

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 10TH & 11TH FEBRUARY, 2024

The Cycle of Prayer

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.**

Ordinary Time (Winter)

LENT 2024

Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday: St Edward's - 10.00am Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary - 7.00pm Mass

Thursday 15 February - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7.00pm

Sunday 18 February - Rite of Election: St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle

Tuesday 20 February - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's, 7.00pm

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

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for the Sick and a Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed.

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard Cowen of Holyfields, West Allotment, who died on 29 January aged 88 years. A Funeral Service will take place at 12.00 Noon on 16 February at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he 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.

LENT 2024

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, 14 February. There will be daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses from 9.00am (apart from 20 & 21 February due to Requiem Masses on both days). 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. Further details will appear each week during Lent in the box above.

ASH WEDNESDAY — 10.00AM MASS

We welcome students from St Thomas More Academy at the 10.00am Mass on Ash Wednesday at St Edward's Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent 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.

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>.

PARISH OPEN MEETING 1 FEBRUARY 2024 – OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S, BACKWORTH

Many thanks to those who attended the Parish Open Meeting on 1 February, chaired by our Dean, Fr Chris Hughes. The discussion confirmed the proposal to close Our Lady's & St Edmund's Backworth. The enclosed paper shows the diocesan procedure along with a report of the meeting. Fr Hughes has told Canon Simon Lerche, our Episcopal Vicar, of the Parish's support for the proposal, and he has taken it to the Bishop and his Episcopal Council for consideration. Mgr. Andrew.

ST. THOMAS MORE LOURDES FUND

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

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.

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20 February in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

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.

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 tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, jam/savoury spread, sweet snacks – chocolate etc. & tinned fruit. Thank you.

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 1holycommunionlss@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.

OTHER NOTICES

LOUDFENCE AT ST MARY'S & ST NICHOLAS' CATHEDRALS, NEWCASTLE

To show support to victims and survivors of abuse, St Mary's and St Nicholas' Cathedrals are hosting LOUDfence in March 2024 and all are welcome to join. A LOUDfence involves tying LOUD (brightly coloured) ribbons and messages of support in public spaces. The aim is to give survivors a voice, create and raise awareness in the community and work to end abuse. This will be a joint LOUDfence event between the two Cathedrals running from Sunday 3 March 2024 to Wednesday 6 March 2024. There will be an opening Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on 3 March at 11.30am presided by Bishop Stephen and a closing service at St Nicholas Cathedral on 6 March 2024.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP, ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

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 are an established group who meet every Tuesday except holy days. Over the course of Lent we will be listening to the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, talk on The Spirit in the Desert which looks at how the wisdom of the 4th century Desert Mothers and Fathers can help us in modern day life. The link for the series of talks is <https://meditationtalks.wccm.org/cd/ku5W9wqFIKHKjX6IXADK>. We will give guidance to those who are new to the practice of Christian Meditation. The session is from 7pm till 8pm on 20 February at St. Cuthbert's on Albion Road North Shields. Please contact Ali Hain on 07954591608 for more details.

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, refreshments available.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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 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)
Monday 12th February	NO MASS
Tuesday 13th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Paddy Dawson (MHD)
Wednesday 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Malcolm Louvre (LL) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 7.00pm Alan Watson (AW)
Thursday 15th February	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Marie Horsburgh (LL)
Friday 16th February	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am John Keegan (AG)
Saturday 17th February Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Maria Quinn (MQ) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 18th February 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
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 Malcolm Maxwell, Margaret Ansell, Joan Samson, Lena Simmons, Eddie Meenaghan, Clare Richardson, Nancy Davidson & Bernard Cowen. 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

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READINGS AT MASS
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First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

We say the Psalm together

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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