

12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 24TH & 25TH JUNE, 2023

The Cycle of Prayer

Summer

During Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for these intentions: **A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.**

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE

On Wednesday, 14 June, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Right Reverend Stephen Wright as the Fifteenth Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. Bishop Wright has been an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He will be installed as our new Bishop in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on 19 July. We warmly welcome Bishop Stephen to our Diocese and promise him our prayers and support. Mgr Andrew

BANNS FOR ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE – JOSEPH O'BRIEN

I am pleased to inform you that Joseph O'Brien, a seminarian at the Venerable English College in Rome and a member of our Parish, is due to be ordained to the Diaconate on 5 July 2023 in the Church of Our Lady of the Snows, Palazzola, in the Diocese of Albano, Italy, by Bishop Douglas Crosby of Hamilton Diocese. If anyone knows of any reason why he should not be ordained, please inform Mgr Andrew at the earliest opportunity. Please keep Joseph in your prayers. A collection will be taken at this weekend's Masses as our gift to Joseph. Many thanks.

WELCOME

We welcome Canon Christopher Jackson to the Parish as he celebrates the Masses for the Feast of SS Peter and Paul.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joyce Small, formerly of Haddon Green, West Monkseaton, who died on the 9th June, aged 96 years. Joyce was a parishioner for 50 years. May she rest in peace.

NARTHEX ENTRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

Please note the work to install the new toilets in the Narthex is almost complete. Apart from funerals, there will be no Mass or Word and Communion celebrated at St. Edward's on weekdays for a little while longer. All weekday Masses will take place at Immaculate Heart Church for now. 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.

THURSDAY 29TH JUNE — COLLECTION

Thursday of next week is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul and a collection will be taken for Peter's Pence.

SEA SUNDAY - 9TH JULY 2023

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure on board. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. A collection will be taken at both Masses. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work. Thank you.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

Congratulations to the children of our Parish who received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion on Saturday 10 June at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay. Grateful thanks for your prayers for the children and their families. Additional thanks go to all those volunteers who help us make this occasion so special.

STAR OF THE SEA PUPILS AT MASS

Year 6 pupils and their "buddies" from Reception Class will attend Mass at Immaculate Heart Church on Wednesday 5th July. We look forward to welcoming them, their teachers, parents and carers.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Tuesday 4 July. Peter Weighill will lead a 6 mile walk around the River Tyne. Starting from Wylam, passing George Stephenson's cottage, Close House and the Battle Stone at Newburn. Returning via Ryton Willows. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter on 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 on 18th July. 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 kindness never fails. This week the Food Bank requires savoury snacks-crisps etc., tinned pasta/spaghetti/macaroni & tinned pies. Thank you as always for your generosity.

MONDAY DROP-IN AT IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

On Mondays the kettle will be on and the biscuit tin out at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for anyone who fancies a cuppa. Come along on Monday between 10am and 12 noon and have a chat and a tea or coffee. Hope to see you there.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOX APPEAL

Thank you to all who donated for the March quarter. The sum donated by our parish in 2022 came to **£6,785.17** and the charity is very grateful for the enormous support you continue to provide to our global family and the missionaries who serve them.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 29th June at the usual time of 12.00pm. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

WELCOMERS AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

We could do with 2 or 3 more Welcomers at St Edward's 10.00am Sunday Mass. Please contact Derek Hooper at church or phone 0191 2526386. Many thanks.

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

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Diocesan Offices, Newcastle - Senior Administrator, Dept for Safeguarding – full-time. Closing date: 26 June. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details of all vacancies or contact us on 0191 2433301.

INVITATION TO EMMAUS YOUTH VILLAGE OPEN DAY

You are warmly invited to the Emmaus Youth Village on **Saturday 1st July** for a unique opportunity to learn about our new initiatives and redevelopment plans. The day is also a celebration, remembering Fr Dermott Donnelly's significant ministry on the first anniversary of his death. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham and young attendees will share inspiring stories about the impact of Fr Dermott's ministry. With a barbecue, a bar and music entertainment, it's bound to be a fantastic day out! Barbecue tickets: £10 (free for children under 16). Proceeds for the day will support Fr Dermott's charity "Significance," ensuring his work continues. Please confirm attendance for the Mass and/or barbecue tickets. Accommodation can also be booked. Contact: admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SUMMER FAYRE

There will be a Summer Fayre at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Westmorland Road, Newcastle on Saturday 1 July from 1pm-4pm. All are welcome.

MARY'S PLACE — APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

At Mary's Place, located in the clergy house at St Mary's Cathedral, we give more than a cup of water. Each Monday we feed over 40 guests who are homeless or socially disadvantaged with hot meals and drinks, as well as taking a dozen or so lunch bags out to people on the street. The current situation has increased the demand on our services and we need more volunteers each week. We currently operate with a team of 28, each having 7 volunteers for each session. Each volunteer is in once every 4 weeks. The sessions run from 9.30am—1.30pm each Monday. There is a variety of roles - greeting, cooking, serving, washing up and making tea & coffee. If you would be interested in learning more about joining our team, please contact Liz Bennett on 07815888974 or eliz.bennett@outlook.com or speak to Jenny or Derek Hooper at St Edward's Church, who will enthuse about it, either by phone 0191 2526386, or in person at Sunday Mass, where they regularly welcome and run the Piety Stall.

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 24th June THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Confessions 10.00am, St Edward's 5.30pm, Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Mary Patricia (Pat) Rumney (GR) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 25th June 12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 26th June	No Mass
Tuesday 27th June ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word and Communion
Wednesday 28st June ST IRENAEUS	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH Vigil Mass 7.00pm People of the Parish
Thursday 29nd June SS PETER AND PAUL HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Ada Keavey (LL)
Friday 30th June	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word and Communion
Saturday 1st July ST OLIVER PLUNKETT Confessions 10.00am, St Edward's 5.30pm, Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Brian Lee (EW) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Peter & Paul Whalen (PW)
Sunday 2nd July 13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 25th June, 11.30am	Ralph Rocco Brown
Sunday 2nd July, 11.30am	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH Finley Isaac Proud

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, & John Caroline who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, Joan Skelton, Alison Ibbs, Bill Hamblin, Joyce Small & Fr Pat O'Connell. May they rest in peace.

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

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

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

Responsorial Psalm

We say the Psalm together

Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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