

**2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 13TH & 14TH JANUARY, 2024**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

**Ordinary Time (Winter)**

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.**

**FUNERALS**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Chrisp of Grindon Close, Monkseaton, who died on 23 December aged 91 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 10.30am on 26 January at Immaculate Heart Church, Monkseaton, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Iain Forsyth of Thornbury Drive, Whitley Bay, who died on 24 December aged 77 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 2.15pm on 16 January at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Austin O'Donnell of Kirkley Road, Shiremoor, who died on 28 December aged 73 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 12.00 Noon on 17 January at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Jenkinson of Princes Court, North Shields, who died on 28 December aged 84 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 1.30pm on 18 January at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**WORLD DAY OF PEACE — SUNDAY 14 JANUARY**

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make this Sunday a day of prayer for world peace, using the theme of Pope Francis: 'Artificial Intelligence & Peace'. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is developing so quickly that we need to think about its consequences for our freedom, peace, and security. Who is gaining power through AI, and who is disempowered? We also think about the risk of AI, which will only have as much ethical vision as those who programme it. There will be a retiring collection after Mass for the work of Pax Christi.

**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>.

**BISHOP STEPHEN WRIGHT — PARISH VISIT – 27/28 JANUARY 2024**

We give a warm welcome to Bishop Stephen who will visit the Parish as he gets around the Diocese, and will celebrate the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on 27 January and the Sunday 10.00am Mass on 28 January. He will also join us for a buffet lunch at Immaculate Heart Church at 12.00 Noon on the Sunday. For catering, please sign the notice at the back of church by 20 January if you will be attending the buffet lunch. Everyone is welcome, no payment or food contributions are required. Many thanks.

**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, 13 & 20 January. St Edwards, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 10.00am, 14 & 21 January. Children aged between 3 and 11 are invited to attend.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 16 January at Immaculate Heart Church at 7.00pm. Parishioners can raise matters with the Parish Council by email at [parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com).

**PROPOSED CLOSURE — OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S, BACKWORTH – PARISH OPEN MEETING**

There will be a Parish Open Meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 1 February 2024 at Immaculate Heart Church to bring parishioners up to date with the proposed closure of Our Lady's & St Edmund's, Backworth. The meeting will be chaired by Fr Chris Hughes, our Partnership Dean. A paper has been prepared by members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee which contains the main reasons for the proposed closure. The paper will be available to all parishioners next weekend. If you have any comments to make to Fr Hughes regarding the proposed closure of Our Lady's & St Edmund's, you can email them to him at [northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk).

**JOURNEY IN FAITH**

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 23 January in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

### **WALKING GROUP**

The next walk will be on Wednesday 17th January when Peter Weighill will lead a short morning walk starting from St Alban's Church, Earsdon. Please meet there at 9.30am. Following the walk we will have lunch in The Cannon. If you want to stop for lunch, or just come for lunch at 12.30pm, please let Peter know on 0191 2512917 or e-mail [peterweighill@aol.co.uk](mailto:peterweighill@aol.co.uk).

### **MARINE PARK FIRST SCHOOL VISITS**

Children from Marine Park First School will be visiting St Edward's Church after 9.30 Mass on Tuesday 23 January and Thursday 25 January. They would like to meet and talk with parishioners about the church and the Catholic Faith. If anyone would like to stay after these Masses and chat with the children it would be much appreciated.

### **PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB**

The next Luncheon Club will be held on Thursday 25 January at 12.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984 963769 or Deidre on 07963 570901.

### **OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOOD BANK**

Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously to the foodbank over the last few weeks. Our Parish is known for its generosity but this year has been exceptional! Our next collection is on Monday 15 January and the Food Bank is currently in need of tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, jam/savoury spread, hot dogs and tinned custard. Thank you once again.

### **USED STAMPS**

At Immaculate Heart Church Neil Cockburn collects the used stamps and the proceeds go to St Oswald's Hospice. The box for stamps is in the Narthex. St Edward's used stamps are collected for the little Sisters of the Poor by Lesley Donachy. The box is in the Narthex.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **JOB VACANCIES**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

**HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices**, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date: 16 January. **HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices**, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date 16 January. **Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham** – part-time. Closing date 18 January. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

### **ST JOSEPH'S CARE HOME — FUNDRAISING**

David & Theresa O'Neill raise funds for St Joseph's Care Home in Newcastle and over the years have raised over £20,000 to help the Sisters in their work and invite the Diocese to be involved. They collect all foreign currency, broken or unwanted gold and silver jewellery and military medals. Any help from parishioners will be gratefully accepted and the Sisters and residents remember all donors in their prayers and Masses. To help, please contact them directly on 0191 2645771.

### **NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE**

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear about Root & Branch - an exciting new forum for reform, working for 'a safe, just and inclusive Roman Catholic Church'. The meeting will be at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle [new venue], on Thursday, 25 January at 7.30pm. For more information about Root & Branch, see [www.rootandbranchsynod.org](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org).

### **YMT LED CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT THE EMMAUS VILLAGE — 26 to 28 JANUARY 2024**

There are still places for Confirmation candidates from across the Diocese in exploring our faith, the Church, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you are a catechist and want to book your group, please contact [nsalked@ymt.org](mailto:nsalked@ymt.org) before 19 January 2024.

### **HOLY ISLAND SVP CAMP**

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2024? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island. They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs a donation of £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>. Applications are now open.

#### **Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

Monsignor Andrew Faley	<a href="mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com">stedwardsne26@btconnect.com</a>	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	<a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntl.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntl.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 13th January <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Joan Dixon (The Parish) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 14th January <b>2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 15th January	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 16th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL) <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 2.15pm Funeral Service Iain Forsyth
Wednesday 17th January <b>ST ANTHONY OF EGYPT</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Claire & Norman Campbell & Son Norman (MME)
Thursday 18th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Susan Lister (AA)
Friday 19th January <b>ST WULSTAN</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Leslie Bye and Bartholomew & Winifred King (MME)
Saturday 20th January <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Fr Charlie Flaherty (PS) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 21st January <b>3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Tricia Gratton (YF)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 13th January, 11.00am	Rose Marie Denton

**Please remember in your prayers:** Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift & Elizabeth (Betty) Harrison who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Margaret Chrisp, Iain Forsyth, Austin O'Donnell, John Jenkinson, Pamela Knowles & Patricia Lowndes. 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

Mgr Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882, Canon Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770.

**READINGS AT MASS**  
**2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 13TH & 14TH JANUARY, 2024**

**First Reading**

**1 Samuel 3:3-10,19**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10**

**We say the Psalm together**

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| 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord<br>and he stooped down to me;<br>he heard my cry.<br>He put a new song into my mouth,<br>praise of our God. | 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,<br>but an open ear.<br>You do not ask for holocaust and victim.<br>Instead, here am I. |
| 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written<br>that I should do your will.<br>My God, I delight in your law<br>in the depth of my heart.    | 4. Your justice I have proclaimed<br>in the great assembly.<br>My lips I have not sealed;<br>you know it, O Lord.                     |

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20**

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 1:35-42**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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