

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

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 27TH & 28TH APRIL, 2024**

**The Cycle of Prayer**

**Eastertide**

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.**

**WELCOME**

Welcome to Canon Christopher Jackson who celebrates this weekend's Masses, and will celebrate Mass during the coming week while I recover. Thanks to him for his support and thanks for your prayers and best wishes. Mgr. Andrew.

**FUNERALS**

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Bryn Hurst of Bideford Gardens, Whitley Bay, who died on 21 April aged 89 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 14 May at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he 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).

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday 21 April was World Day of Prayer for Vocations. A special collection was taken for the Little Sisters of the Poor which raised the wonderful sum of £613.23. Thank you 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 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, 11 & 18 May. **St Edwards, Whitley Bay** - Sunday morning 10:00am, 12 & 19 May. 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 biscuits, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding & tinned fish – tuna etc. Thank you.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024**

The first session for the children took place last Monday at Immaculate Heart Church. The next session will be on Monday 29 April from 5.00pm until 6.15pm at the same location. Please email any queries to the Catechist Team at [1holymunionolss@gmail.com](mailto:1holymunionolss@gmail.com).

**JOURNEY IN FAITH**

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is on Tuesday 7 May at 7.00pm in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

**MEETING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS — 24 APRIL**

A meeting for Eucharistic Ministers took place on Wednesday 24 April at Immaculate Heart Church. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. It was a very useful meeting. Mgr Andrew.

**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.

### 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.

### RED BOX 2023. THANK YOU!

In 2023 the Parish of Our Lady Star of The Sea raised £3,818.22 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! The missionary community at Our Lady Star of The Sea is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr. Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more.

### 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. Please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 if you would like to come or for more details. Each year those who go, whether regulars or first timers, find these few days spent in the peace of the Abbey and the beautiful North Yorkshire countryside to be a very rewarding experience. If you would like more information about the Abbey, the website address is [www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk](http://www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk)

### PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS 2024

Students in Year 9 and above are invited to enrol to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration forms are available at the back of church. Preparation begins on Wednesday 1 May, 6.30pm - 8.00pm in different

churches across the Partnership. Bishop Stephen will celebrate Confirmation on Tuesday 16 July at 6.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. We keep our young people in our prayers.

### OTHER NOTICES

#### JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies: **Cleaner, St Cuthbert**, Chester le Street— part-time. Closing date: 1 May. **IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices**, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 6 May. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

#### 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. 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/). 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.

#### 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@ntlp.org.uk">starofthesea.primary@ntlp.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 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
Monday 29th April <b>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 30th April	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Pat Brennan (AA)
Wednesday 1st May	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Esme Hilda Wragg (The Parish)
Thursday 2nd May <b>ST ATHANASIUS</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Michael McCormick (AL)
Friday 3rd May <b>SS PHILIP &amp; JAMES</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Daniel Stutt (The Parish)
Saturday 4th May <b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</b> <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Rosie Hodgson (PK) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 5th May <b>6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Tom Fish (L&BH)
<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b>
Sunday 5th May, 11.30am	Jonah James Nolan
<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 for those who have died recently: Jeff Spence, Joe Hayes, Mgr. Philip Carroll, Dorothy Ashman & William Hurst. 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**  
**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 27TH & 28TH APRIL, 2024**

**First Reading**

**Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32**

***We say the Psalm together***

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him;  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'

**Second Reading**

**1 John 3:18-24**

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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