

**The Cycle of Prayer**

**Summer**

During Ordinary Time (Summer), we are asked to pray for these intentions: **A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.**

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP STEPHEN**

Dear Sisters & Brothers, in order to grow as a synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this, I together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned Diocesan commitments are: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him; To grow as One Diocesan Family - Rebuilding Relationships; Forming and Developing People for Mission; Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home. Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection, and I invite all our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. We offer accompanying resources and support to enable this reflection. Please contact your Parish Office if you would like hard copies of these materials which are all available on the diocesan website.

With assurances and prayers, +Stephen

**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).

**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.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Sunday 19 May is a Day of Special Prayer for the Church and a collection will be taken for the Lay Training Fund.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024**

The candidate children learned about reconciliation and forgiveness at our last session and are doing well in their preparations to receive the Sacraments on Saturday 8 June. The next session will be on Monday 20 May from 5.00pm until 6.15pm at Immaculate Heart Church. Please email any queries to the Catechist Team at [1holycommunionolss@gmail.com](mailto:1holycommunionolss@gmail.com).

**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 very much for all the books and wine! Many people have been very generous! We still need empty screw top wine bottles for our water and wine stall and of course bakes for our cake stall. Because most of the car park at Immaculate Heart Church will be taken up with stalls, Sainsbury's in Monkseaton have kindly said we can use the far end, near the cash machines and the edges of their car park on the day. Those who really can't walk very far can still park at church.

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

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly. The next collection is Monday 20 May. The food bank is currently in need of long life milk, pot noodles & baby food -tins/packets/jars etc. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI: EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION & 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](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 2433301.

#### **WORKSHOP ON SYNODALITY — SATURDAY 8TH JUNE**

On Saturday 8th June, Ushaw will be holding a day workshop on what the Synod on Synodality means for us. There will be sessions on the current stage of the worldwide Synod, including an opportunity to look at some of the outputs of last October's General Assembly in Rome. The workshop will also look at some practical examples of synodality in our local parishes and church groups. The workshop costs £10. The day starts with welcome and refreshments at 10.30am, and will finish by 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, or you will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. You can book for the workshop on Ushaw's website at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/>. For those who are new to synodality and would like to find out more about what the Synod is, and why it is important for our local church, there will be an optional introductory session starting at 9.30am.

#### **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
<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 18th May <b>Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Maria Quinn (MQ) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm Audrey Jeffs (The Parish)
Sunday 19th May <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 20th May <b>MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 21st May	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Kitty Smith (The Parish)
Wednesday 22nd May	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Marian Dimascio (LD)
Thursday 23rd May <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Catherine Kimmit (JK)
Friday 24th May	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 25th May <b>ST BEDE THE VENERABLE Confessions</b> 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Allen Cruickshanks (LD) <b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 26th May <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH)
BAPTISM	CHURCH
Sunday 19th May, 11.30am	<b>ST EDWARDS</b> George William Gibbins
Sunday 26th May, 11.30am	<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b> Sofia Una Ruvino Luca Eduardo Ruvino
<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: Joe Hayes, Mgr. Philip Carroll, Dorothy Ashman, William Hurst & Alan Sproat. 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**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR B, 18TH & 19TH MAY, 2024**

**First Reading**

**Acts 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34**

***We say the Psalm together***

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches.
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

**Second Reading**

**Galatians 5:16-25**

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**John 15:26-27,16:12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: *All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.*'

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