

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.**

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — NARTHEX

The Narthex has now re-opened at St Edward's and is functioning well. Our grateful thanks go to Lawrie Ashton and Bill Crumbley for overseeing the project, and to parishioners who worked so hard to prepare the Narthex and the church for the work, and then returned it to working order. Thanks, also, to everyone for their patience.

WEEKDAY MASSES

The normal weekday Mass routine has been restored. Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday will now be celebrated at St Edward's, and on Wednesday and Friday 9.30am Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart. Thanks to everyone for your co-operation over the past weeks.

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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Stanley Rainbow of Whitley Bay who died on 20 July aged 91 years. Reception will take place at 4.00pm on 2 August at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, with Requiem Mass celebrated in the Tridentine Rite by Canon Michael Brown at 1.15pm on 3 August, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION 2023

Congratulations to the 53 young people from the Partnership Parishes who were Confirmed two weeks ago at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. Thanks especially to the Catechist Team who prepared them.

ST EDWARD'S — REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

There are refreshments after the Sunday 10.00am Mass at St Edward's Church.

IMMACULATE HEART — 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!).

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.

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. Immaculate Heart Church is open to receive donations every Monday from 10.00am to 12 noon. This week the Food Bank requires tinned custard, meat/chilli/curry/stew, baby food – tins/packages/jars etc. & jam/savoury spread. Thank you as always for your generosity.

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 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.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR YEMEN

There will be a retiring collection this weekend to support the people in Yemen who have suffered so badly during the war and are now starving in many areas. Anything you can spare will be very welcome.

CONCERT — ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME

Thanks to those parishioners who attended the fundraising concert last Saturday to raise funds for The Little Sisters of the Poor.

OTHER NOTICES

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP — ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS

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 7.00pm 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.

RAINBOWS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GREAT BRITAIN

This is a well-respected National Charity which supports children and young people who have experienced significant loss through death, relationship breakdown or any other adverse childhood experience. Volunteers are needed to join the North East Team. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Ruth Higginbottom, Rainbows North East Secretary, on 01670 518546 or rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com There is a notice on the board in church with more information.

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.

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>

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.

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 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
Monday 31st July ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA	No Mass
Tuesday 1st August ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Gerry Rafferty (PR)
Wednesday 2nd August	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Eileen Salter (TL) ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 4.00pm Reception Richard Stanley Rainbow
Thursday 3rd August ST OSWALD	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 1.15pm Requiem Mass Richard Stanley Rainbow
Friday 4th August ST JOHN VIANNEY	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Trudie Jones (R&SR)
Saturday 5th August THE DEDICATION OF ST MARY MAJOR BASILICA Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Brian Lee (MS) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
BAPTISM	CHURCH
Sunday 30th July, 11.30am (Deacon Michael John Swift)	IMMACULATE HEART Darcie Cecilia Swift
Sunday 6th August, 11.30	ST EDWARDS Adam Oscar Nolan
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 Michael Ryan, Lorraine Morales, Fr Michael McKenna & Richard Stanley Rainbow. 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
17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 29TH & 30TH JULY, 2023

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

We say the Psalm together

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| <p>1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.</p> <p>3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.</p> | <p>2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.</p> <p>4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.</p> |
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Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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