



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. *Bianco da Siena (c. 1350 - 1399), tr. Richard Littledale, 1867*

19 May 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday & Friday 10am - 4pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday & Friday 10am - 4pm & Thursday 1.30pm - 5.30pm by email 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 18 - 26 May 2024

Saturday 18 May	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 May	9.00am	St Mary	Bernard & Anne McKenna (ann.)
Pentecost Sunday	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)
Monday 20 May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>			
Tuesday 21 May	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Aitken and Manuel Families
Wednesday 22 May	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Private Intention (AS)
Thursday 23 May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, High Priest</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Eddie Kelly (dec.)
Friday 24 May			
Saturday 25 May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 May	9.00am	St Mary	Christine Nealon (ann.)
The Most Holy Trinity	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Gerty Watson (dec.)

Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 8 Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am On Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

Prayerful congratulations to Hal Dryden who is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 10.30am Mass this Sunday

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, 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).

DIOCESAN VISION - A 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 of 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 available to view on the diocesan website (<https://diocesahn.org.uk/news/diocesan-vision-what-is-the-lord-calling-us-to-be-and-do/>)

With assurances and prayers

+ Stephen

We entrust the future of our diocesan family to our patron, Blessed Lady Immaculate, pray for us.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 2023 - 2024 We have recently completed the first draft of the parish accounts for the Financial Year April 2023 - March 2024 and it reveals that funds have increased slightly by £4,089 to give a closing surplus of £262,919. This compares favourably to the deficit of £33,927 last year with the main reason for the improvement being a fall in repairs spend from £65,032 to only £16,426.

Offertory collections during the year April 2023 - March 2024 of £57,446 are a 3.3% increase on the previous year while we are also reporting two years of Gift Aid Claims at £17,589 to bring us right up to date. We have historically just reported the claim actually received in the year but this always related to the year prior. Consequently, we have included £11,182 for Gift Aid money yet to be claimed from HMRC for the year April 2023 - March 2024. This is in line with Diocesan guidelines. Rental income from St Mary's Presbytery and Hall, Whickham and Dockendale Cottage, Whickham totalled £23,663 while fundraising, donations and votive candles contributed a further £11,228. Mass stipends and stole fees income (i.e. for funerals, weddings) was £7,683. Expenditure is spread over a number of categories including utilities (£23,242), staff wages (£18,068), clergy costs (£16,125), diocesan levy (£10,716), repairs (£16,426), insurance premiums (£8,005), gardening services (£3,990), Joe's Place Donation (£1,494), Anniversary celebration expenses (£1,177), council tax (£1,749) and various church requisites and parish office costs (£12,528). As a separate item, the parish continues to hold monies on behalf of Gift for Life, Foodbank and special collections which total £14,338 at the end of March.

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing generosity in the form of Offertory Collections and donations as we seek to keep our parish in as healthy a financial position as possible in support of its duty of maintenance and mission.

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 SHORT SUPPLY: UHT milk, long grained rice, dried pasta, tinned rice pudding, sweetcorn, baked beans, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), biscuits, toilet rolls.

OTHER priority items: pasta sauce, tomato purée gravy granules, cooking oil, squash, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, cereal, tinned hotdogs, meatballs, potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, custard, tuna, soup, fruit, crisps, , jam, chopped tomatoes, teabags, sugar, coffee, spray cleaner, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene - (towels & tampons), antiperspirant, shampoo, shower gel, 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

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL - SUNDAY 30 JUNE The *Gift for Life* Summer Social takes place at 2pm on Sunday 30th June at St Mary's Hall (and, weather permitting, the Walled Garden.) The planning team is looking for a few more helpers to make the event a big success. Also, if you wish to donate a raffle prize or plants, make/buy cakes we would love to hear from you at giftforlife20@gmail.com More details to follow - but think tea, cakes, scones, crafts, stalls, raffle, games for the kids, quizzes and a chance to catch up on the gossip! There will be something for all ages and it's a great way to build up our parish community. What's more, it's all in aid of *Gift for Life* so you'll be making a difference there too. Sign-up sheets and boxes for raffle prizes will be available at the back of each church in the near future. Thank you!

RED BOX 2023 In 2023 Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish raised £3577.97 through our Red Boxes and donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries (www.missio.org.uk). Thank You!

Our missionary community here at Our Lady and St Philip Neri is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more.

FAITH EVENTS AT USHAW

Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament On Sunday 2 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/> or on the sheet at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers - this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

Workshop on Synodality On Saturday 8 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.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND - 29 JUNE 2024

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team (YMT) look forward to welcoming you to the Significance Festival Weekend this June, in particular for the main event on Saturday 29th June, from 10am onwards. There will be a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music, spread across the Emmaus Youth Village, which will be open for you to enjoy in the beautiful Derwent Valley! 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.

Individuals, families, and parish groups are all welcome. For additional details and to book, please email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org. Single or shared accommodation and camping areas are available to book (all self-catered), for Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets for the Saturday evening BBQ are £10 each.

Entry on Saturday for the speakers, fayre, Mass, and ceilidh is FREE (additional charges apply for accommodation, camping and the BBQ) - but we hope this day will be welcoming, fun and affordable for all the family and individuals of all ages!

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

DIOCESAN 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 for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**FAREWELL TO JULIE HINDMARSH - Fr Peter writes:

You will see from the Parish Secretary vacancy advertised above that we need a new Parish Secretary for Our Lady and St Philip Neri. This follows Julie's recent successful appointment as full time Administrator for the City Centre Parishes based at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. We offer Julie many congratulations on her new appointment, assuring her of our prayers and wishing her every success as she takes on this new role beginning on 28 May. For my part, I should like to sincerely thank Julie for her seven years with us here and to acknowledge her dedication and much valued support for our parish and indeed for me as parish priest. Au revoir!

TRUSTEE VACANCY WITH MARRIAGE CARE Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 23 May.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Each day, each night, we are provided with a unique masterpiece from our natural world. The sentinels of the night decorate the skyline with their lace like branches of intricate beauty against an increasing violet colouring of the evening sky; another example of the master's work as the light changes from fading blue to deepening purple. Clear and awesome, ever changing, always soothing and comforting like a loved one's sheltering arm or the sweet sound of a parent's lullaby to a young child. Love the gift which is constant and forgiving, able to accept where we each are at any point on our continuum. Just as each sky is there each day, how it is coloured will be changed even if only subtly, for each day is a new page, a new beginning. Grant that we recognise these new opportunities to begin again to walk in your love and bring light and hope to all who share our journey and ask that all peoples may have the blessings and opportunity to live in love, light and peace.

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First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles 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***Psalms 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R/cf. v.30*

*Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.*

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*I Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**SEQUENCE**

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial
height
Thy pure beaming radiance
give.

Come, thou Father of the
poor,
Come with treasures which
endure;
Come, thou light of all that
live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful
guest,
Dost refreshing peace
bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort
sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the
heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of
thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength
renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and
will;
Melt the frozen, warm the
chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts
descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

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 20:19-23*

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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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