

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

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 20TH & 21ST 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.**

**PERSONAL NOTE**

I met with a consultant recently because a regular liver scan to check on damage caused by a blood disorder called Haemochromatosis had shown an early-stage tumour. Treatment will take place on 26 April in the Freeman Hospital followed by recovery. Canon Christopher Jackson has kindly agreed to stay with me and celebrate Mass in my absence. I would be grateful for your prayers. Mgr. Andrew.

**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).

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday 21 April is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. A special collection will be taken this weekend for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The collection for above raised £416.88 for the Northern Brethren Fund for Sick & Retired Priests. Thank you to all those 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 served 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. Thanks to those who organise the refreshments. Please come along.

**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.

**SAFEGUARDING — SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN**

To make sure children are kept safe at all times in St Edward's Church and Immaculate Heart Church, parents and carers are asked to go with their children when using the toilets in both churches. Thank you.

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

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly. This week the food bank is currently in need of long life milk, meatballs, coffee & toothpaste/toothbrush. Thank you.

**WALKING GROUP**

The next walk is on Monday 22 April and will be led by Pauline and David Warren. We will take a gentle stroll through Derwent Country Park, mainly on good paths, could be muddy in some places. Meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.00am. Further information from Pauline or David on 0191 2515404.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024**

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).

**JOURNEY IN FAITH**

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is on Tuesday 23 April at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

**MEETING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS — 24 APRIL**

A meeting for Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Wednesday 24 April after the 9.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church. We look forward to seeing all of you there. Please let me know by email if you have any items to discuss: [stewardne26@btconnect.com](mailto:stewardne26@btconnect.com). Many thanks. Mgr Andrew.

## **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**

Thank you very much to everyone who bought tickets and came along to the cheese and wine evening. A special thanks to the helpers who organised everything and the Bay Ukulele band who kept us well entertained! The total profit from the evening was £435 which will start our Health Clinic fund. Well done everyone!

## **PAUL MALCOLM — ANNUAL LEAVE**

Paul (our Caretaker/Cleaner) is on annual leave from Thursday 18 April till Friday 3 May. If there are any issues with cleaning supplies, please contact the Parish Office.

## **POLLING DAY — 2 MAY**

Immaculate Heart Church is a Polling Station for the elections to be held on 2 May. A volunteer is needed to open up the church at 6.00am (we have received an offer to close up). If you're an early bird and up with the larks, we need you. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

## **SUMMER FAIR — SUNDAY 26 MAY**

We would like to have a plant stall at the summer fair so if any gardeners could donate cuttings, seedlings or spare plants we would be grateful. We also need people to volunteer an hour or so of their time to help in the kitchen serving refreshments or to help on a stall. If you can help in any way please contact Chris on 07984963769.

## **PARTNERSHIP RETREAT TO AMPLEFORTH**

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from Monday 22 - Wednesday 24 July and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. We will be arriving for lunch on Monday and leaving after lunch on Wednesday. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be between £225 - £240 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. All rooms in The Grange are now en-suite and the new Retreat and Visitor Centre which includes a Tea Room and Shop is now open. A deposit of £75 will be needed by May 19, Pentecost Sunday, in order to confirm your booking. The balance will be due by Sunday 30 June. If you would like more information about the Abbey, the website address is

[www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk](http://www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk)

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL**

St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) urgently need to replace some of the kitchenettes and furnishings in the home. Flooring on the main corridors of the care units needs essential upgrades for the safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents and to maintain standards of infection control. A collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken on Good Shepherd Sunday (20/21 April). If you wish to make a private contribution, you can send a cheque made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Secure online donations can be made by visiting our website at: [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/). The Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Your generosity plays a vital role in enabling them to fulfil their mission of providing safe, affordable, and quality care to vulnerable older people in need. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference to the lives of the residents.

### **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.

### **HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP**

There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5 - 7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's Camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>. If you know of any child who would benefit from a holiday but may need assistance to pay, please email [holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk](mailto:holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk)

### **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>	<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	
DAY & DATE	CHURCH
Saturday 20th April <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am The Rumney Family (GR) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 21st April <b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
Monday 22nd April	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 23rd April <b>ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Margaret Rooney (PR)
Wednesday 24th April	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Christine Higgins (M & C McA)
Thursday 25th April <b>ST MARK</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Catherine Kimmitt (JK)
Friday 26th April	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 27th April <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Bob & Helen Thompson (MT) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Jim & Tony Harrison (BH)
Sunday 28th April <b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish

**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 & Mary Storey who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died recently: Jim Selby, Aileen Purvis, Cordula Preston, Jeff Spence, Joe Hayes & Mgr. Philip Carroll. 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**  
**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 20TH & 21ST APRIL, 2024**

**First Reading**

**Acts 4:8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29**

***We say the Psalm together***

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| <p>1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,<br/>for his love has no end.<br/>It is better to take refuge in the Lord<br/>than to trust in men;<br/>it is better to take refuge in the Lord<br/>than to trust in princes.</p> <p>3. Blessed in the name of the Lord<br/>is he who comes.<br/>We bless you from the house of the Lord;<br/>You are my God, I thank you.<br/>My God, I praise you.<br/>Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;<br/>for his love has no end.</p> | <p>2. I will thank you for you have answered<br/>and you are my saviour.<br/>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.</p> |
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**Second Reading**

**1 John 3:1-2**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 10:11-18**

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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