

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING, YEAR A, 25TH & 26TH NOVEMBER, 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.**

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, 1pm to 4pm - Christmas Craft Afternoon, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton

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

12 December, 7pm - 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kitty Smith of Dale Road, Monkseaton, who died on 13 November aged 90 years. A Funeral Service will take place at Whitley Bay Crematorium at 1.30pm on 28 November. May she rest in peace. Amen.

CHRIST THE KING & YOUTH SUNDAY – 26 NOVEMBER

This Sunday we listen to a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Stephen. Pope Francis invites the Church to celebrate and pray for young people. The Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) thanks everyone for their support. "Youth Sunday News" is at the back of church. The Youth Sunday retiring collection helps to pay for the work of YMT. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church..


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>.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

The recent special collections have raised the following:
Education Sunday - £432.00
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - £321.81
World Mission Sunday - £658.30 (updated total)
Clergy Training Fund - £481.32
Thank you to all those who donated so generously.

FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2023 — WEEK 3

Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	 Festive Extras
Tinned Custard	Meat Balls	Coffee/ Tea Bags	Washing up Liquid	Crisps and Snacks	Selection Box

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 next Luncheon Club will be held on Thursday 30 November 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.

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. Please see the posters at the back of each church for information.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA— CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are planning a Christmas party at Immaculate Heart Church on Sunday 17 December from 2.00pm - 4.00pm for children up to the age of 11, with a visit and gift from Santa! Tickets are now available at both churches from this weekend and also from the Parish Office (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Tickets cost £4.00. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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. Why not 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, so they receive a Christmas Hamper. This year, all items should be delivered to DePaul by 12.00Noon on 14 December. The items will be made into hampers and 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.

OTHER NOTICES

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

We invite you to come and hear Dr. Emma J. Wells, historian, author and broadcaster, speaking about her book 'Heaven on Earth: The Lives and Legacies of the World's Greatest Cathedrals' at St Mary's Church Hall, Farringdon Road, Cullercoats on Wednesday 29 November at 7.30pm.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC SOCIETY

The next lecture from the North East Catholic Society will be on Wednesday 6 December at 2pm at St Joseph's Centre, High Street West, Gateshead on the subject of The Italian links with Ushaw College. Non-members welcome for a fee of £1.00. Refreshments available.

INVITATION FROM THE SACRED HEART SISTERS IN FENHAM

The Society of the Sacred Heart has spent the last year giving thanks and celebrating their arrival in England on 8 December 1842. This year the celebration of our 180 years in this country draws to a close on 8 December 2023. We, the Sisters in Fenham, would like to invite those who have shared our mission of Education in Fenham over the years to join us for Mass in St Robert's Church, Bolbec Rd, Fenham at 6.00pm on that day. Bishop Seamus Cunningham will be the celebrant as he was the College Chaplain for many years. Please RSVP by 30 November to rscjfenham@yahoo.com or leave a message on 0191 4223840.

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. They will be singing a selection of well known and lesser known carols. 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.

SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SWEP) NIGHT SHELTER

From November to March, when the 'feels-like' temperature drops to Zero and below, or there is a severe weather warning for rain or high winds, a SWEP Night Shelter will operate for rough sleepers in Whitley Bay at Oxford Street Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed to help run the shelter. Contact SWEP Coordinator on 07549 015896 or email whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk.

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 25th November ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Katie Mooney (P&CS) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Kevin Clarke (DC)
Sunday 26th November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 27th November	NO MASS
Tuesday 28th November	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Giovanni Arnone (MA)
Wednesday 29th November	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Steven Hill (MS)
Thursday 30th November ST ANDREW	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Paul Thomson (MS)
Friday 1st December	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
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)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 26th November, 11.30am	Freddie Diego Wake Grajales

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.

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

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. | 2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. |
| 3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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