

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, LAETARE & MOTHERING SUNDAY, YEAR B, 9TH & 10TH 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 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

Tuesday 19 March - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's, 7.00pm

Wednesday 20 March - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 10.00am

Wednesday 20 March - Partnership Penitential Service: St Bernadette's, Wallsend, 7.00pm

Thursday 21 March - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7.00pm

LENT 2024

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

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Thompson of Westley Avenue, Whitley Bay, who died on 1 March aged 90 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00pm on 21 March 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Selby of Hartside Crescent, Backworth, who died on 5 March aged 86 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am on 27 March at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by burial at Earsdon Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen. All are welcome to attend.

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

You will find on our diocesan website the summaries from the listening exercises and the results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery of Bishops Report. These are together with Bishop Stephen's response. If you wish to have a hard copy of the documents, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding in our Parish means that each of us is aware of each other, and we help to build a community where everyone is safe to thrive and to contribute in whatever way they can. It's all part of our fundamental vocation as followers of Jesus - to love and serve one another. This weekend, our Parish Safeguarding Representatives will speak to us about Safeguarding, and a leaflet from the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is available for every parishioner.

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: 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.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Friday 15 March. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30am and bring your BUS PASS. We will drive to Corbridge and then catch a bus to Hexham. From there we will walk through Dukes Wood, the Dilston estate and down the Devils Water back to Corbridge, a distance of 6 miles. If you require more information please phone Peter Weighill 0191 2512917. PS don't forget your BUS PASS.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOOD BANK

There will be no food bank collection at Immaculate Heart Church on Monday 11 March. The next collection will be Monday 18 March.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19 March in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club will be held on Thursday 28 March at 12.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984963769 or Deidre on 07963570901.

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 further details see the notice above.

CHEESE & WINE EVENING — IMMACULATE HEART

CHURCH — 5 APRIL

Tickets are available for the Cheese and Wine Evening after both weekend Masses. Tickets cost £6.00 each with £1.00 going to our Health Clinic Project. Come along at 7.00pm on Friday 5 April and enjoy cheese, wine, snacks, a Ukulele band and quiz! What more could you ask for on a Friday evening!! Contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917 for further information.

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.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOX APPEAL

The Spring edition of Mission Today is now available in both churches. Any supporters wishing to make donations for the March quarter, please contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley

(St. Edward's) on 07889 969639. Thank you to all who donated for the December quarter.

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 12 March. Please contact Ali Hain on 07954591608 for more details.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Sue Oxley speak about The Five Mothers of Bernadette Soubirous and her Neglected Life. The meeting will be at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle on Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm.

SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO)

The St Vincent de Paul Society seeks to help those in need in the community, and seeks to recruit an MSO for the Diocese to support member recruitment and development, provide support for members and be the link between groups and National Office. This is a part time, home-based role 22.5 hours per week, working as part of the SVP Membership Team. It would suit someone confident giving presentations to audiences and working with individuals and small groups. It requires travel around the Diocese to make appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk. Closing date for applications is Sunday 7 April.

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 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)
Monday 11th March	NO MASS
Tuesday 12th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Private Intention (PJC)
Wednesday 13th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am The Ashton Family (AA)
Thursday 14th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Ron Lippe (TRC-DMD)
Friday 15th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Harry & Peggy Lazzari (PH)
Saturday 16th March Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am The Dynes Family (AA) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Private Intention (KB)

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 and Aileen Purvis 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 & Fr John McElhone. 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

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READINGS AT MASS

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First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."''

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 136(137):1-6

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. | 2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' |
| 3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! | 4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! |

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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