



"You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself."
cf. Matthew 22:37,38

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF
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Sunday 29 October 2017

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 28 October *SS Simon and Jude*

Vigil Mass 5.30pm St Philip Neri Irene Mulholland (ann.)

Sunday 29 October 9.30am St Mary Joe Welsh (dec.)

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year 11.00am Immaculate Heart Bob Payne (dec.)

Monday 30 October *Martyrs of Douai College* 9.15am Immaculate Heart *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

Tuesday 31 October N.B. *No Service today*

Wednesday 1 November 9.30am St Mary William and Margaret Crilly (ann.)

All Saints (Holyday of Obligation) 11.00am St Philip Neri People of the Parish

7.00pm Immaculate Heart Nancy and John Mulligan (ann.)

Thursday 2 November *All Souls* 9.30am St Mary The Faithful Departed

Friday 3 November 10.00am St Mary Bill Thoburn (dec.)

Saturday 4 November *St Charles Borromeo*

Vigil Mass 5.30pm St Philip Neri People of the Parish

Sunday 5 November 9.30am St Mary May Stephenson (dec.)

Thirty First Sunday of the Year 11.00am Immaculate Heart Michael Almond (dec.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.05pm – 5.20pm

Friday at St Mary 9.40am – 9.55am



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 9.30am at St Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Marjorie Gray, James Roach, David Roach, Luke Roach, Christine Taylor, Terry Gardner, Alan Crame, Pauline Mulholland, Sheila Rickerby, Susan Wall, Paul Leonard, Kathleen Bruce, Peter McLoughlin, Isaac Dawson, Ray Deponio, Astrid Muse (Gower), Ann Camozzi, Mary Melia, Lesley Gough, Susan Walker, Kai Thompson, Diana Bambrough, Monica Meaney, Mary Trevena, Tammie Blair, Winn Brooks, Mary Orr, Helen Bain, Don Kimber, Pat Shannon, Kathleen Buxton, Adrian Devlin, Liz McKenna, Fr Jim Doherty.

Please note that if you or 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.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND This weekend there will be a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Séamus and also a retiring collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund. The Fund will remain open for contributions until 26 November. Please note there are envelopes at the back of church for any donations you may wish to Gift Aid.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS is a Holyday of Obligation and will be celebrated this Wednesday 1 November (see Mass times on front page of newsletter). The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be on Thursday 2 November and Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am at St Mary's Church.

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (SMA) We have received a letter of thanks for the kindness and hospitality shown to Fr Rob Morland during his recent visit and for the generous financial response to his appeal.

SENIOR MOMENTS The next event will be this Wednesday 1 November at 11.30am at St Mary's Hall, Whickham. Come along and hear one of our very own parishioners, Tom Gleeson, talk about his varied and exciting career. Tom, labelled circa 1974 by the media as "Britain's Brainiest Bobby", has had a saga of triumphs and screw-ups, including the hunt for two serial killers. Tom's televised interviews with some of the country's most notorious criminals include "Mad" Frankie Fraser and members of the Kray gang and he has also been a featured guest on 'Woman's Hour.'

SERVICE OF LIGHT The annual Service of Light, to remember all who have died this year in the Gateshead hospitals, will be held at St Mary's Church, Whickham on Sunday 19 November 2017 at 3pm. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE This year's Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 25th November at 1.00pm in Immaculate Heart Church. Stalls will include Wheel of Fortune, Fancy Goods, Mystery Tombola, Cakes, Jewellery, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac etc. Donations of gifts for any of the stalls would be greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the back of each church for the Christmas Raffle, which will be drawn on the day of the Fayre. All monies raised will go to the upkeep of our three churches.

WISH TOKENS It's that time of year again, *The Chronicle* will be starting to print their wish tokens each day from 11 October through to January 2018 so can we ask you to help HCPT GROUP 41 again this year. Collection boxes will be placed at the back of church. Last year's effort was excellent so let's give it our best shot again this time. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PIETY STALL A selection of good quality Christmas cards, calendars and other Christmas piety items are now available to buy at the back of Immaculate Heart and St Philip Neri Churches.

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL Are you looking for a venue for a family occasion or want to run a class or event? St Mary's Hall is available for one off or weekly bookings between 9.30am and 2.30pm and after 6.30pm on weekdays and for daytime and evening use at weekends and during school holidays. We are also keen to increase Parish use from our three churches and charity events. Perhaps you can think of another club to complement the very popular *Senior Moments*. All ideas are welcome. Please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart, tel. 0191 460 4274, email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or contact Sue Sacco for more information, email sue.sacco@hotmail.com

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP RCIA GROUP for adults thinking about becoming a Catholic This annual course commenced on 3 October 7pm at St Patrick's RC Church, Felling. Seventeen people have now joined the group, beginning their journey in faith and exploring becoming a Catholic. It is a lovely lively group and they would like to extend a further invitation to others who have thought about becoming a Catholic but felt anxious about the question 'Will I be the only one?' The group is being led by Deacon Tom Rooke and it isn't too late to join, so please don't think you've 'missed the boat.' If you're interested, please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

THE PIVOTAL PLAYER A series of talks by Bishop Robert Barron reflecting on the life and work of some of the Church's most influential people is being shown on DVD at St Patrick's Parish Centre in Felling on a Monday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm. This will commence this Monday 30 October and admission is free. In these DVDs you will discover the places where St Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where Blessed John Henry Newman and G. K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival and through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's and to the Sistine Chapel.

ICON EXHIBITION To mark the opening of a new Centre (in the old Montessori School) in Sunderland there will be a display of some of the beautiful icons produced in workshops at Seaham Centre for Prayer and Mission in the last few years. Some are "written" by beginners, others by experienced iconographers – all amateurs. Come and learn about the process and the spirituality behind icons - you will be pleasantly surprised! Venue: Tunstall Road, Sunderland SR2 7JR. For parking, use the electronic gate below the main entrance of Oak Lea Convent. Dates: daily until 31 October, 2-4pm, with a talk at 3pm, if suitable.

DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVERS MASS Bishop Séamus will celebrate the annual Diocesan Guild of St Stephen Altar Servers Mass next Saturday 4 November at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral. Servers are asked to wear an alb or cassock and cotta and the Guild medal. Parishioners and parents are most welcome to join in this celebration of dedicated service to the Altar. Any altar server wishing to attend please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

EVENTS AT MINSTERACRES *Seeds of hope in a dark world.* Hope can be hard to hold on to when so much that is happening in our world feels hopeless. Yet Jesus declares that he comes to bring life – life in all its fullness. During this retreat weekend we will reflect on some of the many seeds of hope waiting to be planted in our life's soil today. Where and how might we be part of that planting? How can we help fragile new growth to flourish? What fruits might it bear? Margaret Silf is a lay person who has been trained by the Jesuits in accompanying others in prayer. This retreat will take place from Friday 3 November at 7pm to Sunday 5 November at 2pm. For further information please contact

<http://www.minsteracres.org/retreats/seeds-of-hope-in-a-dark-world-margaret-silf>

Walking Retreat. Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through beautiful countryside around Minsteracres with time for prayer, reflection and sharing the beauty of creation. This retreat will take place on Saturday 11 November from 10am to 5pm. For further information please visit <http://www.minsteracres.org/retreats/walking-6-5>

Monastery of Our Lady of Holy Hope – Minsteracres. The new monastery offers the advantage of a room for one person to spend a day or a few hours in solitude and prayer with access to the monastic chapel. This is available from 9.30am to 5pm and booking is necessary. Coffee and tea are available and visitors are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Donations are accepted. For further information please contact Mother Monica Curran CP, Monastery of Our Lady of Holy Hope, Minsteracres, Consett, DH8 9RT, tel. 01434 673002, mobile 07544 282005, email srmonicacp@aol.com

CELEBRATE The Celebrate Conference will take place on Saturday 4 November 2017 from 9am to 8.30pm and Sunday 5 November from 9am to 3pm and will be held at St Joseph's Academy, Mill Lane, Hebburn, NE31 2ET. Speakers include Fr Dermott Donnelly, Founder of YMT, Chair of CYMFed, and Dean of the Cathedral in Newcastle and Drew Fava who is an internationally renowned speaker and teacher. Drew is a member of Cor et Lumen Christi community in Wigton, Cumbria. There are streams for young people and children of all ages led by experienced leaders running a programme of relevant and fun activities. The weekend also includes lively praise, daily Mass, time for adoration and an opportunity for Reconciliation and Prayer Ministry. There is a varied programme of workshops on both days. Families are particularly welcome but you are equally welcome whatever your age or circumstances. Booking is essential and it is recommended that you book early. The cost for adults is **£30.00**, young people (4-21 + Full time education) £10.00 and children (0 -3) FREE. All prices include an evening meal for the Saturday evening. For further information please visit www.celebrateconference.org where booking forms can be downloaded or email. northeast@celebrateconference.org

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS A Service for those who mourn the loss of a child is being held at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle next Sunday 5 November 2017 at 3pm. All are welcome.

'ON FIRE' CONFIRMATION RETREAT Booking is open for the Confirmation Retreat at the Youth Village which is to be held from 20 to 21 April 2018. For further information or to request a booking form please contact Mary.Hughes@ymt.org

ST HILDA'S DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE (West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY) is reaching out to any house bound people in the area or Partnership to form an adult colour club and/or a reading club to borrow, read and share. They are looking for bookcases, medium sized church/school benches, donations of the programme 'Catholic Alpha' on DVD, volunteers to ticket and sort books and welcome people who call in to use the facilities. St Hilda's facilities include *The Milburn Room* which holds old reference books which can be viewed by private appointment by anyone wishing to carry out any research. For further information, please contact Pat Kennedy on 0191 243 3313, email pat.kennedy@diocesehn.org.uk

USHAW would like to express their thanks to everyone for supporting the wonderful summer programme. The exhibitions in the chapel and beautifully restored museum are proving a great success adding even more interest for visitors. Canon Bob Spence is now permanent Chaplain and celebrates Mass every Friday at 12.30 pm which is open to everyone. Forthcoming events include Mass for Douai Martyrs 12.30pm on Monday 30 October, a Concert by Young Sinfonia Orchestra on Saturday 4 November at 3.30pm, Remembrance at Ushaw on Saturday 11 November at 4pm, Lanchester Brass Band on Saturday 11 November at 7.30pm and an Afternoon with the War Poets on Thursday 23 November at 2.00pm. Refreshments available Wednesdays to Saturdays to which all are welcome. For further information please visit the Ushaw website www.ushaw.org

JOB VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE 1) *Housekeeper*, All Saints, Lanchester, 7.5 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract (closing date for application is 30 October). 2) *Parish Secretary*, St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract (closing date for applications is 30 October). 3) *Youth Ministry Co-ordinator*, Partnerships of Brinkburn and Heavenfield, Northumberland, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract (closing date for applications is 6 November). 4) *Safeguarding Advisor*, Department for Safeguarding, 30 hours per week, permanent contract. Closing date: 10 November. 5) *Volunteering Opportunity – Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Commission*, the Chair is an independent, lay appointee with responsibility for ensuring the Commission's regulatory, advisory and scrutiny functions are carried out effectively in regard to matters relating to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. For further information on any of these posts and for details of how to apply, please visit the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk or tel. 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER If you would like a notice put in the next newsletter, please type or write the item with as much detail as possible (i.e. description of the event or notice, dates, times, venue, contact person, links to further information) and either email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 2 November at the latest**. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

First Reading*Exodus 22:20-26**If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will flare against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel, this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him". "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Ps. 17:2-4. 47. 51. R/ v.2**Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.*

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| <p>1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.</p> | <p>2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.</p> |
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Second Reading*I Thessalonians 1:5-10**You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***cf. Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading*Matthew 22:34-40*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greater commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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