

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR A, 7TH & 8TH OCTOBER, 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

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Audrey Jeffs of Cliftonville Gardens, Whitley Bay, who died on 17 September aged 82 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 3.00pm on 13 October at Whitley Bay Crematorium. 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.

PRISONER'S SUNDAY

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

MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd October is Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of both our Churches.

MORNING MASS SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Please note that 9.30am Mass on Saturday 14 October will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart Church and not St Edward's. This is because we are hosting the Partnership Day of Recollection. There will be no Confessions after Mass.

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

Since most of the responses to the proposed change of the Vigil Mass time from 6.00pm to 5.00pm were negative, the decision has been taken to leave the time of the Vigil Mass as 6.00pm, with Confessions available from 5.30pm. Many thanks to those who responded. 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. Parishioners can raise matters with the Parish Council by email: parishofficeolss@btconnect.com.

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.

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, Prayer Leaders, 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 phone 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 tinned meat/curry/chilli, crisps, tinned rice and toilet rolls. Thank you.

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 between 3 and 11 years are invited to attend. Pre-school children are welcome if accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning provided a wonderful social occasion for the parish as well as raising a remarkable £1,058.80 Thanks to the organisers and those working behind the scene, the bakers and all those who supported the event.

FAMILY PIZZA NIGHT & QUIZ

Anyone interested in coming along to a Family Pizza Night on 3rd November at Immaculate Heart Church, please sign up on the forms at the back of each church. Tickets are £7. Bring your own wine. Family tickets (2 Adults and 2 Children) are £20. For further details contact Jim Gunning on 07538327784.

OTHER NOTICES

FIRST STEPS — EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission is pleased to offer **First Steps** this Autumn. 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 wondering if 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 is delivered via Zoom.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 Saturdays 14th to 28th October. 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>.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING COURSE

The help provided by these ministers in distributing

Communion in Church and taking Holy Communion to the Sick is of great importance in the life our parishes. The programme consists of three sessions held at Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert Church, 37 High Street, Amble, NE65 0LE.

Session 1: Tuesday, 7 November, 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Session 2: Tuesday, 14 November, 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Session 3: Saturday, 18 November, 10.30am – 4.00pm

Arrivals and registration from 10.00am. Participants bring your own packed lunch - tea and coffee provided. The Saturday session ends with a Mass of Commissioning at 3.00pm.

Cost: £15 per participant.

Please contact your Parish Priest for his permission to attend. He or the parish secretary will complete a registration form on your behalf. Booking deadline: 26 September.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD - AUTUMN FORMATION PROGRAMME

We are offering formation for those new to this ministry and anyone who would like a refresher. There are two sessions looking at principles, practicalities and resources for Children’s Liturgy of the Word. The programme ends with a Blessing and participants will receive a Certificate recording their training. The programme consists of two sessions: Monday, 30 October, 7.00pm – 9.00pm and Monday, 6 November, 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Both sessions are held at Saint Hilda’s Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY. **Cost:** £10.00 per participant (invoiced via your parish following the event).

Please contact your Parish Priest for his permission to attend. He or the parish secretary will complete a registration form on your behalf. Booking Deadline: 23 October 2023.

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.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 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 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
Monday 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	NO MASS
Tuesday 10th October ST PAULINUS OF YORK	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Word and Communion
Wednesday 11th October POPE ST JOHN XX111	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Enzo Di Mascio (MA)
Thursday 12th October ST WILFRID	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)
Friday 13th October ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Fr Michael McKenna (AF)
Saturday 14th October ST CALLISTUS Confessions 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Rosemary & Jon (LD) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Bill Hamblin (M&AB)
Sunday 15th October 28TH 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.

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.

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
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First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. | 2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. |
| 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. | 4. And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. |

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**