

11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B, 15TH & 16TH JUNE, 2024

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 WRIGHT

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

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eric Brown of Eastbourne House, Whitley Bay, who died on 30 May aged 95 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm on 19 June at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

JOAN FALEY, RIP — THANKS & PRAYERS

My sisters and I are grateful for your prayers following the death of our Mother, Joan Faley, on 3 June. Her funeral will be celebrated at St Joseph's Care Home, Newcastle, at 11.00am on 25 June. Places are restricted in St Joseph's Chapel. The Requiem Mass will be live-streamed at: www.dejavuvideo.co.uk/joan. May she rest in peace. Amen. 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.

SECOND COLLECTION – SUNDAY 16 JUNE

This Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Human Life and a second collection will be taken.

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

You will find at the back of each church 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.

MASS OF CLOSURE — OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S

The closing Mass will be at 11.00am on Saturday 22 June followed by a buffet lunch at Immaculate Heart Church at 1.00pm. Sign-up forms for parishioners are now available. Former parishioners of Our Lady's and St Edmund's are also very welcome. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend by email: parishofficeolss@btconnect.com or on 0191 2527066. The closing Mass will be live streamed and the link is <http://www.dejavuvideo.co.uk/mass>.

OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S DISPLAY

A display of pictures of events, celebrations and some newspaper articles about Our Lady's & St Edmund's will be mounted at Immaculate Heart of Mary in time for the Closing Mass and Lunch on 22 June 2024. If you have any pictures which you think others would like to see they can be included. Please ensure your name and address is clearly written on the back of *each* original photo so they can be safely returned to you and they may be left in an envelope marked *Photos: Attention Gerry Latimer* and placed in the Office letter box in the narthex at IHM. I look forward to seeing them, Gerry Latimer.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Our thanks to the Catechists who prepared the children so well for their celebration of Reconciliation and Holy Communion last Saturday. Thanks also to Jim Humble for the music and to the servers who assisted at both Masses.

STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL PUPILS AT MASS

Children from Star of the Sea School, Year 1 will attend 9.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church on Wednesday 19 June. Other year groups will also be attending Mass until 10 July. We look forward to celebrating Mass with them.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk is on Wednesday 19 June. Meet at 9.30am at West Monkseaton metro station to travel to Percy Main metro station. From Percy Main we will walk south to the Tyne Pedestrian Tunnel and walk under the Tyne. The escalators are still not working therefore the lifts will have to be used. After leaving the tunnel we will walk to St. Paul's Church/Monastery. After departing the church we will walk east along the river to the ferry to cross over the Tyne then on to North Shields metro station for the return journey. For further information contact David Armstrong on 07982000853.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL FEAST — 19 JUNE 2024

You are warmly invited to join St Thomas More staff and students for Mass at Our Lady & St. Columba Church, Wallsend, to celebrate the life and work of our school community. The Mass will take place at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 19 June 2024, and will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet students and see how they are bringing about God's kingdom here on earth. The Mass will be followed with food and celebration - fun for the whole family... all are invited!

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Our Caretaker and Cleaner, Paul, is on annual leave from Thursday 20 to Friday 21 June. If there are any issues with supplies, please contact the Parish Office. The Parish Secretary will be on annual leave from Wednesday 26 June, returning to work on Wednesday 17 July. Michael O'Brien will be producing the bulletin for some of that time.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next luncheon club is on Thursday 27 June at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton at the usual time of 12.00pm. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984963769 or Deirdre on 07963570901.

GENERAL ELECTION POLLING DAY — THURSDAY 4 JULY

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is a polling station for the General Election to be held on Thursday 4 July. We already have a volunteer to open up the church, we're just looking for a night-owl to close up around 10.00pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS 2024

Preparation for students in Year 9 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 STAR OF THE SEA — FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly. The food bank is currently in need of soup, meatballs, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, toothpaste/toothbrush. Thank you.

ORDINATION DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Rev Joseph O'Brien, of our Parish, will be ordained priest at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on 20 July. He will celebrate his first Mass at 10.00am at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, on Sunday 21 July. Further details to follow.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOX APPEAL

The Summer edition of Mission Today is available in both churches. Supporters wishing to make donations for the June quarter can contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St. Edward's) on 07889 969639. Thank you to all who donated for the March quarter.

BISHOP'S HOUSE NEW ADDRESS

From 17 June, Bishop Stephen Wright's address will be: Bishop's House, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, Newcastle, NE12 8AD. The telephone number and email addresses for the Bishop's PA and the Chancellor stay the same.

OTHER NOTICES

REFUGEE WEEK: OUR HOME — TUESDAY 18 JUNE

An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese will be held at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle on Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm. The event will celebrate the richness of our diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here. During the event Bishop Stephen will receive a Lampedusa Cross which will be housed in the cathedral as a sign of welcome.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND — SATURDAY 29 JUNE

YMT look forward to welcoming you to the Significance Festival Weekend this June. On Saturday 29 June, from 10am onwards there will be a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. We welcome everyone to gather for Mass for the Feast of St Peter and Paul at 3.15pm, with Bishop Stephen, followed by a BBQ and Ceilidh in the evening. All are welcome. For additional details please email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR — SUMMER FAYRE

At St. Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road on Saturday 29 June 1.00pm - 4.00pm. Variety of stalls! Come along and join in the fun!

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

Monsignor Andrew Faley	stedwardsne26@btconnect.com	0191 2528021
Star of the Sea Primary School	starofthesea.primary@ntl.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 15th June Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Peter & Albertina Arrighi (LD) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Brian Hymers (AH)
Sunday 16th June 11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 17th June	No Mass
Tuesday 18th June	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Elaine Dynes (AA)
Wednesday 19th June	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Eddie Meenaghan (AA) 2.00pm Requiem Mass Eric Brown
Thursday 20th June	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Private Intention (PJC)
Friday 21st June	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion
Saturday 22nd June SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE MM Confessions 5.30pm Immaculate Heart	OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S CHURCH 11.00am Mass of Closure IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Peter & Paul Whalen (PW)
Sunday 23rd June 12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday 15 June, 11.00am	Eric Xavier Miotto Gouveia

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift, Elizabeth (Betty) Harrison, Monica Ramsay, Mary Storey, Ken & Dora Percival and Jean Conlon who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Alan Sproat, Eric Brown, Joan Faley & Teresa Murray. 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.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,
(At these words, all bow)
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on
the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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
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First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

We say the Psalm together

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.
2. The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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