

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 16TH & 17TH 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 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

**Tuesday 26 March - Stations of the Cross:** St Edward's, 7.00pm

**Wednesday 27 March - Lent Study Group:** Immaculate Heart of Mary, 10.00am

**Thursday 28 March, Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Prayer at the Altar of Repose:** St Edward's, 7.30pm

**Friday 29 March, Good Friday - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord:** St Edward's, 3.00pm

**Saturday 30th March, Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil:** St Edward's, 8.00pm

**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. 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.

**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](https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/israeli-palestinian-crisis-appeal).

**PALM SUNDAY, 24 MARCH — SECOND COLLECTION**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and a collection will be taken for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

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

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

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly. This week we would be grateful for savoury snacks - crisps etc., tinned rice pudding, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew & toilet rolls. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024 - Registration has now closed**

Our programme begins with a meeting for parents/carers at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Monkseaton, on the evening of Thursday 18 April 2024 from 7.15pm to 8.30pm. Monsignor Faley and the Catechist Team are looking forward to meeting the families of this year's children. The first session for the children will take place on Monday 22 April at Immaculate Heart Church from 5.00pm until 6.15pm. Please email any queries to the Catechist Team at [1holychommunionolss@gmail.com](mailto:1holychommunionolss@gmail.com).

## **PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING — 13 MARCH**

The Parish Council met last Wednesday and discussed the progress of the Parish application for the closure of Our Lady's & Edmund's Church which will be submitted to the Council of Priests. Also discussed was the upkeep of the grounds at Immaculate Heart Church and the garden area at St. Edward's. The council discussed the Safeguarding requirements following the presentation made by our Safeguarding representatives at last weekend's Masses and the events currently being planned by the Parish Social Committee. The next Council meeting is due to take place on the 15 May. If you would like to put anything on the agenda for discussion please contact the Parish office.

## **REFRESHMENTS**

Refreshments are available at St Edward's Church in the parish rooms after the Sunday 10.00am Mass and the Thursday 9.30am Mass, and at Immaculate Heart Church in the ground floor meeting room on Monday mornings and after the Wednesday 9.30am Mass. Please come along.

## **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.

## **WEEKLY DONATIONS AND GIFT AID**

With the closure of HSBC Whitley Bay Branch it would be enormously helpful if more parishioners would consider making their contribution to the church via a monthly standing order to the following account: Bank: HSBC, Account Name: DHN Backworth West Monkseaton & Whitley Bay, Account Number: 21157523, Sort code: 40-34-45. We can also collect Gift Aid donations in this way. Please ring or e-mail the parish office to find out more. Thank you.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **JOB VACANCIES**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancy: HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 28 March. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

### **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 19 March. Please contact Ali Hain on 07954591608 for more details.

### **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](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk). Closing date for applications is Sunday 7 April.

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley	<a href="mailto:stedwardsne26@btconnect.com">stedwardsne26@btconnect.com</a>	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	<a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntl.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntl.org.uk</a>	0191 6432080
<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 16th March <b>Confessions</b> <b>10.00am St Edward's</b> <b>5.30pm Immaculate Heart</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am The Dynes Family (AA)  <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March <b>5TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Private Intention (KB)
Monday 18th March	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 19th March <b>ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Lily & Albert Riley (EW)
Wednesday 20th March <b>ST CUTHBERT, PATRON OF THE DIOCESE</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Basil Caroline (MC)
Thursday 21st March	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 12.00pm Requiem Mass Ann Thompson
Friday 22nd March	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Geoff Welton (EW)
Saturday 23rd March <b>Confessions</b> <b>10.00am St Edward's</b> <b>5.30pm Immaculate Heart</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Andrea McFarlane (FS)  <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 24th March <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)

**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: Nancy Davison, Bernard Cowen, Fr John McElhone, Ann Thompson & Jim Selby. 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**  
**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 16TH & 17TH MARCH, 2024**

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15**

***We say the Psalm together***

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| 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.<br>In your compassion blot out my offence.<br>O wash me more and more from my guilt<br>and cleanse me from my sin. | 2. A pure heart create for me, O God,<br>put a steadfast spirit within me.<br>Do not cast me away from your presence,<br>nor deprive me of your holy spirit. |
| 3. Give me again the joy of your help;<br>with a spirit of fervour sustain me,<br>that I may teach transgressors your ways<br>and sinners may return to you.   |  |

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

**Gospel**

**John 12:20-33**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**