

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, YEAR A, 5TH & 6TH 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.**

### **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.

### **A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY**

Congratulations to Vera Bolam who celebrated her 100th birthday on Thursday 3 August. We wish Vera very happy times as she continues to celebrate this great occasion with her family and friends.

### **RETIRING COLLECTION FOR YEMEN**

Last Sunday's collection to support the people in Yemen raised the magnificent amount of £984.62. Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all those who contributed to this really wonderful sum.

### **FUNERALS**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gillian Knowles of Killingworth Avenue, Backworth, who died on 31 July aged 69 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 12.45pm on 16 August at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### **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.

### **LOURDES PETITIONS**

All petitions have been placed in the Grotto, candles lit and prayers said for the whole parish. Joe, Deirdre & Claire.

### **IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK**

As you will be aware, the school holidays began two weeks ago 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 long life milk, pot noodles, meatballs and toilet rolls. Thank you as always for your generosity.

### **STRIKE FAMILY THANKS**

The family of the late John Merritt would like to thank everyone who helped at and was involved in his funeral service. A special thank you to Fr Andrew for the lovely service and to the Bereavement team, especially Helen and Anna, who provided support at a very sad time. Thank you, Gina & Bill Strike.

### **WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Wednesday 16 August. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk through Hulme Park in Alnwick. This is a picturesque walk on excellent footpaths. As the park opens at 11am we will probably visit Barter Books for coffee beforehand. Meet at Immaculate Heart Church car park at 9.30am. For further details contact Jim on 07538 327784.

### **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 VACANCY**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancy:

**Darlington, St Anne – Parish Secretary.** 8 hours per week on an initial six-month contract. Closing date: 13 August. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301

### **THANK YOU FROM ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME**

The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank everyone for supporting the recent Diocesan Church Collection in aid of replacing the passenger lifts at St Joseph's Home (Newcastle). We are extremely grateful for the kindness shown to us. We ask God to bless and reward you and your families for all you have done to help us continue the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan in caring for our elderly residents. Assuring you of our grateful prayers.

### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

Songs of Praise is coming to St George's Church, St George's Close, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 2TF on Monday 21 August from 18.30 – 21.30. All tickets to our recordings are free of charge. To apply for free tickets, please contact [singwithus@ctvc.co.uk](mailto:singwithus@ctvc.co.uk) with your name, contact phone number and the number of tickets you'd like. Please be sure to include 'Songs of Praise Jesmond' in your subject header, or alternatively you can call us on 07734 030888 to book your tickets. We don't have an automated system so people from the team will respond to you as soon as they can, please bear with us. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents) or via the parish office sign-up sheet. For further information please email: [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto: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>

### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

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**Cluster Website** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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 5th August <b>THE DEDICATION OF ST MARY MAJOR BASILICA</b> Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Brian Lee (MS) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 6th August <b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 7th August	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 8th August <b>ST DOMINIC</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Peter & Albertina Arrighi (LD)
Wednesday 9th August <b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Johanna Green (J&DJ)
Thursday 10th August <b>ST LAURENCE</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)
Friday 11th August <b>ST CLARE OF ASSISI</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Margaret Beadlien (NBF)
Saturday 12th August Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Trudie Jones (AG) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Monica Whalen (PW)
Sunday 13th August <b>19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 6th August, 11.30	Adam Oscar Nolan
Sunday 13th August, 11.30	Arlo James Foster

**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 & Gillian Knowles. 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

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**READINGS AT MASS**  
**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, YEAR A, 5TH & 6TH AUGUST, 2023**

**First Reading**

**Daniel 7:9-10,13-14**

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 96(97):1-2,5-6,9**

**We say the Psalm together**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.
2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all spirits.

**Second Reading**

**2 Peter 1:16-19**

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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