



## **OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI**

### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

#### **MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & LENTEN SERVICES**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 – 11.30am	Imm Heart Church	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip's	Private Intention (CS)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Dixon Family (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Johnny Campbell (Dec)
	4.00pm	Imm Heart Weekday Chapel	Lenten Reflection Hour
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Comm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Immaculate Heart	Corrigan and Rossi Families (Dec)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Julie-Ann Stobo (ill)
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Stations of the Cross
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Edna Murray (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)

##### **Family Fast Day**

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Mary's	Teresa & Peter Brown (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
	7.00pm	St Philip's	Stations of the Cross

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 11.30am	Imm Heart Church	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip's	George Manning (Dec)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	John Desmond Burrell
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Nan Kerr (Birthday)
	4.00pm	Imm Heart Weekday Chapel	Lenten Reflection Hour

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** 'Confessions' are available in the parishes on Saturdays St Philip's Church 4.45pm – 5.15pm, Tuesdays Immaculate Heart Church 6.30pm – 7.00pm and St Mary's Church Fridays 9.30am – 10.00am. Also, during Lent Saturdays 10.30am – 11.30am in Immaculate Heart Church.

**SICK AND IN NEED OF PRAYER** Please pray for Marjorie Gray, Ken Poppleton, James Roach, David Roach, Luke Roach, Michael Bell, Winifred Easton, Paul Leonard, Kathleen Bruce, Emily Keane, Fr John Campbell (ex-parishioner of St. Philips), Bernadette Kebell, Christine Taylor, Mary King, Vincent Wallace, Sheila Rickerby, Doreen & Alan Crame, Pauline Mulholland and Pat Edwards.

#### ***FORTHCOMING EVENTS...***

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Philip William Young who will be baptised this Sunday at Immaculate Heart Church. May God bring to fulfilment the work He has begun in him.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** Storms, droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on our poorest brothers and sisters around the world right now. CAFOD works with local expert organisations to ensure affected people are not only able to survive, but to thrive. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week, and don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day! There is good news: the UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent to the value of £3.5 million. Please give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that long-term, deep-rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life.

**MINSTERACRES RETREAT CENTRE – LIAM LAWTON** Composer Liam Lawton reflects on Lent, Holy Week and the Easter season in a workshop for parish choirs on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-4.30pm, at Minsteracres Retreat Centre, near Consett, Co Durham DH8 9RT. Cost £25. For information and bookings visit [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org), or call 01434 673248.

**TRADCRAFT 'FAIR NECESSITIES' APPEAL** This Fairtrade Fortnight, please support Traidcraft's 'Fair Necessities' appeal which is helping smallholder farmers in developing countries to learn skills to earn enough to buy basic things that we take for granted. If you donate to this work before end of March, the UK government will match your donation £ for £. Support fair trade and double your contribution! Visit <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/donate-now>

**VISIT OF CARDINAL TAGLE – ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** Prominent during Pope Francis' tour of the Philippines, where he gathered a record crowd of over 6 million people for the celebration of Mass, was the Archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, and we are fortunate that he will be visiting St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. He will celebrate the 12:05pm Mass (which will be sung) and will speak at an Evening Celebration at 7.00pm. Cardinal Tagle is an inspiring communicator and is well respected for his involvement in many social issues and his work among the poor. Everyone is welcome.

**BISHOP DUNN MEMORIAL LECTURE 2015** The Centre for Catholic Studies is hosting the Bishop Dunn Memorial lecture and reception on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Ushaw College, Durham. Between 6:00am – 7:15pm. To book tickets, please contact 'Durham University Centre for Catholic Studies' to Theresa Phillips, Department of Theology and Religion, Abbey House, Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RS.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION...**

**LENTEN ALMS 2015** For almost 70 years, St Cuthbert's Care has offered services to help care for some of the most vulnerable and disenfranchised members of our communities. Their work focuses upon the provision of specialist disability services, residential homes for children and young people with challenging behaviours, fostering, nursing and residential care for older people and a number of day resources and community support. The parish Lenten Alms collection will remain open from February 18th - March 29th.

**ST PHILIP NERI SVP CONFERENCE** If you know of anyone, a friend, relative or neighbour who maybe housebound or lonely and would like a visit from the SVP please contact any of the members on the list, which is on the notice board in the porch. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** Peter and Teresa Brown would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits and good wishes during Peter's recent illness. God Bless.

**THANK YOU** (Jenny Wilkinson – deceased) Jennifer, Dennis and their family would like to thank all for their kind words, thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Holy Mass can be celebrated for many reasons – the death of a loved one, for someone who is sick, an anniversary, a birthday or in thanksgiving for a favour received from God. Please write clearly your Intention for a Mass on an envelope with an offering inside together with the name of the church that you would like it celebrated. If you have a date in mind for the Holy Mass, please indicate this and every effort will be made to accommodate this request. Giving early notice as soon as possible would be a great help.

**ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN** If you would like a notice put in the bulletin, please have them in by Wednesday evening at the latest. Either email to [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or post through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery.