

16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 22ND & 23RD 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.**

BISHOP STEPHEN WRIGHT—15TH BISHOP OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Bishop Stephen was solemnly installed last Wednesday in St Mary's Cathedral. We wish him every blessing and support as he takes up his new ministry.

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.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lorraine Morales of Newton Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 12 July aged 75 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 1.15pm on 1 August at Preston Cemetery Chapel, followed by burial. May she 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

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION 2023

Congratulations to the 53 young people from the Partnership Parishes who were Confirmed last Tuesday during a Mass at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. Thanks especially to the Catechist Team who prepared them.

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.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

There are refreshments after the 9.30am Mass each Wednesday at Immaculate Heart Church. Come along and meet and mingle (sometimes we have cake!).

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES

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

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK

As you will be aware, the school holidays begin next week and that means there are thousands of children who will no longer receive a free hot meal at lunchtime. Our Lady Star of the Sea parish has always been incredibly generous to the food bank and although we would love an increase in donations, we recognise that for many people this is not possible. However, if we could spread the word about the food bank, perhaps telling family, friends and neighbours, we could increase donations this way. If we all told one extra person that might bring in enough to feed many children during these holidays. This week the Food Bank requires long life milk, tinned pies, tinned fruit & sweet snacks – chocolate etc. 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.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Wednesday 2 August. Peter Weighill will lead a 6.5 mile walk along the lower Wear Valley, starting from Fatfield and walking downstream to Cox Green, crossing the river and on to Offerton Haugh. We will return via the Consett/Sunderland railway cycle track. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am to share cars. If you require more information please contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

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

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP — ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Our Introduction to Christian Meditation group completed recently and has been a great success, with a regular attendance of over 20 people. As a result of this we will continue to hold a weekly Contemplative Prayer Group at St. Cuthbert's Church on Albion Road in North Shields. It will run every Tuesday from 7pm for an hour. We will follow a theme over several weeks and there will be a short talk on the theme each week. We will spend about 20 minutes in meditative prayer and will have an opportunity to share experience and have a chat. All are welcome, experienced and inexperienced meditators alike.

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.

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>

A LITURGICAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 23 September 2023, 10.30am-3.00pm.

Registration and refreshments from 10.00am at St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead. Cost: £10.00 per person. Please bring a packed lunch - tea and coffee are provided. The day will include Mass. The Day is self-funded or by your Parish. Please show your payment preference on the online booking form. An invoice will be sent to the payee after the day. 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 at eliz.bennett@outlook.com or on 07815 888974. You can also speak to Jenny or Derek Hooper at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, who will enthuse about it, either by phone on 0191 2526386 or in person at Sunday Mass, where they welcome and run the Piety Stall.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear:
Dr Kathryn Mannix on **The Art of Listening** at St Mary's Church Hall, Cullercoats on Wednesday 26 July at 7.30pm. Dr Mannix started the UK's first CBT clinic exclusively for palliative care patients and is a published author.

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 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)
Monday 24th July THE MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE	No Mass
Tuesday 25th July ST JAMES, APOSTLE	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Fred Sweeney (LL)
Wednesday 26th July SS JOACHIM & ANNE	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am The Forgotten Souls (LD)
Thursday 27th July	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Dan & Christine McKane & Julia McSorley (JMcn)
Friday 28th July	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 29th July SS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Jenny & Ted McIntosh & Ray Byford (VD)
Sunday 30th July 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 23rd July, 11.30am	Leo Thornton
Sunday 30th July, 11.30am (Deacon Michael John Swift)	Darcie Cecilia Swift
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 Fr Pat O'Connell, John Merritt, Michael Ryan, Lorraine Morales & Fr Michael McKenna. 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 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

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

We say the Psalm together

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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