

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 24TH & 25TH FEBRUARY, 2024

### The Cycle of Prayer

Lent

During Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.**

### LENT 2024

**Tuesday 27 February - Stations of the Cross:** St Edward's, 7.00pm

**Wednesday 28 February - Lent Study Group:** Immaculate Heart of Mary, 10.00am

**Thursday 29 February - Stations of the Cross:** Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7.00pm

**Tuesday 5 March - Stations of the Cross:** St Edward's, 7.00pm

**Wednesday 6 March - Lent Study Group:** Immaculate Heart of Mary, 10.00am

**Thursday 7 March - Stations of the Cross:** Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7.00pm

### LENT 2024

During Lent there will be daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses from 9.00am. Stations of the Cross will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.00pm, and a Lent Study Group will meet after 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays at Immaculate Heart Church. Further details will appear each week during Lent in the box above.

### DIOCESAN LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission have produced booklets of Daily Lenten Reflections which are available for viewing, downloading and printing from the Diocesan website at: <https://bit.ly/DHNLentReflections>. A small number of printed booklets are also available at the back of church.

### LENT FAST DAY — FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Friday 23 February was a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World. Envelopes are available at the back of church and contributions are gratefully accepted. You can also donate via the CAFOD website [cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day](https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day).

### 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>.

### 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, 9 & 16 March. St Edward's, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 10.00am, 10 & 17 March. Children aged 3 - 11 are invited to attend.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

#### PROGRAMME 2024 - Registration closes 3 March 2024

Any parent/carer who wishes their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year must contact us by the above date. The programme is open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6. To register your child please email [1holycommunionolss@gmail.com](mailto:1holycommunionolss@gmail.com) stating your child's full name and date of birth. The first meeting for parents/carers will take place on the evening of Thursday 18 April 2024. Please pass this message on to any families who may not have seen this bulletin. Many thanks.

### PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club will be held on Thursday 29 February at 12.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984963769 or Deidre on 07963570901.

### WALKING GROUP

The next walk will take place on Friday 1 March. David Armstrong will lead a 7 mile walk from Hadrian Road Metro Station to Newcastle. This is a very flat easy walk along the banks of the river Tyne that encompasses some of the river's fascinating views and history. Meet at West Monkseaton Metro Station at 9.30am for onward journey to Hadrian Road. For further details contact David Armstrong on 07982000853.

### JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5 March in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

### KNIT & NATTER GROUP

A Knit (or crochet) and Natter group will meet at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the Downstairs Meeting Room on Thursdays at 10.00am, beginning on 7 March. Bring your wool and needles and enjoy some company as you work. There will not be a meeting when the Parish Luncheon Club is scheduled or when there is a funeral.

### **HELP WITH THE PARISH BULLETIN**

Can you spare some time on a Wednesday or Thursday to help the Parish Secretary prepare the bulletin? I am looking for help mainly when I'm on holiday and it would mean some involvement getting to know the software that's used and how the bulletin is produced for a number of weeks beforehand. If interested, please ring the parish office on 0191 2527066 or email [parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com).

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

Although not all events planned by the social committee are fund raisers we would like to start a parish project to buy the CAFOD world gift of a health clinic in the developing world. This is a long term project to raise £4000 over the next two or three years through a variety of events. The first opportunity to contribute to the fund is the cheese, wine and ukulele evening on Friday 5 April. For catering purposes we need to know numbers in advance so please give your name to Chris or Jim Gunning at the end of this weekend's Masses or ring Chris on 07984963769.

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

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly. This week we would be grateful for pot noodles, tea bags, sugar & tinned meat – spam etc. Thank you.

### **USED STAMPS**

My grateful thanks to all who have contributed to the collection of used stamps. I managed to raise the grand sum of £720.95 this year for St Oswald's Hospice in Gosforth. Neil Cockburn.

### **JUBILEE YEAR — 2025 — PARISH PILGRIMAGE**

Next year is the Jubilee Year for the Church and it has been suggested that we have a parish pilgrimage to Malta to "Follow in the Footsteps of St Paul". It will probably be in May 2025. If you are interested, please contact Anne Ashton on 07989088020. The sooner we know possible numbers the sooner we can make plans. Thank you.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP, ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH NORTH SHIELDS**

Are you looking for something different for Lent this year? Why not join us in the Christian meditation group at St Cuthbert's in North Shields. We meet every Tuesday except holy days. Over Lent we will listen to Archbishop Rowan Williams talk on The Spirit in the Desert and how the wisdom of the 4th century Desert Mothers and Fathers can help us in modern life. The link for the series of talks is

<https://meditationtalks.wccm.org/cd/>

[ku5W9wqFIKHkX6IXADK](https://meditationtalks.wccm.org/cd/ku5W9wqFIKHkX6IXADK). The next session is 7.00pm to 8.00pm on 27 February. Please contact Ali Hain on 07954591608 for more details.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — FRIDAY 1 MARCH**

Hillheads Community Church on Kingsley Avenue in Whitley Bay is holding a service for World Day of Prayer on Friday 1 March at 2.00pm. There are refreshments afterwards and all are welcome.

### **LOUDFENCE AT ST MARY'S & ST NICHOLAS' CATHEDRALS, NEWCASTLE — 3 to 6 MARCH 2024 — WELCOME TO ALL**

Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Marys' Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30am Sunday Mass on the 3 March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6 March at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all other contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages together with provided items like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

### **NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY**

The next lecture from the North East Catholic History Society will be on Wednesday 6 March at 2pm at St Joseph's Centre, High Street West, Gateshead. The speaker will be Claire Marsland from Durham University on the Fabric of Resistance, a truly fascinating project to source 16th and 17th century vestments made and preserved during religious persecution. Non-members welcome for a fee of £1.00, refreshments available.

### **LENTEN DAY FOR FAMILIES**

Catholic Mothers and the Carmelite Friars invite you to a Lenten Family Day at St John Vianney's, West Denton on Saturday 9 March. The day begins with 10am Mass followed by a short talk, opportunity for Confession, a soup lunch, children's activities and social time. All ages and families welcome. For more information email [catholicmothersne@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmothersne@gmail.com)

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

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<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 24th February <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Enzo Dimascio (MA) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 25th February <b>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Ann Patricia Hayton (AO'N)
Monday 26th February	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 27th February	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Elaine Willcock (MHD)
Wednesday 28th February	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Private Intention (PJC)
Thursday 29th February	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Ron Lippe (AL)
Friday 1st March <b>ST DAVID</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Valerie Cotton (The Parish)
Saturday 2nd March <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Joseph & Jane Parker (JP) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Michael Cahill (MI)
Sunday 3rd March <b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish

**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 & Monica Ramsay who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Eddie Meenaghan, Clare Richardson, Nancy Davison & Bernard Cowen. May they rest in peace. Amen.

*During Lent and Easter the Church encourages us to profess the Apostles' Creed in Sunday Mass. This Creed is closely connected with Baptism and with those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and to receive the Eucharist for the first time during the Easter Vigil. We pray for all Catechumens during Lent.*

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our lord, (at the words that follow, all bow) *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

#### **CAFOD LENT PRAYER**

Loving God, when our boat is rocked on the sea of life, by poverty, illness or disaster, you quiet the waves, calm the storm, and lead us safely to shore. When we work hard, for our daily bread, but at the end of the day go hungry, you walk alongside us, calling, "cast out your nets", knowing there is enough for all. When we are lost, and uncertain of how to make a change in our world, your words ring out: "Come, follow me", guiding us to new life with you. Lead us, Lord, to play our part in calming the storm and sharing your gifts with each other, so that all people throughout the world may look to the future with hope. 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 LENT, YEAR B, 24TH & 25TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

**First Reading**

**Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 115(116):10,15-19**

***We say the Psalm together***

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| 1. I trusted, even when I said:<br>'I am sorely afflicted,'<br>O precious in the eyes of the Lord<br>is the death of his faithful.       | 2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;<br>you have loosened my bonds.<br>A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;<br>I will call on the Lord's name. |
| 3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil<br>before all his people,<br>in the courts of the house of the Lord,<br>in your midst, O Jerusalem. |   |

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:31-34**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel**

**Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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