

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 3RD & 4TH FEBRUARY, 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

Many thanks to everyone for the warm welcome given to Bishop Stephen during his visit to the Parish last weekend. A special word of thanks to those who so generously prepared and served the lunch at Immaculate Heart Church, which was very much enjoyed by Bishop Stephen and all present. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Stephen back to the Parish on visitation in June.
Mgr. Andrew.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lena Simmons who died in London on 21 December aged 83 years. A Burial Service will take place at 1.30pm on 5 February in Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clare Richardson of Park Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 19 January aged 65 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 2.15pm on 7 February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie Meenaghan of Glendale Road, Shiremoor, who died on 18 January aged 86 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 20 February at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by burial in Earsdon Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen. All are welcome to attend.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne (Nancy) Davison of Rosemount Care Home, West Monkseaton, who died on 23 January aged 93 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 21 February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen. All are welcome to attend.

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>.

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.

DAYS OF PRAYER

Thursday 8 February is a Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking. Sunday 11 February is World Day of Prayer for the Sick and a Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed.

ST. THOMAS MORE LOURDES FUND

Students from St. Thomas More will be holding a cake sale in the Narthex at St. Edwards after Mass on Sunday 11 February, with all proceeds going towards their trip to Lourdes at Easter with HCPT. See also the notice below.

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.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will take place on Thursday 15 February. Jim Gunning will lead a 6 mile walk through Morpeth to Mitford, starting and finishing at the Sun Inn car park. This is a pleasant walk along riverside, fields and woodland. Meet at Immaculate Heart car park at 9.30am. For further details contact Jim Gunning on 07538327784.

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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOOD BANK

I hope you have all had a good start to 2024, despite the weather. Thank you all for your generosity over the years, it is much appreciated. This week we would be grateful for long life milk, pot noodles, tinned pies, meatballs & biscuits. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As Lent approaches we will be having parishioner-lead Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays as in previous years. If anyone would like to lead the Stations, please contact Deirdre James on 07963570901. Guidance and resources are available.

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.

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 1holychommunionolss@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.

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 FROM CAFOD

Thank you to all parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea for your generous support of CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £605. Thank you so much for being there for our global family. God bless, Michelle Oakford.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of every parishioner, whatever funeral arrangements are made. This will ensure that Mass is offered for their eternal rest in keeping with the Catholic Tradition of praying for the dead. Mgr. Andrew.

OTHER NOTICES

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

"That evening, after sunset, they brought him to all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils."

A priest has the privilege to serve God in administering to the sick. Might the Lord be calling you to discern the call to priesthood? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: 01207 299012 or vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk

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 such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. 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, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at: <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>
Applications are now open.

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 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)
Monday 5th February ST AGATHA	NO MASS
Tuesday 6th February ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Holy Souls (J&MR)
Wednesday 7th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am The Kennair Family - Deceased (MD) ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 2.15pm Funeral Service Clare Richardson
Thursday 8th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Lily Sweeney (LL)
Friday 9th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 10th February ST SCHOLASTICA Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am The Cooke Family (PJC) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 11th February 6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Rory O'Neill (AO'N)
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 11th February, 11.30am	Leonardo Ritual Ellios Edwards

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

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146(147):1-6

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due.
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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