

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 20TH & 21ST 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 Malcolm George Maxwell of Emmerson Court, Shiremoor, who died on 14 January aged 78 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 12.00 Noon on 1 February at Whitley Bay Crematorium, followed by cremation. May he rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Ansell of Eastbourne House, Whitley Bay, who died on 29 December aged 81 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 12.30pm on 2 February at Whitley Bay Cemetery, followed by burial. May she rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY LAND — PRAYERS FOR PEACE

We pray for peace in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and in all war-torn areas of the world. Violence impacts most on the vulnerable. As well as our prayers, the Catholic community in England and Wales is helping with the growing needs of the people in Gaza. The CAFOD emergency appeal 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 Wright who will visit the Parish next weekend as he gets around the Diocese. He will celebrate the 6.00pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 10.00am Mass next weekend. He will also join us for a buffet lunch at Immaculate Heart Church at 12.00 Noon next Sunday. If you will be attending the lunch please sign the notice at the back of church by 20 January. 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, 20 January and St Edward's, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 10.00am, 21 January. Children aged 3 - 11 are invited to attend.

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY — SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice. A second collection will be taken.

MARINE PARK FIRST SCHOOL VISITS

Children from Marine Park First School will be visiting St Edward's Church after the 9.30am 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.

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.

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.

WALKING GROUP

On Thursday 1 February, Gerry Latimer will lead a six and a half mile walk from Morpeth taking in St Andrew's Church at Bothal and Bothal Castle, part of the estate of the Duke of Portland. The walk is through wooded areas and open country along the banks of the River Wansbeck. Further information if required from Gerry on 0191 2516989. This may be subject to change, depending on weather conditions.

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 outlining the proposed closure has been prepared by members of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee and is available for parishioners at the back of the church. If you have any comments to make to Fr Hughes about the proposed closure of Our Lady's & St Edmund's, you can email them to him at northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk.

ECUMENICAL COFFEE MORNING — 3 FEBRUARY

A coffee morning is being held at St Andrew's United Reform Church on Eastfield Avenue, Monkseaton on Saturday 3 February at 10.00am. Tickets are available from Patsy Ord on 07757701648 or pay at the door. All are welcome.

BAPTISM CATECHISTS — 15 FEBRUARY

If you are interested in becoming a Baptism Catechist, please come and join us at our meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 15 February at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. The ministry of catechist involves meeting with parents to encourage them to reflect on why they are having their children baptised and to help them understand the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism. We usually work in pairs; support and resources are provided and we are always extremely glad to have new members join our team.

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 last year was exceptional! Our usual collection day is Monday and the Food Bank is currently in need of tinned pasta/spaghetti/macaroni, coffee, microwave rice & savoury snacks - crisps etc. Thank you once again.

SOCIAL EVENTS

We would like to plan some more social events for the parish, so there will be a meeting after Mass on Wednesday 7th February in the upper room at Immaculate Heart Church to plan for 2024. The events that have taken place so far have been much enjoyed, but without help it is not easy for a small number of people to do everything. Many hands make light work. It would be great to have ideas from as many people as possible so, if you are unable to come along to the meeting but want to suggest something, please ring Chris on 07984963769.

THANKS FROM CAFOD AND WATERAID

Thanks have been received recently from both CAFOD and WaterAid for all of the generous donations the Parish has made recently. The sum of £605 was also raised over the Christmas period for the CAFOD emergency appeal so another donation is on it's way to them.

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

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 they now 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.

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.

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.

PROUD CATHOLICS

Proud Catholics is a support group for Catholics in the Diocese who identify as LGBT+ or who are questioning their sexual or gender identity. We are now an established group within the Diocese and part of the Vicariate of Caritas. If you would like further information about what we do please visit: <https://proud Catholics.co.uk>. You can also find information about the group on the diocesan website, in the Caritas and Outreach section - Diocesan groups.

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 20th January Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Fr Charlie Flaherty (PS) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 21st January 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Tricia Gratton (YF)
Monday 22nd January ST VINCENT	NO MASS
Tuesday 23rd January	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Bill & Mary Dynes (AA)
Wednesday 24th January ST FRANCIS DE SALES	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Margarate & Laurence Robinson (PR)
Thursday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am The Wilson Family (AA)
Friday 26th January SS TIMOTHY & TITUS	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Anne Embleton (MHD) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 10.30am Funeral Service Margaret Chrisp
Saturday 27th January Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Veronica Mooney (Sister Mary Monica) (PS) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Richard & Michel Liszka (MR)
Sunday 28th January 4TH 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, 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, John Jenkinson, Pamela Knowles, Patricia Lowndes, Malcolm Maxwell & Margaret Ansell. 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

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

We say the Psalm together

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.
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

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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