

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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 4TH & 5TH MAY, 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.**

WELCOME

Welcome this weekend to Canon Christopher Jackson who has celebrated Mass during the past 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024

Our children are now half way through their preparations to receive the Sacraments on Saturday 8 June. The next session will be on Monday 13 May from 5.00pm until 6.15pm at Immaculate Heart Church. Please email any queries to the Catechist Team at 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly. There will be no foodbank collection on Monday 6 May (Bank Holiday) so the next collection is Monday 13 May. The food bank is currently in need of tinned pies, tinned pasta/spaghetti/macaroni & savoury snacks-crisps etc. Thank you.

WALKING GROUP

Gerry Latimer will lead the next walk on Tuesday 7 May, taking in Prospect Hill in Corbridge and returning by Devil's Water and the banks of the Tyne. This is a six and a half mile walk, and the clue is in the name - it is uphill at the start but the views are excellent and the second half of the walk is gently downhill then flat! Meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary for car sharing and departure at 9.30am. Further information if required from Gerry on 0191 2516989.

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.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL PUPILS AT MASS

Children from Star of the Sea School, Year 3, will attend Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Wednesday 22 May. Other year groups will also be attending on Wednesdays (not every week) until 10 July. We look forward to celebrating Mass with them.

SUMMER FAIR — SUNDAY 26 MAY

Thank you to all those who have already offered help with our Summer Fair, but we need a few more people in order for things to run smoothly. We would also like donations of books in decent condition, empty screw top wine bottles and some full wine bottles please. If you can help with any of these things we would be very grateful. Thank you also to those who have volunteered plants, home made jam or marmalade and cakes. For further information 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 to find out more.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH — CAR PARKING

Can parishioners please be responsible when parking their cars, especially at the Saturday Vigil Mass. This is a very busy Mass and some cars have been parked straddling two bays, which means there is not enough space for everyone. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

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

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS 2024

Preparation for students in Year 9 and above began on Wednesday 1 May and continues 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.

OUR LADY AND ST EDMUND MASS OF CLOSURE 22 JUNE 2024

We are looking for volunteers to assist with cleaning the Church building in advance of the Mass of Closure on 22 June. If you feel able to spare some time this month to assist, please contact the Parish Office with your details and we will let you know the date for cleaning as soon as possible.

OTHER NOTICES

TYNEMOUTH CATENIAN GROUP

If the recent pulpit talk by the Catenians in some local churches, which described how Catholic men meet for mutual support, social and family purposes sparked your interest, please contact the following or ask any Catenian known to you. We would love to hear from you. Contact Terry on 0191 2521481, Email patter45@icloud.com or Steve on 0191 2571198, Email S.J.Haigh@btinternet.com.

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/. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference to the lives of the residents.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

"You did not choose me: no, I chose you".

God has a purpose for each one of us. Might God be calling you to priesthood? Why not explore what the Lord is asking of you? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter on 01207 299012 or email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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| Monsignor Andrew Faley | stedwardsne26@btconnect.com | 0191 2528021 |
| Star of the Sea Primary School | starofthesea.primary@ntlp.org.uk | 0191 6432080 |
| 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 | |
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| DAY & DATE | CHURCH |
| Saturday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Rosie Hodgson (PK) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish |
| Sunday 5th May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Tom Fish (L&BH) |
| Monday 6th May | No Mass |
| Tuesday 7th May | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Maureen McCann (AL) |
| Wednesday 8th May | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Frank & Brenda Bewick (PO) 7.00pm Ascension Vigil Mass People of the Parish |
| Thursday 9th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION) | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am The Cooke family (PJC) |
| Friday 10th May | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion |
| Saturday 11th May Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Paul Thomson (MS) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Margaret & Laurence Robinson (PR) |
| Sunday 12th May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish |
| BAPTISM | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH |
| Sunday 5th May, 11.30am | Jonah James Nolan |
| Saturday 11th May, 11.00am | Sonny Simpson |
| 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: Jeff Spence, Joe Hayes, Mgr. Philip Carroll, Dorothy Ashman & William Hurst. May they rest in peace. Amen. | |

Glory 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
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 4TH & 5TH MAY, 2024

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97(98):1-4

We say the Psalm together

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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