelly (RR) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Steve Stuart (K&RY)
Sunday 28th May PENTECOST SUNDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 21st May, 11.30am	Gabriella Del Vecchio Peacock
Sunday 28th May, 11.30am	Marnie Noreen Timney

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.

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READINGS AT MASS
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First Reading

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26(27):1,4,7-8

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? | 2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. |
| 3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' | |

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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