

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 27TH & 28TH 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.**

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

A warm welcome to Bishop Stephen who joins us for Mass this Saturday and Sunday. He will also join us for a buffet lunch at Immaculate Heart Church at 12.00 Noon on Sunday. All are welcome.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY — 28 JANUARY 2024

This year's theme is "Seeing One Another in the Life of the Church" and celebrates the diversity of those who have led holy and exemplary lives. To mark the day, there are three audio reflections highlighting different Saints and why it is important to celebrate Saints from different backgrounds. A discussion paper has also been produced. This year's resources can be found on the Bishops' Conference website at: www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday.

Racial Justice Sunday Prayer

God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice.

Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our brothers and sisters;

so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all.

We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FUNERALS

- 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. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, on 2 February, followed by burial in Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lena Simmons who died in London on 21 December aged 83 years. Burial will take place at 1.30pm on 5 February in Whitley Bay Cemetery. 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>.

LENT & EASTER PREPARATION MEETING — 31 JANUARY 2024

There will be a meeting to prepare for Lent and Easter after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 31 January in the Upper Meeting Room at Immaculate Heart Church. All are welcome.

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. Meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. 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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6 February in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

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.

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, 10 & 17 February. St Edward's, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 10.00am, 11 & 18 February. Children aged 3 - 11 are invited to attend.

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. If you are interested, please discuss with your parish priest to seek his approval. Many thanks.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024

Any parent/carer who wishes their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year is asked to get in touch. The programme is open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6. If you want to register your child please email us at 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com stating your child's full name and date of birth. We will contact those registered with further information once the programme is confirmed. Please pass this message on to any families who may not have seen this bulletin or whose children attend a school other than Star of the Sea Primary School. Many thanks.

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 or packet potatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned meat - spam etc. & baby food - tins/packets/jars etc. Thank you once again.

NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL – HOME/SCHOOL PUPILS'

TRANSPORT REVIEW

There are copies of a letter about the Council's pupil transport review from Mr David Watson, Headteacher of St Thomas More High School, at the back of the church.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Many thanks for your support at the recent cake stalls at Immaculate Heart Church after the Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Masses. The total raised is £153 for the St Thomas More Lourdes Fund. A number of students are going to Lourdes this Easter to help with the sick. Rachel Bennet.

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.

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 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
Monday 29th January	NO MASS
Tuesday 30th January	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Irene Miller (The Parish)
Wednesday 31st January ST JOHN BOSCO	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Joseph Mooney (PS)
Thursday 1st February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Audrey Jeffs (D&JH)
Friday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 12.30pm Requiem Mass Margaret Ansell
Saturday 3rd February Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Alan Dawson (MHD) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 4th February 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Relatives (Pickering)

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift, Elizabeth (Betty) Harrison & Terry Murray who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Margaret Chrisp, Malcolm Maxwell, Margaret Ansell, Joan Samson, Lena Simmons, Eddie Meenaghan, Clare Richardson & Nancy Davidson. 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

We say the Psalm together

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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