

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 0RU

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 11TH & 12TH MAY, 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.**

THANKS

Thanks to Canon Christopher Jackson who celebrated Mass during my recovery. 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.

OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S BACKWORTH — DECREE OF CLOSURE

You will find posted at the back of each church, as required by Canon Law, a copy of the Decree of Closure issued by Bishop Stephen reducing Our Lady's & St Edmund's, Backworth to secular use. This will take effect on 22 June following the 11.00am Mass at Backworth celebrated by the Bishop to close the church.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sunday 12 May is World Communications Day and a second collection will be taken. Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for the Church and a collection will be taken for the Lay Training Fund.

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.

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.

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. 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.

POLLING DAY

A big thank you to everyone who helped out on polling day, from those who put chairs away after Mass on Wednesday, to those who opened up at 6am and those who closed up after 10.40pm. Thank you also to everyone who put the chairs back out bright and early on Friday morning in readiness for Mass. It all went very smoothly. Thank you again, Julie.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be 21 May. Helen Young will lead a 7 mile route from Newburn Country Park through Walbottle Dene to Blucher and return to the Country Park. Please meet at Immaculate Heart Church at 9.30am.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is on Tuesday 21 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.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS

Congratulations to Rachael Burkett and Matthew Crouchman who will be married at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay at 3.00pm on Thursday 23 May. We assure them of our prayers and pray for God's blessing on them.

SUMMER FAIR — SUNDAY 26 MAY

Thank you to those who have offered books, empty wine bottles and cakes. We still need full wine bottles and help in preparing and setting everything up on the Saturday and the Sunday morning. If anyone could offer a couple of hours on either day that would be great. (Despite the recent Spring weather we are ever hopeful that the day will be bright and sunny) and so if anyone could loan us their garden gazebos for the afternoon we would be very grateful. In case of poor weather everything will move indoors. For further information contact Chris on 07984963769.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on Thursday 30 May at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at the usual time of 12.00pm. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984963769 or Deidre on 07963570901.

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.

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS 2024

Preparation for students in Year 9 and above has begun. Preparation continues in different churches across the Partnership. Bishop Stephen will celebrate Confirmation on Thursday 18 July at 6.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. We keep our young people in our prayers.

OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S 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

CORPUS CHRISTI: EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION WITH ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT USHAW

On Sunday 2nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. If you are signing up on behalf of a parish group, please indicate how many cars are likely to be coming to Ushaw, or if the group will be arriving by coach: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:
Parish Secretary, Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Gateshead and St Anne, Winlaton – 26 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May.
HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – 15 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May.
Cleaner, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley – 12 hours per week. Closing date: 22 May.
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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	
DAY & DATE	CHURCH
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
Monday 13th May OUR LADY OF FATIMA	No Mass
Tuesday 14th May ST MATTHIAS	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Requiem Mass William Bryn Hurst
Wednesday 15th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Pat Tinker (The Parish)
Thursday 16th May	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Jose Neri Palmejar & Felix Ubaso (JP)
Friday 17th May	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Peter Hughes (PH)
Saturday 18th May Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Maria Quinn (MQ) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Audrey Jeffs (The Parish)
Sunday 19th May PENTECOST SUNDAY	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 11th May, 11.00am	Sonny Simpson
Sunday 19th May, 11.30am	George William Gibbins
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: Joe Hayes, Mgr. Philip Carroll, Dorothy Ashman, William Hurst & Alan Sproat. 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
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 11TH & 12TH MAY, 2024

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17,20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. ‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’ Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20

We say the Psalm together

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

Second Reading

1 John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

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