

**21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 26TH & 27TH AUGUST, 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.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

The number of Masses booked in for specific intentions is running low. Please think about having Masses offered for your family, both living and dead, or for other intentions. There are brown Mass Intention envelopes available in the Narthex at both churches. When you have filled in the details, please put the envelope in the collection basket during Mass or hand to one of the Welcomers or to the Priest, and it will be taken to the Parish Office.

**PARISH RECENTLY DECEASED**

The orders of service of those who have died recently in the Parish are now displayed in the Narthex at both churches.

**ST EDWARD'S — REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**

There are refreshments after the Sunday 10.00am Mass at St Edward's Church. There will always be coffee, tea, milk, etc. in the St Edward's kitchen for regular meetings, but it would be helpful if anyone organising extra or one-off meetings would log them in the Kitchen/Parish Rooms booking diary. Then we shouldn't run out of supplies at short notice.

**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.

**THANKS FROM CAFOD**

Thank you to all the parishioners at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish for your generous support of CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £997.62, received in August for the people of Yemen. Thank you so much for being there for our global family, God bless. Michelle Oakford, Head of Supporter Relations.

**IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK**

Please note there will be no food bank collection at Immaculate Heart Church on Monday 28 August as it is a bank holiday. Collections will resume the following Monday when the food bank requires long life milk, pot noodles, tinned pies, meatballs & biscuits. Thank you for all your contributions this year.

**EXAM RESULTS — CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our students who receive public exam results at this time. We wish them every success and promise our prayers for the future.

**PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB**

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 31 August at the usual time of 12.00pm. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

**MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL THOMPSON, SCHOOL CHAPLAIN AT ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY**

Hi everyone! On 10 September I will be running the Great North Run, raising money for CAFOD. I would really appreciate all your prayers as I prepare for my first ever half-marathon and please, if you feel able to, sponsor me whatever you can. You can read my story and donate at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/michael-thompson-gnr>

**SAFEGUARDING**

New posters have been put into both our churches and meeting rooms to point out the emphasis the church places on safeguarding. The direct contact number of the Diocesan Safeguarding office is on these posters should anyone have concerns, as are the names and contact numbers of the three parish safeguarding representatives. The parish office and Fr Andrew can also of course be contacted and will advise.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH**

The Journey in Faith for 2023 - 2024 for Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Mary's & St Oswin's and St Cuthbert's & St Joseph's will begin in St Edward's Parish Rooms on Tuesday 19 September at 7.00pm and meetings will take place every other week from then until June 2024. These meetings are open to all who are enquiring about the Catholic Faith, or already know that they wish to become Catholic, or are already Catholic but wish to renew and deepen their understanding of the Church. Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while are also warmly welcomed. Please pass this message on to family and friends who may be interested. The Parish Office will pass on any queries if you would like to speak to one of the leaders in advance.



MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	CHURCH
Saturday 26th August <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Adriana Arnone (MA) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Brian Hymers (Monday Club)
Sunday 27th August <b>21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 28th August <b>ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 29th August <b>THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Trudie Jones (MHD)
Wednesday 30th August	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am John Merritt (GS)
Thursday 31st August <b>ST AIDAN &amp; THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Denis McLoughlin (PR)
Friday 1st September <b>(Day of Special Prayer for the Care of Creation)</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Welsh & Faley Families (JF)
Saturday 2nd September <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Pete Scott (MS) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd September <b>22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b>
Sunday 27th August, 11.30am	Ivy Hope Rogers
Saturday 2nd September, 11.00am	Harriet Saoirse Yeoman
<b>Please remember in your prayers:</b> Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott & Ron Lippe 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, Gillian Knowles & Christopher Michael Moreland. May they rest in peace. Amen.	

**G**lory 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**  
**21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 26TH & 27TH AUGUST, 2023**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 22:19-23**

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8**

**We say the Psalm together**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

**Second Reading**

**Romans 11:33-36**

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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