

26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 30TH SEPTEMBER & 1ST OCTOBER, 2023

The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time - Autumn

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.**

FUNERALS

- 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.
- Please pray for the soul of Valerie Cotton of Harle Road, Backworth, who died on 24 September aged 75 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 11.00am on 18 October at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by burial at Earsdon Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Mass will be 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.

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 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS

Following consultation with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Parish Pastoral Council, we will remain with the present distribution of the Sacred Host only during Holy Communion. This will be reviewed next Spring. Mgr Andrew.

CHANGE OF SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME TO 5.00PM

It has been suggested by parishioners that it would be better for older parishioners and families if the time of the 6.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass on a Saturday evening was moved an hour earlier to 5.00pm. This would seem to be a sensible suggestion, based on darker winter evenings and

bus times, and would allow families to have more evening time for themselves. After consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council, the proposal would be to change the Saturday Mass time to 5.00pm on the weekend of 28/29 October, when the clocks go back one hour. If you have any comments about this proposed change, please contact me or the Chair of the Parish Council, Bill Crumbley by email on stedwardsne26@btconnect.com. The final decision will be announced next week. Many thanks. Mgr Andrew.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Since the Parish emerged from the Pandemic, the Pastoral Parish Council has been reformed. Its purpose is to advise Mgr Andrew on Parish matters with meetings held every 2 months. The next meeting will take place on 10th October. The current members are Chris Gunning, Mick Cosgrove, Patsy Ord, Ryan Blakey, Leslie Donachy, Helen Jobe, Julia Brachtvogle, Jane Parker, George Rumney and Bill Crumbley (Chair). Parishioners can raise matters with the Parish Council by email: parishofficeolss@btconnect.com.

PARTNERSHIP DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR LAY MINISTERS, 14 OCTOBER 2023

A Day of Reflection 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 on parishofficeolss@btconnect.com or telephone on 0191 2527066.

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 long life milk, sweet snacks – chocolate etc., hot dogs & tinned fish – tuna etc. Thank you.

THANKS FROM MICHAEL THOMPSON

Thank you for all your support, prayers and donations for when I ran the Great North Run at the beginning of September. The run was hot and gruelling but I was thrilled to complete it and raise £1,050 for CAFOD! Thanks, Michael.

WATERAID THANKS

A big thank you from WaterAid for the latest Parish donation of £149.50. Your donations really do help.

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next 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 will be held in St Edward's Parish Rooms at 7pm on Tuesday 3 October.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 6th October when Pat Kerr will lead a walk in the Amble area. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917

PIZZA NIGHT & QUIZ

There will be a Pizza Night and Quiz on Friday November 3 at Immaculate Heart Church. The quiz will be about all things Italian! Further details to follow. Lists will be appearing at the back of both churches to register your interest.

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.

OTHER NOTICES

VACANCIES

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

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 for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

HOLY ISLAND CAMP

Holy Island Vinnies Camp is looking for new helpers to help in their kitchens on Holy Island. The Camp runs holidays for many of our Catholic Schools in the North East during the months of April to July and then September to November. We are running a camp afternoon tea at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newcastle airport, on Saturday 7 October from 2.15pm until 4.45pm to explain more. Email John Flynn on JohnF@svp.org.uk to book a place. If you would like to volunteer in 2024 you can contact Barbara Taws via BarbaraT@svp.org.uk to find out more. We hope to see you soon!

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. 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.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD — EXHIBITION

The Association of the Eucharist will be hosting an exhibition about Blessed Carlo Acutis and his documentation of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The exhibition will be held at St Joseph's Church, Gateshead from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 28 October. On Saturday 14 October, Bishop Emeritus Séamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass to open the exhibition. There will also be a guest speaker and Eucharistic Adoration. The exhibition will be available to visit on a daily basis. More details about the launch and timings to follow. Event details can be found at <https://bit.ly/DHNCarloAcutis>.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntl.org.uk	0191 6432080
Cluster Website	www.northyntesidecatholic.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 30th September ST JEROME Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Agnes Chandler & Betty Rutherford (EW) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 1st October 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 2nd October THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS	NO MASS
Tuesday 3rd October	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am John P Parker (MLP)
Wednesday 4th October ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Ron Lippe (MS)
Thursday 5th October ST MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am The Cooke Family (PJC)
Friday 6th October ST BRUNO	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 7th October OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Mark J Parker (MLP) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Paul Whalen (PW)
Sunday 8th October 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott & Pat Tinker who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Ron Lippe, Lorraine Moore, Patrick (Mike) Cahill, Joan Dixon, Audrey Jeffs & Valerie Cotton. May they rest in peace. 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.

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.

READINGS AT MASS
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First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-9

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. | 2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. |
| 3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. | |

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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