

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B, 2ND & 3RD DECEMBER, 2023

The Cycle of Prayer

Advent and Christmas

During Advent and Christmastide, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**

Advent challenges us to look afresh at the mystery of our faith, the joy of our hope and the longing of our love. Advent is a time to stretch and arouse our imagination for the Lord's Coming as judge and new-born child. And we do so in the radiance of candles lit on the Advent Wreath, seeking deeper meaning to our faith set shimmering by the Holy Spirit in the truth of our living, and showers us with the blessedness of our Heavenly Father. As pilgrims of hope, we walk the Advent way of waiting, conversion, and hope. We wait for the first, humble coming of Jesus in our flesh and wait for his final, glorious coming as Lord of history and universal Judge. We are called to conversion in Advent through the prophets and especially John the Baptist. Our joyful hope shimmers with the truth that salvation is already accomplished by Jesus and that God's grace in the world reaches its fullness, granting us what is promised by faith, that "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (John 3:2). The Christmas angels' message of glory to God and peace radiates the blessedness of Jesus' birth. Happy Advent!

5 December, 1.00pm to 4.00pm - Christmas Craft Afternoon, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton

5 December, 5.30pm - Star of the Sea School Years 5 & 6 Advent Carol Service, St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay

12 December, 7.00pm - Parish Advent Carol Service for Stella Maris, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Tinker of Woodleigh Road, Monkseaton, who died on 13 November aged 93 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm on 6 December at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen. All are welcome to attend.

HOLY LAND — PRAYERS FOR PEACE

We pray for peace in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and in all other war-torn areas of the world. Violence always impacts most on the vulnerable. As well as our prayers, the Catholic community in England and Wales is ready to help with the growing needs of the people in Gaza. The CAFOD emergency appeal for the Holy Land is at: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/israeli-palestinian-crisis-appeal>.

ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00am before 9.30am Mass each weekday during Advent, including Mondays.

WALKING GROUP

The next Parish Walk will be on Tuesday 5 December. Peter Weighill will lead a 6 mile walk around Lumley Castle. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please contact Peter on 0191 2512917.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON

We are holding a Christmas Craft Afternoon on Tuesday 5 December at Immaculate Heart Church from 1.00pm—3.00pm. Contact Chris Gunning on 07984963769 to book a place.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE — 5 DECEMBER

Welcome to Years 5 and 6 pupils and their families from Star of the Sea School for their Advent Carol Service at 5.30pm on 5 December at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay.


CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is held on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton - Saturday evening 6.00pm, 9 & 16 December. St Edwards, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 10.00am, 10 & 17 December.** All of our young children aged between 3 and 11 are invited to attend.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12 December in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2023 — WEEK 4

| Day 16 | Day 17 | Day 18 | Day 19 | Day 20 |  Festive Extras |
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| Shampoo or Conditioner | Biscuits | Hot Dogs | Tinned Fruit | Tinned Pies | Christmas Crackers |

The idea is that we give an item on each of 24 days in the run up to Christmas. Each week there will be 5 everyday items and 1 'festive' item. We begin early so that the Food Bank has time to get things sent out before Christmas. As always we are grateful for anything you can give.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday 14 December at 12.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901. There is a limited number of tickets still available for the Christmas Lunch on 14 December at a cost of £4.00.

PARISH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY — IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH, WEST MONKSEATON — CANCELLED

It has been decided that, unfortunately, the Children's Christmas Party will not now take place. If you have bought a ticket, please speak to the person you bought it from to arrange a refund.

ST EDWARD'S PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall in the Narthex at St Edward's Church has a lovely range of Advent and Christmas cards, candles, calendars and gifts, all at very reasonable prices. Come and take a look.

DEPAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

For years, Churches Together in Whitley Bay has supported DePaul by collecting items for young people in supported accommodation to receive a Christmas Hamper. This year, all items should be delivered to DePaul by 12.00Noon on 14 December. The items will be distributed at a Christmas Lunch on 18 December. St Edward's and Immaculate Heart are asked to donate coffee and chocolate items such as biscuits and sweets. Please leave all items in the box in the narthex at either church. Many thanks.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission have produced a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by a variety of people to express the richness of our diocesan community and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The first and second week of Advent reflections can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/DHNAdvent>. A limited number have been printed and can be found at the back of each church.

OTHER NOTICES

THANK YOU FROM SIGNIFICANCE

The Trustees of Significance thank everyone who supported the Grand Draw and all those who donated prizes. 1,606 tickets were sold which realised £8,030. The funds raised will help Significance to continue to support the Emmaus Village and provide opportunities for young

people to recognise their own worth and value. Congratulations to all our winners.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR — JOB VACANCIES

Exciting opportunities are now available at St Joseph's Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for care assistants and nurses. Hours available:
Care Assistant: Shifts are 8am-3pm, 3pm-9pm.
Nurse: Shifts are 8am-4pm, 1pm-9pm.
Both offer excellent rates of pay.

For more information please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 07856256095 or email lee.marie@lspnondon.co.uk

WHITLEY BAY CHURCHES TOGETHER COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE — 10 DECEMBER

St Paul's Anglican Church, Whitley Bay, has kindly agreed to host a Community Carol Service as the closing activity of their Christmas Tree Festival at 4.00pm on Sunday 10 December 2023. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St Bede's Choral Group & Diocesan Choir will be singing at St Bede's Church in Jarrow on Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 December, from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Tickets are £5 (entry is free for children) and are available from Dave McDermott on 07925141868. Wine will be served after the concert and all profits will go to local charities.

ST CUTHBERTS ADVENT ALMS 2023

This Advent, I wish to appeal for funds to support our community work, focusing on those in need of hot, nutritious food and older isolated people needing a little company. To help alleviate some of the financial pressures facing people this winter we will be providing a free delicious meal and a warm drink to our members and their family. This new project will complement our work to provide a subsidised meal for our lunch clubs where older isolated people come together to share a hot meal and much needed company. For information please visit: www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you hope, peace and joy this Christmas. Nic Gilbert, Chief Executive.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.'"

Is the Lord awakening you to consider a vocation to the priesthood? Speak to your Parish priest or contact the Vocations Promotor on 01207299012 or visit

vocationspromotor@diocesehn.org.uk

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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| 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 | |
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| DAY & DATE | CHURCH |
| Saturday 2nd December Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Ron Lippe (PC) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish |
| Sunday 3rd December 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Judy Ashton (LA) |
| Monday 4th December | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Sarah Walton (LL) |
| Tuesday 5th December | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Tina Coleman (AG) |
| Wednesday 6th December | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 12.30pm Requiem Mass Pat Tinker |
| Thursday 7th December ST AMBROSE | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am The Cooke Family (PJC) |
| Friday 8th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Tracey Glackin (BMCL) |
| Saturday 9th December Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Cyril Wilson (AA) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish |
| Sunday 10th December 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH) |

| BAPTISM | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH |
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| Saturday, 9th December 11.00am | Jaxon Walters |

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott & Michael Thrift who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Dan Stutt, Martha Goulbourn, Irene Miller, Pat Tinker & Kitty Smith. May they rest in peace. 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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help

for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear

and breathe whispers of hope. Amen.

(Linda Jones, CAFOD)

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 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

We say the Psalm together

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
2. 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.
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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