

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B, 6TH & 7TH 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 Forsythe 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.

### 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. Many thanks.

### JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9 January in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

### 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.

### 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).

### 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 8 January and the Food Bank is currently in need of long life milk, pot noodles, meatballs & toilet rolls. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

### MILL HILL MISSIONARIES 2024 CALENDAR

As a thank you to all of the supporters of the Charity, the 2024 Calendar will be available free at Immaculate Heart and St Edwards. If anyone wishes to make donations for the December quarter can you please contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 0191 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St Edwards) on 07889 969639. Thank you to all who donated for the September quarter.

### **SVP 200 CLUB**

The SVP200 Club subs are now due. New members are most welcome. Ring Rena Rowe on 0191 2522761 or Bill Crumbley on 0191 2519901. Thank you.

### **NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS**

The 2024 edition of the Northern Catholic Calendar is now available at the back of each Church. Ringbound copies are £3.50.

### **USED STAMPS**

Neil Cockburn collects the used stamps and the proceeds go to St Oswald's Hospice. The box for stamps is in the narthex of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Thank you.

### **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 Anne, Darlington** – part-time. Closing date 11 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.

#### **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.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE — 3 FEBRUARY 2024**

This Youth Ministry and Practical Theology Conference is YMT's first conference since the Pandemic. We look forward to gathering with groups from across the Diocese and beyond! The conference theme is "Investing in the Fearlessness of Youth", inspired by a quote from Pope Francis' letter, Christus Vivit. Booking is now open and you can either email [nsalked@ymt.org](mailto:nsalked@ymt.org) or book online here: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam). We are looking forward to welcoming the keynote speaker, Reverend Professor David Wilkinson, Director of Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science, and are also pleased to welcome back David Wells, international speaker, to guide us to reflect on our theme. For more information visit [www.ymt.org/ymt-conference](http://www.ymt.org/ymt-conference).

### **SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROTOCOL 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](mailto:whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk).

### **VACANCIES — OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK AT THE EMMAUS VILLAGE**

The Emmaus Village, home for the Youth Ministry Team, hosts all the residential retreats led by YMT for our Diocesan Primary and Secondary Schools. It also offers catering and hospitality to the biggest gathering of Catholic Schools, the YMT Summer Festivals. With this in mind we are looking for an Assistant Catering Coordinator and Kitchen Technician, who will help our catering team deliver this valuable service. If you or someone you know wants to be part of the YMT team, please contact [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org) or click the link [www.ymt.org/vacancies](http://www.ymt.org/vacancies) for more information with regards to our vacancies.

### **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 our website for further details at: <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>. Applications are now open.

### **VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

*"The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage."*  
The wise Men followed the star to fall on their knees and do Jesus homage. Might God be calling you to do Jesus homage by serving him as a priest? Speak to your Parish priest or contact the Vocations Promoter on 01207 299012 or [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk).

#### **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 6th January <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Audrey Beckwith (LL) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 7th January <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Enzo Dimascio (MA)
Monday 8th January <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Lorraine Moore (The Parish)
Tuesday 9th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Kay Keegan (AG)
Wednesday 10th January	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Mike Cahill (The Parish)
Thursday 11th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Patricia McAuley (LD)
Friday 12th January <b>ST BENET BISCOP</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Word & Communion
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)

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 Forsythe, 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**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YEAR B, 6TH & 7TH JANUARY, 2024**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13**

**We say the Psalm together**

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| 1. O God, give your judgement to the king,<br>to a king's son your justice,<br>that he may judge your people in justice<br>and your poor in right judgement.   | 2. In his days justice shall flourish<br>and peace till the moon fails.<br>He shall rule from sea to sea,<br>from the Great River to earth's bounds. |
| 3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts<br>shall pay him tribute.<br>The kings of Sheba and Seba<br>shall bring him gifts.<br>Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,<br>all nations shall serve him. | 4. For he shall save the poor when they cry<br>and the needy who are helpless.<br>He will have pity on the weak<br>and save the lives of the poor.   |

**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: *And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.*' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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