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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

16 June 2024

Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Christine Byrne, will be available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery on Tuesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 15 - 23 June 2024

Saturday 15 June	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 June	9.00am	St Mary	Matty Dillon (dec.)
Eleventh Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Doreen Campbell (dec)
Monday 17 June			
Tuesday 18 June	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Wednesday 19 June	9.30am	St Philip Neri	NBF
Thursday 20 June <i>St Alban</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Turnbull Family (living & dec.)
Friday 21 June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>			
Saturday 22 June <i>SS John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Veronica & Barney Hayes (dec.)
Sunday 23 June	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Twelfth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Bernard Hearne (dec.)

Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 11 Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Hilda Arnold who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Hilda will be celebrated on Thursday 27th June at 10:45am in St Mary's Church, Whickham followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR HUMAN LIFE - SUNDAY 16 JUNE

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured and respected from conception to natural death. The theme for this year's Day for Life is *The Lord is my Shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives.

A retiring collection will be taken at Masses this weekend 15/16 June weekend to support the pro-life work of the Church in England and Wales. For further information and resources for Day for Life, please visit the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website www.dayforlife.org

NEW LECTIONARY FOR MASS AND NEW PEOPLE'S MISSALS

On the first Sunday of Advent 1 December 2024, The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture Readings for Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations, which began with the Roman Missal in 2011.

The new Lectionary will use both the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the Psalms. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. Each parish will need to purchase a new Lectionary, which is divided into four volumes, for each church. This four volume Ambo (Lectern) Edition of the Lectionary costs £695 and will be available in October.

Donor Bookplates - Each Lectionary comes with four insertable bookplates, one for each volume, which can be inscribed with the names of those who may wish to sponsor a volume. Anyone wishing to sponsor a volume may do so at a cost of £174 per volume. There is also a **Book of the Gospels** available to buy, which will complete the set at a cost of £275. Parishioners are invited to consider donating towards this unavoidable cost. **Please contact the Parish Office by next Sunday 23 June if you would like to sponsor a volume. Thank you.**

People's Missal - As part of this overall update of Liturgical Resources, there will also be **People's Sunday Missals** available for you to buy. Copies of this Sunday Missal are priced at £9.95 (paperback), £19.95 (hardback), £29.95 (bonded leather hardback) and will be available from October 2024. The People's Daily Missal (for Weekday Readings) will be available from April 2025. To view these resources please visit www.newlectionary.org or view the brochure available at each church entrance. Advanced orders of these Missals may be made through the Parish (including a discount of 10% if ordered by the end of June). **If you would like to order a People's Sunday Missal, please sign up on the lists at the back of each church by next Sunday 23 June.**

Payment - If you wish to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to *Our Lady and St Philip Neri*

If you wish to pay by bank transfer, the details you will need are:

Payee: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Philip Neri

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 21167936

Reference: *Lectionary or People's Missal*

GIFT FOR LIFE EVENTS

Gift for Life Summer Social - Raffle tickets now on sale

The *Gift for Life* Summer Social takes place from 2pm on Sunday 30 June at St Mary's Hall (and, weather permitting, the Walled Garden.) Raffle tickets are on sale from this weekend with a first prize of a £50 Amazon Voucher along with many other great prizes. More bottles and raffle prizes would be very welcome and if you wish to donate plants or make/buy cakes we would love to hear from you at giftforlife20@gmail.com. The event is a great way to build up our parish community while raising funds for our *Gift for Life* causes. There will be something for all ages - expect tea, cakes, scones, crafts, stalls, raffle, games for the kids, quizzes and a chance to catch up on the gossip! The 'July' draw of the 100 Club will take place during the event with additional bonus prizes this time! Sign-up sheets (for catering purposes) and boxes for raffle prizes are available at the back of each church. Thank you for your very generous support.

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: tinned carrots, sweetcorn, garden peas, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), chopped tomatoes, hotdogs, custard, dried pasta, mayonnaise, shower gel squash, toilet rolls.

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, long grained rice, pasta sauce, tomato purée gravy granules, cooking oil, squash, tomato ketchup, cereal, tinned baked beans, meatballs, potatoes,, soup, rice pudding, coffee, teabags, sugar, biscuits, crisps, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), antiperspirant, shampoo, toothpaste.

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

HOLY ISLAND CHILDREN'S CAMP Holy Island Summer Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities and excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME SUMMER FAYRE on Saturday 29th June 2024, 1-4pm. All welcome-see poster at the entrance of Church.

REFUGEE WEEK EVENT AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - Our Home: "Stretch your tent curtains wide" (Isaiah 54: 2) - An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm. This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England.

We will have the opportunity to listen to people's stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends. We will hear what the Diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours. During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole Diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our Diocese. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration organised by the Vicariate for Caritas.

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!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 20 June.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Crossroads present us with choices.
For many the road they have to take
brings hardship and fear.

Where the end feels so distant, each step is hard.

Yet, filled with a courage from deep within,
a strength is found.

The jangling winds of change and uncertainty
are challenges, yet just as day follows night,
even when the day remains obscured by cloud and rain,
there remains just enough light to take one step at a time
in the knowledge that you never leave us.

Mists and violence, pain and suffering do cease,
for you are with us in the arms and signposts
along the way, if we have the courage
to look and allow you to lead us.

The journey may be long
but love is stronger than the toughest steel.
You are the love we need, the almost translucent light
which glows despite the mists,
is your help, guiding our path and leading us
to safety, shelter, hope and rest.

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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 91:2-3. 13-16. R/cf. v.2*

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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*II 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*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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