

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 15TH & 16TH JULY, 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.**

A NEW BISHOP FOR HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Right Reverend Stephen Wright as the Fifteenth Bishop of Hexham and 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.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Howard Merritt of Windsor Court Care Home, Wallsend, who died on 3 July aged 84 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 12.00Noon on 20 July at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

THANK YOU

If it takes a village to raise a child, then it takes a parish to raise a seminarian. Thank you to the whole parish community for all your love and support – not only your kind and generous gift but all the prayers and kindnesses you have given me over the last 5 (and 25) years! Without the support of you all I would not be where I am today!
Rev. Joseph O'Brien

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.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

The recent special collections have raised these amounts:
Day of Prayer for Human Life - £385.55.
Peter's Pence - £224.20.
Sea Sunday (Stella Maris) - £800.55.
Thank you to all those who donated so generously.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

There will be refreshments after the 10.00am Mass each Sunday at St Edward's Church.

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES

If any one wishes petitions to be carried to Lourdes and placed at the grotto on the Diocesan Pilgrimage later this month, please pass them to Claire, Deirdre or Joe James by 23rd July. If you have any queries please ring Claire James on 07905 890598.

WALKING GROUP — Change of advertised walk

On Tuesday 18 July, Gerry Latimer will lead a six and a half mile walk from Corbridge, along the banks of the Tyne and taking in Prospect Hill, returning along Devil's Water and the Tyne. The walk is along clear footpaths and very quiet roads. Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for a 9.30am departure. Further details from Gerry on 0191 2516989.

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 tinned meat – spam etc., toothpaste/toothbrush, soup & meatballs. 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.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 27 July at the usual time of 12.00pm. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

OTHER NOTICES

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) 2023-2024

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic Faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith and Catholic Education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course is now available for 2023-2024 on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>

EMMANUEL CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

"Community, Communion - Go and share what you have Received".

Join us for a Day of Community, Sharing, Prayer and Sending on Saturday 22 July 2023 from 10.30am - 4pm (coffee at 10am) at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Rd, NE7 7PE (near Longbenton Metro Station on Glaisdale Rd, off Benton Park Rd). The day ends with Vigil Mass. There is no charge (a collection will be taken) and bring a packed Lunch. To book please contact Pat Kennedy at pat.kennedy42@icloud.com or on 0191 2841690

CONCERT AT LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Newcastle Male Chorus will be performing a Sounds of Summer Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle on Saturday 22 July 2023 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included) and are available from St Joseph's Home, 0191 2731279, or from Michael Reynolds on 07758 583694.

A LITURGICAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Date: Saturday 23 September 2023

Times: 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am

Location: St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Cost: £10.00 per person

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

The day will include a Mass. 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. The booking deadline is Monday 18 September 2023.

Booking: please book your place by accessing the online form at bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents or via the parish office sign-up sheet. For further information please email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

MARY'S PLACE — APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

At Mary's Place at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, 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 to people on the street. The current situation has increased the demand on our services and we need more volunteers each week. We 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 hot drinks. If you are interested in 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, Whitley Bay, who will enthuse about it, either by phone 0191 2526386, or in person at Sunday Mass, where they welcome and run the Piety Stall.

PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA, NEWCASTLE

Please note that from the Monday 10 July St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop will have revised opening hours:

Monday & Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10:00am – 4:30pm
Thursday	10:00am – 4:30pm
Friday	10:00am – 4:30pm
Saturday	9:45am – 4:00pm
Sunday	9:30am – 1:15pm

For orders and enquires outside these hours please Email orders@pauline-uk.org or telephone 0151 7091328.

You can also visit the website: www.paulineuk.org

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 15th July ST BONAVENTURE Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Adriana Arnone (MA) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Tom Murray (TM)
Sunday 16th July 15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 17th July	No Mass
Tuesday 18th July	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Trudie Jones (J&MR)
Wednesday 19th July	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Elvira & Tarcisio Dimascio (LD)
Thursday 20th July ST APOLLINARIS	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Alison Ibbs (PR)
Friday 21st July ST LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Margaret Beadlien (NBF)
Saturday 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Marian Dimascio (LD) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd July 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Julia Judge (Judge Family)
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 16th July, 11.30am	Daniel Manzi
Sunday 16th July, 12.30pm (Deacon Joseph O'Brien)	Louis James O'Brien
Sunday 23rd July, 11.30am	Leo Thornton
Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, 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, especially Bill Hamblin, Joyce Small, Fr Pat O'Connell & John Merritt. 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,
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READINGS AT MASS
15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 15TH & 16TH JULY, 2023

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 64(65):10-14

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. | 2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. |
| 3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. | 4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. |

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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