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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Whickham
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston

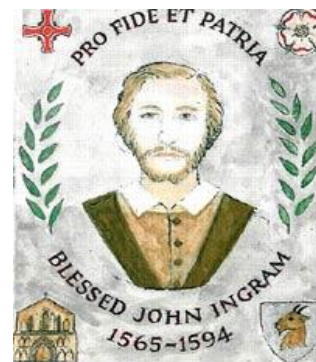
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Friday between 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 2pm by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.

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- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found via the Diocesan website www.diocesehn.org.uk and on the following website: www.churchservices.tv
- As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the pandemic. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740

Please note there are no public weekday Masses this week

Saturday 26 March	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Margaret and Christopher Daunt (dec.)
Sunday 27 March	9.00am	St Mary	Phyllis Cunningham (ann.)
Fourth Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 28 March			
Tuesday 29 March			Deceased of the Rossi Family (dec.)
Wednesday 30 March			In Thanksgiving (AC)
Thursday 31 March			
Friday 1 April	6.30pm	St Mary	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 2 April	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 April	9.00am	St Mary	Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (ann.)
Fifth Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mary Parker (dec.)

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm
- **Stations of the Cross** 6.30pm on Friday 1 April at St Mary's
- **Readings at Mass during the week: Season of Lent, Week 4**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Raymond Deponio, Julia Gill, Barney Hayes, Clare Jolly-Lingard, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, Kath Lee, John Leitch, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Freya and Neave Ruddick, Barbara Stephenson, Simon Turnbull.

If you or any members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly, tel. 0191 445 2072 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).

Current Diocesan COVID Controls

Until further notice, arrangements for our three churches will be as follows:

- If you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 you should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person
- Stewards will continue for the time being
- Hand sanitiser will continue to be offered as you enter and leave church
- Face coverings are recommended whilst in church
- Social distancing of 1 metre (minimum) between households/bubbles is recommended
- The test, track & trace system is no longer in operation and there is no need to sign in when coming to church
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one kind
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession - see times on the front page of the Newsletter

For the most recent guidance published by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) and the Government, please follow the link below:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship/>

If you would like to join our group of dedicated volunteer stewards, please contact Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th April in Immaculate Heart Church at 1.30pm. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting (the patterns are easy, and wool can be provided) or if you are interested in what we hope to do with this ministry, please come along. All are welcome! For further information, please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

RED MISSION BOXES are due to be emptied in all three churches. Money taken to church can be given to Denise Hebron (St Philip Neri), Lilian Gray (Immaculate Heart) or Kathleen Cunningham (St Marys). If you wish to donate directly you can do this on the *Missio* Website <https://missio.org.uk/donate> or by cheque made payable to *Missio-Mill Hill* and sent to: Red Box, Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU.

UKRAINE APPEAL If you would like to donate to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal), please use a **CAFOD envelope and mark it 'Ukraine Appeal'** or you can visit and donate at www.cafod.org.uk/Ukraine. If you wish, you can also Gift Aid your donation. Information on how we can support the Ukrainian people and especially those fleeing the conflict can be found on the Caritas page of the Diocesan website - <https://diocesehn.org.uk/services/caritas/-news>
Bishop Robert's message published on 20 March to the Parishes of the Diocese concerning Ukraine can also be viewed at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/services/caritas/-news>

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE Please note if you're not able to or would rather not shop for the Food Bank we're happy to accept a cash donation to shop on your behalf. Every week we follow the Trussell Trust guidance for the items we provide, please click on the link for more details - <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-parcel/>

Items we need & use - please and thank you: tinned meat (corned beef, pek, spam), fruit, custard, rice pudding, tomatoes, all vegetables, potatoes & tuna, biscuits, antiperspirant, pasta sauce, coffee, squash, tomato purée, cooking oil, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, kitchen roll.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: UHT milk, cereal, long grain rice, pasta, sweets, laundry powder/gel, tinned hotdogs, meatballs, jam, tea, sugar, feminine hygiene, toothpaste & all other non-perishable items.

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am-10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off then if they wish - please come in to say 'Hello' and see what we're up to.

Any queries please contact Katie Wilkinson, 1 Mayfield, Whickham either via mobile 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year are now available at the back of each church. If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving or standing order and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274. If you have access to internet banking, you can, if you wish, set up a new standing order online for your regular contributions. The details required to do this are as follows:

Payee: DHN Gateshead: Our Lady and St Philip Neri

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 21167936

Reference: insert your own name

Commencing: e.g. 6th of each month

Frequency: each week, month, quarterly or annually.

PPC AGENDA AND MINUTES of the meeting held in January are available to read at the back of each church.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced a booklet of Lenten reflections (parts 1 & 2) which can be found on the Diocesan website - <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/-seasonal>.

EMMAUS CONFIRMATIONS The Enrolment Mass for candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 7pm on Tuesday 29 March at St Joseph's Church, Blydon. Candidates, parents and sponsors are invited to attend (N.B. no booking required). Please be reminded the Emmaus Retreat (planned for 26-27 March) has been postponed. Further details of the re-arranged date will be announced in due course.

MEMORIAL TREE AT ST MARY'S An enormous thank you to the staff and children from our two primary schools who performed the planting of the tree in memory of all who have died during the pandemic and for sharing their prayers and thoughts with us. The children also placed a time capsule close by the tree containing recollections of their experiences of the pandemic plus prayers and memorable times they had shared. Thank you Fr Peter for blessing the tree and for the prayers of dedication. A big thank you to all who gave their time to make the afternoon very special and a huge thank you to the valiant walled garden volunteers who prepared the ground for the planting. The walled garden is looking gorgeous as it begins its spring time journey. The garden is a beautiful place of peace and tranquillity please enjoy visiting this calming little haven.



OUTREACH HOUSING GATESHEAD has recently provided a home in Bensham for new refugees who have recently received the right to remain in the UK. This is in partnership with Green Pastures (www.greenpastures.net) which is a national Christian charity that seeks to end homelessness. If you would like to donate to support this diocesan project, there are a number of options:

- **One-off Bank Transfer to 'DHN Outreach Housing Gateshead'**
Sort Code **40-34-18** Account Number **54630076**
- **Regular donation by Standing Order (Bank details as above)**

If you want to Gift Aid either of the above options, please contact Anne Porter for a form:
anne@outreachhousing.co.uk or 07963 304364

- **Donation via the Diocesan website, please click [here](#) or use the Donate Button at the top of the Diocesan website homepage www.diocesehn.org.uk and then searching for 'Outreach' or 'Housing'.**
- **Cash donation: please place in an envelope marked 'Outreach Housing' and leave at the back of church or in the presbytery letter-box at Immaculate Heart. If you wish your donation to be Gift Aided, then please use a green Gift Aid envelope which you can find at the back of church and mark the envelope 'Outreach Housing'.**

For further information, please contact Mary Hughes: mary@outreachhousing.co.uk or tel. 07962 126304. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN SPEAK is an international forum for dialogue and awareness-raising around issues to do with women in the Catholic Church and is inviting Catholic women to take part in a survey that will form part of a submission to the Synodal process. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is available in six languages, with further information available here:
<https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey>

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER If you have any items for the newsletter, please either email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 12 noon on Thursday 31 March**. Thank you.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

A stream begins with a trickle.
As it emerges from a high waterfall it gathers pace and widens its flow as it glides forth.
It is free to wander bringing growth, life, development and beauty along its path.
This force of nature and wonder can lose its freedom of movement by debris, choking its strength and natural flow, its freedom to flourish.
Our freedom to flourish can be halted replaced by fear and uncertainty.
Without the freedom to use our talent and skills to be who we could become we too could be caught, shackled, by the debris of unknown hands.
Freedom to choose is a sacred gift to garner and cherish.
Help us to celebrate and recognise the very small and seeming unimportant yet necessary decisions we have the free choice to make.
Guide all who make decisions which affect the lives of others to use the gifts they have been given to act in the name of justice peace and love and enable all peoples to live within freedom's gentle mantle of hope.

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Lent and Easter Services in Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at 6.30pm on the following Fridays during Lent:

Friday 1 April at St Mary's
Friday 8 April at St Philip Neri

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 14 April

6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Philip Neri

Good Friday 15 April (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Immaculate Heart

Holy Saturday 16 April

6.30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 17 April

10.00am Mass of Easter Morning at Immaculate Heart

First Reading*Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 33:2-7. R/v.9*

R/ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me.
from all my terror he set me free.
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Second Reading*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Luke 15:18*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

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Gospel*Luke 15:1-3. 11-32*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son: treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "You brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and he refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.