

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP  
Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*We are a Safeguarding Parish and respect the dignity of all.*

St Edward, Coquet Avenue,  
Whitley Bay, NE26 1EE  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Church Close,  
Monkseaton, NE25 9PG  
Our Lady & St Edmund, Station Road,  
Backworth, NE27 ORU

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 6TH & 7TH APRIL, 2024**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

**Easter tide**

During Eastertide, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.**

**EASTER BLESSINGS & THANKS**

As we celebrate Jesus conquering sin and death, we are grateful for all the support and care we give and receive from one another in our Parish and beyond. Christian hope gives us direction for life, for our patience with each other, and for our ability to see the gift of each other beyond our weakness. We pray this Easter for a renewing of hope in our war-torn world and for peace especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine. Thanks to all who have done so much to make Lent and Easter so rich this year. I am grateful for your continuing support and prayers and for your Easter cards and gifts. I wish you and your families and friends Easter blessings and prayers. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Mgr Andrew.

**FUNERALS**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cordula Preston of Whitley Bay, who died on 22 March aged 67 years. A Funeral Service will take place in Whitley Bay Cemetery Chapel at 11.15am on 12 April, followed by burial in Whitley Bay Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**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).

**SUNDAY 7 APRIL — DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

This Sunday there will be a special collection for the Northern Brethren Fund for Sick & Retired Priests.

**PALM SUNDAY — SECOND COLLECTION**

Palm Sunday's collection for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places) raised the grand sum of £443.00. Thanks go to everyone who donated so generously.

**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](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com). Many thanks.

**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 (apart from Bank Holidays) and after the Wednesday 9.30am Mass. Please come along.

**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 on Tuesday 9 April at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

**PROGRAMME 2024**

Monsignor Faley and the Catechist Team are looking forward to meeting the families of this year's children. Our first meeting for parents/carers is on Wednesday 17 April at Immaculate Heart Church, Monkseaton, from 7.15pm to 8.30pm. 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 [1holycommunionolss@gmail.com](mailto:1holycommunionolss@gmail.com).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy takes place on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton** - Saturday evening 6:00pm, 13 & 20 April. **St Edwards, Whitley Bay** - Sunday morning 10:00am 14 & 21 April. All of our young children aged between 3 and 11 are invited to attend.

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

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly. Please note there will be no food bank collection on Monday 8 April. The next collection will be on Monday 15 April. The food bank is currently in need of pot noodles, microwave rice, tinned fruit & sweet snacks – chocolate etc. Thank you.

## **PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB**

The next Luncheon Club will be held on Thursday 25 April at 12.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984963769 or Deidre on 07963570901.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS - SAVE THE DATE!**

We are planning a Summer Fair on Sunday 26th May to raise money towards our parish project to build a health clinic in the developing world. Further details to follow in the next few weeks. Any help with plant, cake or preserve stalls very welcome.

## **JUBILEE YEAR — 2025 — PILGRIMAGE**

Next year is the Jubilee Year for the Church and it has been suggested that we have a 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. This pilgrimage is open to all of the parishioners within the Tynemouth Priory Partnership so if you know of anyone who might be interested please let them know. Thank you.

## **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.

## **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**

### **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](mailto:margaret@coopuk.com) for more information.

### **MAYORAL ASSEMBLY — 22 APRIL**

Tyne & Wear Citizens invite you – members, friends and supporters – to our Mayoral Assembly on Monday 22 April 2024, 6.00pm - 8.00pm at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House in Newcastle. At this Assembly, the main candidates will be asked to respond to some of the issues that Tyne and Wear Citizens have been campaigning on after an extensive listening campaign across the region, including; the cost of living crisis, housing, racial justice in education and transport. We would love you to join us.

### **SURVIVORS MASS — ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

To show further support for victims and survivors of abuse there will be a '*Survivors Mass*' celebrated by Bishop Stephen on Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 12.05pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle.

### **PUBLIC LECTURE BY PROFESSOR EAMON DUFFY**

Holy Name Parish in Jesmond invites you to hear this eminent historian speak on *Celebrity Priest: Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson and the End of the World*, on Saturday 4 May in the church (North Jesmond Avenue, NE2 3JX). The church will open at 11.00am for an 11.30am start and will end at 12.30pm. Cold drinks will be served after the lecture when there may be a chance to chat with Professor Duffy.

### **HOMES FOR UKRAINE**

The SJOG Homes for Ukraine scheme seeks sponsors who may have a spare bedroom in their home or empty property that could accommodate an individual or family for 6 months, to help those that are fleeing the terrible war settle into life in the UK. If you think you can help please get in contact with us at [homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk) or visit the project website at <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

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

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| Star of the Sea Primary School | <a href="mailto:starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk</a>        | 0191 6432080 |
| <b>Cluster Website</b>         | <b><a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a></b> |              |

**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   |   |
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| DAY & DATE  | CHURCH  |
| Easter Saturday 6th April<br><b>Confessions</b><br>10.00am St Edward's<br>5.30pm Immaculate Heart   | <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b><br>9.30am Sheila Higgins (MS)<br><b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b><br>6.00pm Tom Murray (TM)       |
| Sunday 7th April<br><b>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>   | <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b><br>10.00am People of the Parish   |
| Monday 8th April<br><b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF</b><br><b>THE LORD</b>   | <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b><br>9.30am Word & Communion  |
| Tuesday 9th April   | <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b><br>9.30am Sr Anne McCarthy RSCJ   |
| Wednesday 10th April  | <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b><br>9.30am Pat Tinker (J&DJ)  |
| Thursday 11th April<br><b>ST STANISLAUS</b>   | <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b><br>9.30am Sarah Lloyd (PR)  |
| Friday 12th April   | <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b><br>9.30am For a Godchild (MC)  |
| Saturday 13th April<br><b>Confessions</b><br>10.00am St Edward's<br>5.30pm Immaculate Heart   | <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b><br>9.30am Joseph Mulgrove (DC)<br><b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b><br>6.00pm People of the Parish |
| Sunday 14th April<br><b>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  | <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b><br>10.00am Gerald & Maureen Lennon<br>(LMcG)  |
| <b>BAPTISM</b>  | <b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b>   |
| Sunday 7th April,<br>11.30am  | Jimmy Maurice Tait  |
| Sunday 14th April,<br>11.30am   | Penelope Stephanie Ann Thompson   |
| <b>Please remember in your prayers:</b> Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift, Elizabeth (Betty) Harrison, Terry Murray, Monica Ramsay & Mary Storey who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Ann Thompson, Jim Selby, Fr Kevin Bolger, Aileen Purvis, Cordula Preston & Jeff Spence. May they rest in peace. Amen. |   |

**G**lory 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.

*During Easter the Church encourages us to profess  
the Apostles' Creed in Sunday Mass. This Creed is  
closely connected with the newly-baptised.*

#### **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.

#### **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**  
**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 6TH & 7TH APRIL, 2024**

**First Reading**

**Acts 4:32-35**

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24**

***We say the Psalm together***

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| 1. Let the sons of Israel say:<br>'His love has no end.'<br>Let the sons of Aaron say:<br>'His love has no end.'<br>Let those who fear the Lord say:<br>'His love has no end.'                   | 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;<br>his right hand raised me up.<br>I shall not die, I shall live<br>and recount his deeds.<br>I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,<br>but not doomed to die. |
| 3. The stone which the builders rejected<br>has become the corner stone.<br>This is the work of the Lord,<br>a marvel in our eyes.<br>This day was made by the Lord;<br>we rejoice and are glad. |   |

**Second Reading**

**1 John 5:1-6**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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