

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 2ND & 3RD MARCH, 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 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

Tuesday 12 March - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's, 7.00pm

Wednesday 13 March - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 10.00am

Thursday 14 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 has 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 is also available at the back of church.

DIOCESAN LISTENING EXERCISES & QUESTIONNAIRE – SUMMARY & BISHOP'S RESPONSE

You will find on our diocesan website at <https://diocesehn.org.uk> all the summaries from the various listening exercises that have been running since the summer of 2023, and the results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery of Bishops Report from March 2023. These are together with Bishop Stephen's response to what has been presented to him. The Bishop reflects on the past, present and our future together. The documentation is too lengthy for a pastoral letter. If you wish to have hard copies of the documents, then please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

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 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.

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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly. This week we would be grateful for hot dogs, long life milk, sweet snacks - chocolate etc. & tinned fish - tuna etc. Thank you.

PARISH 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 a CAFOD World Gift 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 & 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.

MEENAGHAN FAMILY THANKS

Eddie Meenaghan's family would like to thank everyone who came to his funeral service. Special thanks go to Father Andrew for conducting the service and to the Consolation Team for their support and kindness in guiding us through the arrangements. Thank you also to everyone who made a contribution to the collection for CAFOD, which raised the grand sum of £292.60. Michael Meenaghan.

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/ku5W9wqFIKHKjX6IXADK>. The next session is 7.00pm to 8.00pm on 5 March. Please contact Ali Hain on 07954591608 for more details.

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. Mary's 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

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

"For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."
St Paul reminds us today that he preaches Christ Crucified. Priests are called to preach the Gospel in season and out of season. Might God be calling you to preach the Gospel of Christ as a priest? Speak to your Parish priest or contact the Vocations Promoter on 01207 299012 or vocationspromoter@diocesehm.org.uk.

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 2nd March Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Thanksgiving for the Marriage of Joseph & Jane Parker (JP) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Michael Cahill (MI)
Sunday 3rd March 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 4th March	NO MASS
Tuesday 5th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Malcolm Louvre (LL)
Wednesday 6th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Catherine Sharp (The Parish)
Thursday 7th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am The Cooke Family (PJC)
Friday 8th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 9th March Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Alf Louvre (LL) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 10th March 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Brian Lee (TL)

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, Aileen Purvis and Fr John McElhone who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: 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
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First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18(19):8-11

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. | 2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. |
| 3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. | 4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

Gospel

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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