



**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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'Thy wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see;  
 Yet Thee confess my Lord and God to be;  
 Make me believe Thee ever more and  
 more; In Thee my hope, in Thee my love to  
 store.' From 'Adoro Te devote' by St Thomas  
 Aquinas (1225-1274), transl. Edward Caswall

**7 April 2024**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Year B**

*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday 10am - 4pm & Friday 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm and Friday 10am - 2pm by email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205. Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL*

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 6 - 14 April 2024**

<b>Saturday 6 April</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Expectant Families & Unborn Babies
<b>Sunday 7 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Kathleen Cunningham (dec.)
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>			
Monday 8 April <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Kathleen Cunningham (dec.)
Tuesday 9 April	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Ella & Jim Leighton (ann.)
Wednesday 10 April	<u>10.45am</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>	Requiem Mass - Barney Hayes RIP
Thursday 11 April <i>St Stanislaus</i>	N.B.	<i>No Mass today</i>	
Friday 12 April			
<b>Saturday 13 April</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Private Intention (DH)
<b>Sunday 14 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Margaret Ord (dec.)

**Weekday Readings**  
*Second Week of Eastertide*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
*5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
*9.00am - 9.20am on Monday at St Mary's & Tuesday at Immaculate Heart*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Doreen Campbell, Barney Hayes and Mary (Marie) Hogg (formerly of Whickham) who have died recently. Barney Hayes will be received into Immaculate Heart Church at 4.30pm on Tuesday 9 April and the Requiem Mass for Barney will be at 10.45am on Wednesday 10 April at Immaculate Heart Church followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Mary (Marie) Hogg will be at St Mary's RC Church, Old Bongate, Jedburgh TD8 6DZ at 11.00am on Monday 15 April. The Requiem Mass for Doreen Campbell will be at 10.45am on Thursday 18 April at Immaculate Heart Church followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, Veronica Hayes, John Jukes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Frank McCoy, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Nora Miller, Pauline Mulholland, Margaret Murphy, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Tony Richardson.

*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: Revd Paul Nichol). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903)*

**“SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL”**

The Northern Brethren Fund (NBF) annual collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese will be taken this weekend 6 and 7 April 2023, and the Fund will remain open until Sunday 28 April for anyone who may wish to make further or individual donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese so well over many years. Recent years have been very difficult and income has dropped significantly. If you could give a suggested minimum of £5 or £10 per person and, if possible, Gift Aid your donation and/or set up a Standing Order for regular contributions using the forms available, this would be much appreciated. Information about legacies, the setting up of regular standing orders or other NBF financial issues can be discussed with the NBF Treasurer Fr Ian Jackson tel. 0191 586 4319, email [blackhall.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:blackhall.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk) or Fr Peter Stott tel. 01670 513410, email [peter.stott@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:peter.stott@diocesehn.org.uk)

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** for the new Financial Year April 2024 - March 2025 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 make arrangement to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or tel. 0191 460 4274. If you have access to internet banking, you can, if you wish, set up a standing order online to make your regular parish contributions. The details required for you 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: day/month/year*

*Frequency: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually.*

**EASTER WALK WITH ME** booklets giving a daily reflection for each day during Eastertide are now available, price £1.

**GIFT FOR LIFE ‘100 CLUB’ DRAW** Our April *Gift for Life* ‘100 Club’ draw takes place after Mass this Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> April) at Immaculate Heart. Come along for refreshments, good conversation and see the draw take place. It could be you! Many thanks for all your support.

**GIFT FOR LIFE - Making an even bigger difference** Thank you to everyone for your on-going support for *Gift for Life*. Your generosity means that during the coming financial year we are able to continue our commitment to provide £3,600 each to The Little Sisters of St Francis in Kenya and Bamma Satram in India as well as £50 per month to the Justice and Peace Refugee Project here in our own Diocese. The even better news is that, due to the success of the ‘100 Club’, we are now in a position to offer one or two small grants (maximum of £500) to organisations and projects that meet certain criteria and support the most vulnerable and desperate in society. Any applications for these grants will need a proposer from within our parish community. For full details and an application form please contact [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com). Thank you again, your contributions are making a huge difference.

**PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE** N.B. We are short of most produce - even if you can only bring along 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

**FOOD ITEMS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY:** UHT milk, gravy granules, tomato purée, squash, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, pasta sauce, cooking oil, tinned fruit, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), chopped tomatoes, tuna, antiperspirant.

**OTHER priority items:** breakfast cereal, dried pasta, tinned meatballs, hotdogs, custard, rice pudding, baked beans, soup, potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, long grained rice, crisps, jam, teabags, coffee, sugar, biscuits, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), shampoo, toilet rolls, toothpaste.

*Other items we put into the monthly food bags, especially for the Refugee Project:* tinned chickpeas & kidney beans.

Every Thursday, volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop off donations 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](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** April edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend’s Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 11 April.**

**Jen’s Weekly Prayer**

Wearied by our journeys, we do not always look out or up to gaze upon the varied landscapes around us.

When we are weary, it is easy to blot out the natural beauty around us, from the smallest flower to blossoming tree, burdens can dim our view.  
Yet, You whose journey was hard, wait for us,  
Send us arms to hold us and give us strength.

Help all who are victims  
find the courage to walk new paths,  
for some the variations may not be too difficult,  
for others where sacrifices, suffering, lack of shelter  
or a safe place to rest is increasingly familiar,  
You may be invisible yet Your strength is present.  
Grant that all who are in danger find safety,  
those who hunger and thirst are given food and drink  
and a safe place to rest.

May we entreat you that peace replaces devastation,  
destruction, violence and fear, and the seeds of hope  
light the path of love, to restore healing and calmness.

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**First Reading***Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24*

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.'
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

**Second Reading***1 John 5:1-6*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 20:29*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading***John 20:19-31*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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