

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR B, 23RD & 24TH 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.**

HOLY WEEK

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

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

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

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

Easter Sunday, 31 March - Easter Day Mass: St Edward's, 10.00am

HOLY WEEK 2024

During Holy Week there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9.00am before Mass on Tuesday. Stations of the Cross is available on Tuesday at 7.00pm at St Edward's Church. There is no Lent Study Group on Wednesday at Immaculate Heart Church due to a funeral. Further details are 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 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.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Aileen Purvis of Eastbourne House, Whitley Bay, who died on 17 March aged 76 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 Noon on 3 April at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. 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: cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/israeli-palestinian-crisis-appeal.

PALM SUNDAY — SECOND COLLECTION

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

ST EDWARD'S SUNDAY COLLECTION

Volunteer parishioners are needed to assist with the counting of the weekly Sunday collection at St. Edward's Church. This would involve 2 parishioners jointly counting the collection and taking the cash to the Post Office for banking. Ideally, we are looking to have 4 groups of 2 parishioners each so that a rota can be established. If you feel you are able to assist, please contact the parish office for further details on 0191 2527066 or email parishofficeolss@btconnect.com. Many thanks.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly. This week we would be grateful for jam/savoury spread, soup, tinned custard & baby food - tins/packets/jars etc. Please note there will be no food bank collection at Immaculate Heart Church on Easter Monday or the following Monday. The next collection will be on Monday 15 April. Thank you.

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 — EASTER FRIDAY — 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 Easter 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.

WALKING GROUP

The next Parish Walk will be on Monday 8 April. Peter Weighill will lead a 6 mile walk from Ebchester station to Shotley Bridge and return along the River Derwent. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am. If you require more information please phone Peter on 0191 2512917.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is not until Tuesday 9 April at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024

Our first meeting for parents/carers is on Wednesday 17 April (not Thursday 18, due to parents' evening at Star of the Sea school). It is at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Monkseaton, 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING — 13 MARCH

At the last meeting, discussion took place about the progress of the Parish proposal for the closure of Our Lady's & Edmund's Church, Backworth, which was submitted to the Bishop and the Council of Priests. Also discussed was the upkeep of the grounds at Immaculate Heart Church and St. Edward's. The Council discussed Safeguarding requirements following the recent presentation made by our Safeguarding representatives, and the events being planned by the Parish Social Committee. The next Council meeting is 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 available at both churches. Supporters wishing to make donations for the March quarter, please contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 0191 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St Edward's) on 0788969639. Thank you.

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 contact 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 for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

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. 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.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The North East Catholic History Society is 50 years old this year and seeks to encourage and promote the rich Catholic History of our region. The Society is looking to attract new members. We meet on Wednesday afternoons at Joseph's Centre, Gateshead, directly opposite the Metro and bus interchange and we welcome visitors too. After many years of excellent service, the Programme Secretary is retiring and we are looking for a replacement to organise talks. You can read about The Society on the diocesan website, or contact Margaret Henderson: margaret@coopuk.com for more information.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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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 23rd March Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Andrea McFarlane (FS) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 24th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 25th March	NO MASS
Tuesday 26th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Anna Frangiosa (EJ)
Wednesday 27th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 11.30am Requiem Mass Jim Selby
Thursday 28th March HOLY THURSDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 7.30pm Eric, Helen, Tony & Vivienne Riley (EW)
Friday 29th March GOOD FRIDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday 30th March HOLY SATURDAY Confessions by appointment	EASTER VIGIL ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 8.00pm Michael Zarraga (A&BW)
Sunday 31st March EASTER SUNDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 31st March, 11.30am	Sofia Laurie

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 and Monica Ramsay who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Bernard Cowen, Fr John McElhone, Ann Thompson, Jim Selby, Fr Kevin Bolger & Aileen Purvis. 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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Opening Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."' And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

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

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' | 2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones. |
| 3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! | 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons. |

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

Gospel

Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.