

**25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 23RD & 24TH 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**

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST — SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**

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

**FUNERALS**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lorraine Moore of Kendal House, Whitley Bay who died on 26 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Audrey Jeffs of Cliftonville Gardens, Whitley Bay, who died on 17 September. Funeral arrangements will be available in next week's bulletin. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD**

From now on, a Mass will be automatically offered for the repose of the soul of every parishioner, whatever funeral arrangements are made. This will ensure that Mass is offered for their eternal rest in keeping with the Catholic Tradition of praying for the Dead. Mgr Andrew.

**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.

**FAMILY FAST DAY — FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023**

This is a day which aims to raise money to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. Millions of families are facing a food crisis and as each day goes by the situation worsens. Your donations can help to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries. You can support Family Fast Day by donating online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or there are envelopes at the back of church. Thank you.

**PRISONER'S SUNDAY**

Sunday 8 October is a Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**PARTNERSHIP DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR LAY MINISTERS, 14 OCTOBER 2023**

A Day of Recollection for all involved in Lay Ministry in our Partnership Parishes will take place on Saturday 14 October at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. The day will be led by Amy Cameron, Coordinator for the Vicariate for Faith & Mission. Lay leaders of Word & Holy Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion including home visitors, Readers, Welcomers, Servers, Musicians, Catechists, Intercession Writers, Consolation Team Members and Collection Counters are all invited. The day will begin with Mass at 9.30am at Immaculate Heart Church and conclude at 3:30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Please let the Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Office know by 11 October if you are attending by email: [parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com) or telephone: 0191 2527066.

**BISHOP WRIGHT — PARISH VISITATION 22/23 JUNE 2024**

Bishop Wright has kindly agreed to officially visit the Parish on the weekend of 22/23 June 2024. This will include the Mass of Thanksgiving and Closure of Our Lady's & St Edmund's Church, Backworth. Over the next months, the formal process for the closing of the church will start again, having been interrupted by the Covid Lockdown in 2020. Meetings for parishioners will be arranged to revisit the process for the closure and to draft the petition to present to the Bishop. More information will be available later in the autumn. Mgr Andrew.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING MASS**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is available on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. October's dates are: Immaculate Heart Church, Monkseaton. Saturday 6:00pm, 7 & 14 October. St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, Sunday 10:00am, 8 & 15 October. 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**

Thanks to everyone who is able to support the Food Bank. Even though everyone is finding life difficult, your generosity never fails. The Food Bank is currently in need of tea bags, pot noodles, sugar & tinned meat – spam etc. Thank you.

### JOURNEY IN FAITH

The first meeting of 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 was held in St Edward's Parish Rooms at 7pm on 19 September 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 know they wish to become Catholic, or are 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.

### 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. 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/>

### VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies: Dept. for Education.

**Senior Administrator** – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 2 October. **Primary Adviser** – RE and Catholic Ethos – Full time, term-time. Closing date: 5 October.

**Secondary Adviser** – RE and Catholic Ethos – Part-time, term-time. Secondment may be considered. Closing date: 5 October. All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

### 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. Contact us on 07772933807 if you would like to come.

### 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. Please contact Father Shaun Purdy by Saturday 30 September. Telephone 01207 299012 or Email: [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk)

### 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.

### FIRST STEPS – EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission is pleased to offer First Steps this Autumn. **What is First Steps? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start?** First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF>. First Steps begins on Wednesday 11 October at 7.00pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom.

### NEW READERS OF THE WORD

This course offers those who are new to the ministry of Reader training and guidance in the preparation and delivery of proclaiming the Word of God during liturgical services in church. The programme consists of two sessions held at St Aidan's Church, Coach Lane, Benton, NE12 8AD. Cost: £12.50. Session 1: Monday 9 October, 7.00pm–9.00pm. Session 2: Saturday 14 October, 10.30am–3.00pm –participants bring your own packed lunch – tea and coffee provided. NB: Session 2 will include a Commissioning Service. *Booking Deadline: Wednesday 4 October 2023.* Please contact your Parish Priest to discuss with him and then a registration form can be completed on your behalf.

### Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Star of the Sea Primary School	<a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk</a>	0191 6432080
<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 23rd September <b>ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA</b> <b>Confessions</b> <b>10.00am St Edward's</b> <b>5.30pm Immaculate Heart</b>	<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
Monday 25th September	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 26th September <b>SS COSMAS &amp; DAMIAN</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 1.00pm Requiem Mass Lorraine Moore
Wednesday 27th September <b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Vincent Cain (DC)
Thursday 28th September <b>ST WENCESLAUS</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Philip Rafferty (PR)
Friday 29th September <b>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am In Thanksgiving (J&MR)
Saturday 30th September <b>ST JEROME</b> <b>Confessions</b> <b>10.00am St Edward's</b> <b>5.30pm Immaculate Heart</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Agnes Chandler & Betty Rutherford (EW) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 1st October <b>26TH 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, 1st October, 11.30am	Eve Elizabeth Sunter & Rose Gwendolyn Sunter

**Please remember in your prayers:** Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott, Pat Tinker & Mary Storey who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Bill Moat, Ron Lippe, Lorraine Moore, Patrick (Mike) Cahill, Joan Dixon & Audrey Jeffs. 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**  
**25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 23RD & 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2023**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18**

**We say the Psalm together**

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| 1. I will bless you day after day<br>and praise your name for ever.<br>The Lord is great, highly to be praised,<br>his greatness cannot be measured. | 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,<br>slow to anger, abounding in love.<br>How good is the Lord to all,<br>compassionate to all his creatures. |
| 3. The Lord is just in all his ways<br>and loving in all his deeds.<br>He is close to all who call him,<br>who call on him from their hearts.        |   |

**Second Reading**

**Philippians 1:20-24,27**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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