

**24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 16TH & 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2023**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

During Ordinary Time from September to Advent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

**Ordinary Time - Autumn**

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY 2023**

*Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” means “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Mission Directorate. A key focus is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee through reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023, and deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024. The Mission Directorate has produced videos to support this preparation at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>. Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and today's second collection. Many thanks.

**FUNERALS**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Dixon of Rosemount Care Home, West Monkseaton, who died on 8 September aged 82 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 21 September at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lorraine Moore of Kendal House, Whitley Bay who died on 25 August aged 76 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 1.00pm on 26 September at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER — SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**

Next Sunday is a day of Special Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest and for the Fruits of Human Work.

**MEETING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

A meeting of Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Wednesday 27 September after the 9.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church. We look forward to seeing all of you there. Please let me know by email if you have any items to discuss: [stedwardsne26@btconnect.com](mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com). Many thanks. Mgr Andrew.

**WALKING GROUP — WALK CANCELLED**

Due to a clash with the MacMillan Coffee morning, it has been decided to cancel the walk arranged for the 21 September. Details of next walk to follow soon.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Following the school holiday break, Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. September's dates are: Immaculate Heart Church, Monkseaton. Saturday 6:00pm, 16 September. St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, Sunday 10:00am, 17 September. All of our young children aged between 3 and 11 are invited to attend. Pre-school children are also welcome but should be accompanied by an adult or an older sibling.

**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 generosity never fails. They are currently in need of microwave rice, tinned or packet potatoes, tinned vegetables, biscuits & savoury snacks-crisps etc. Thank you.

**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.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – 21 SEPTEMBER**

We need; cake bakers, scone makers, biscuit lovers, cupcake decorators, coffee drinkers, tea sinkers, ticket sellers, money takers, dishwashers, clearer uppers, but most of all YOU to come along and bring your friends (and your cakes!) to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Thursday 21 September at 10.30am for our Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning. If you would like further information contact Chris on 07984963769. If anyone would like to drop off any baked goods at Immaculate Heart on the Wednesday before the coffee morning, Chris will be there in the afternoon until 5pm.

### MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOX APPEAL

The Autumn edition of Mission Today is now available in both of our churches. We shall be grateful if supporters wishing to make donations for the September quarter can please contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St. Edwards) on 07889 969639. Thank you to all who donated for the June quarter. Bill Crumbley.

### OTHER NOTICES

**NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE** invites you to come and hear Joe Ronan speaking about Catholic Voices at St Mary's Church Hall, Cullercoats on Wednesday 27 September at 7.30pm. Catholic Voices aims to improve the Church's representation in the media, above all in news programmes and debates. It trains speakers to give talks in parishes about the Catholic Voices method and how to use it to talk about controversial issues involving the Church. Joe Ronan has been with Catholic Voices since 2013 and is Chair of Trustees for the Charity.

### WEBINAR ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND COMMUNITY ORGANISING

On Wednesday 27 September, there will be an online Webinar called 'Discipleship, Politics and Anger: Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising'. This webinar will explore how principles of Catholic Social Teaching can be applied to current political and social Issues. We will hear from members of the diocese who are involved with a variety of campaigns, as well as Catholic Social activists from across the country including Sir John Battle. Please see poster in church for more details. To sign up please go to: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/discipleship-politics-and-anger-catholic-social-teaching-and-community-organising/>

### WHITLEY BAY & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Service for our 10th year of the opening of Hillheads Community Church on Saturday 30 September from 3.00pm. Refreshments will be served. Let us know if you would like to come by ringing us on 07772933807.

### NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The next lecture for the North East Catholic History Society will be at 2pm on Wednesday 4 October at St Joseph's Centre, High West Street, Gateshead on the subject of David Jones: Catholic poet and Painter. Non-members welcome for a fee of £1.00. Refreshments available.

### DISCERNMENT EVENING

The next Discernment evening for those thinking about Priesthood will take place on Tuesday 3 October at 6.00pm at the Cloister Cathedral, St Mary's Cathedral. The evening will consist of a time of prayer, a talk and will end with a meal together. If you would like to attend, please contact Father Shaun Purdy by Saturday 30 September. Email: [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone 01207 299012.

### ROSARY RALLY

A Rosary procession will be held on Saturday 7 October 2023 from St Joseph's Church, Gateshead to Northumberland Street, Newcastle followed by public Rosary in Northumberland Street. The day will start with First Saturday Mass and devotions at 11.00am at St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead (near to Gateshead Metro Station) then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge before assembling in Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm.

### A LITURGICAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR LEADERS OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 7 October 2023, 10.30am - 3.00pm at St Joseph's Church, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX. Cost is £10 per person. Registration and refreshments from 10.00am. Please bring a packed lunch - tea and coffee are provided. The day will include Mass. The Day may be self-funded or by your Parish. **The booking deadline is Monday 2 October 2023.** Booking: please book your place by accessing the online form at [bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents](http://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).

### NEW READERS OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

This course offers those who are new to the ministry of Readers of the Liturgy of the Word training and guidance in the preparation and delivery of reading during church services. **The programme consists of two sessions:**  
**Venue:** St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, NE12 8AD.  
**Cost:** £12.50 per participant. **Session 1** (evening): Monday 9 October, 7.00 – 9.00pm. **Session 2** (day): Saturday 14 October, 10.30am – 3.00pm. Participants to bring their own packed lunch for the day event – tea and coffee provided. NB: Session 2 will include a Commissioning Service.  
**Booking Deadline: Wednesday 4 October 2023.**  
If you would like to come along, please contact your parish priest to discuss with him and then he (or the parish secretary) can complete a registration form on your behalf.

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

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<b>Cluster Website</b>	<a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a>	

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 16th September <b>SS CORNELIUS &amp; CYPRIAN</b> Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am In Thanksgiving (RR) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Bill Hamblin (RM)
Sunday 17th September <b>24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 18th September	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 19th September	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Freda Jack (J&MR)
Wednesday 20th September <b>SS ANDREW KIM, PAUL CHONG HASANG AND COMPANIONS</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Holy Souls (J&MR)
Thursday 21st September <b>ST MATTHEW</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Requiem Mass Joan Dixon
Friday 22nd September	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 23rd September <b>ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA</b> Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am The Cooke Family (PJC) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Brian Hymers (AH)
Sunday 24th September <b>25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b>
Sunday, 17th September, 11.30am	Isabella Anne Johnstone

**Please remember in your prayers:** Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, & Eileen Scott who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Gillian Knowles, Christopher Michael Moreland, Bill Moat, Ron Lippe, Lorraine Moore, Patrick (Mike) Cahill & Joan Dixon. 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**  
**24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 16TH & 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2023**

**First Reading**

**Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12**

**We say the Psalm together**

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| 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord<br>all my being, bless his holy name.<br>My soul, give thanks to the Lord<br>and never forget all his blessings.       | 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,<br>who heals every one of your ills,<br>who redeems your life from the grave,<br>who crowns you with love and compassion.        |
| 3. His wrath will come to an end;<br>he will not be angry for ever.<br>He does not treat us according to our sins<br>nor repay us according to our faults. | 4. For as the heavens are high above the earth<br>so strong is his love for those who fear him.<br>As far as the east is from the west<br>so far does he remove our sins. |

**Second Reading**

**Romans 14:7-9**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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 18:21-35**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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