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Mark 1:27

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF  
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ST MARY ▪ WHICKHAM ST PHILIP NERI ▪ DUNSTON

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**Sunday 28 January 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of the Year**

**Year B**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

**Saturday 27 January**

**Vigil Mass** 5.30pm St Philip Neri Michael Almond (dec.)

**Sunday 28 January** 9.30am St Mary People of the Parish

**Fourth Sunday of the Year** 11.00am Immaculate Heart Bob Payne (first ann.)

**Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice**

*Weekday Readings at Mass - Ordinary Time, Week 4, Year 2*

Monday 29 January 9.15am Immaculate Heart *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

Tuesday 30 January 6.30pm Immaculate Heart Gemma Graham (dec.)

Wednesday 31 January *St John Bosco* 10.00am St Philip Neri Priest's Intention

Thursday 1 February 10.00am St Mary Requiem Mass for Mary Theresa Webster

Friday 2 February 9.30am St Mary William Boyd (ann.) *St Mary's School attending*

*The Presentation of the Lord*

**Saturday 3 February**

**Vigil Mass** 5.30pm St Philip Neri People of the Parish

**Sunday 4 February** 9.30am St Mary Bill Mennell (dec.)

**Fifth Sunday of the Year** 11.00am Immaculate Heart Living members of the Carrick Family

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.05pm – 5.20pm Tuesday at immaculate Heart 6.10pm – 6.25pm



Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 9.30am at St Philip Neri

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Marjorie Gray, James Roach, David Roach, Luke Roach, Christine Taylor, Terry Gardner, Pauline Mulholland, Sheila Rickerby, Susan Wall, Paul Leonard, Kathleen Bruce, Peter McLoughlin, Isaac Dawson, Ray Deponio, Astrid Muse (Gower), Ann Camozzi, Lesley Gough, Susan Walker, Kai Thompson, Monica Meaney, Tammie Blair, Winn Brooks, Helen Bain, Kathleen Buxton, Liz McKenna, Fr Jim Doherty, Bernard Lyons, Mary Orr, Geoff Taylor, Gerard and Kathleen Cailey. **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. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly tel. 0191 445 2072.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please remember in your prayers Mary Theresa Webster, Fiona Elliott-Wood and Pamela Page who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Mary Theresa Webster will be at 10.00am at St Mary's Church on Thursday 1 February followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. The Funeral Service for Fiona Elliott-Wood will be at Mountsett Crematorium on Thursday 1 February at 2pm. The Funeral Service for Pamela Page will be at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 7 February at 1.15pm followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Kathleen Mary Johnson RIP** Kathy's family would like to thank Fr Peter for the beautiful Requiem Mass and Service for Kathy. Also a big thank you to all the friends and parishioners for their wonderful support at this sad time and for their generosity as just over £1000 was raised at the Mass for the Sir Bobby Robson Fund.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2018** The theme this year is "Belonging", emphasising that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers, and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes.

**THE NEW READERS ROTA** for Immaculate Heart Church is now available at the back of church. Please contact Maveen Pereira email: [maveenp@gmail.com](mailto:maveenp@gmail.com) if you would like to be a Reader.

**RED MISSION BOXES** at Immaculate Heart are now due to be emptied. Please could all monies be brought into Church by the end of January. Lilian Gray has now taken over the responsibility for co-ordinating the Red Mission boxes at Immaculate Heart from Dorothy Simmons. Thank you to Dorothy for all her work over the years and to Lilian for agreeing to take on this role.

**SENIOR MOMENTS** The next planning meeting for Senior Moments volunteers is Monday 29 January at 2pm at Immaculate Heart Church where we will be planning the menu and staffing for the Senior Moments Lunch on Wednesday 7 February at 11.30am.

**ADVENT ALMS 2017** We have received a letter of thanks from St Cuthbert's Care for the Advent Alms collections at our three churches. Your generosity will help to replenish the Hardship Fund and allow support to communities throughout the region to continue.

**QUIET TIME BEFORE MASS - *Just a reminder*** A bell will be rung a few minutes before the beginning of Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses to encourage us to observe a short period of quiet reflection and so better prepare ourselves for the great mystery we celebrate in the Eucharist.

**PROPOSAL TO FORMALLY AMALGAMATE OUR THREE PARISHES** In many respects, for over six years now, our three parishes have been worshipping and working together effectively as one parish e.g. one parish priest, one parish council, one finance committee, centralised administration, joint events. Within the context of the new Partnerships that have been established throughout the diocese, and with particular reference to our own Partnership (John Ingram), and following discussions at our parish council and finance committee meetings, it has been decided to begin the initial process to consider the formal amalgamation of our three parishes. This process, which is primarily intended to foster unity and community, will be undertaken with reference to new guidelines produced by the diocese.

**OPEN MEETING** An invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend an Open Meeting on Wednesday 7 February, 7.00pm at St Mary's Church Hall. At this meeting, there will be information about what 'amalgamation' means including an outline of the amalgamation process. The meeting will offer an opportunity for a question and answer session to help clarify any queries or concerns. Please come to this meeting – it is an opportunity for all parishioners be involved and included in this important decision.

Should you wish to have further information or to ask any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Katie Wilkinson, Parish Council Chair, on 07837 386760 or email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

**FAITH AND MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT** We have received in the parish office the diocesan programme for Adult Formation and Evangelisation for January to July 2018. The directory intends to communicate the opportunities that are available across the diocese for individuals and groups to grow. If you would like to view this booklet, which outlines the full programme of courses, we have a small number of these available in the parish office. Please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart for further information, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) Alternatively, for further information, you can visit the Diocesan Departments/Evangelisation and Formation pages of the diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or email [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk)

**THE SOURCE** brings together young people, Year 9 and above, for an evening of inspiring talks, praise and worship and socialisation and will be held on Wednesday 7 February at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle.

**SACRISTANS COURSE** This course will be held at St Bede's Church Hall, St John's Terrace, Jarrow, NE32 3LX on Tuesday 6 March from 10.00am to 3.00pm and will include Mass with Blessing of Sacristans at 12.15pm. Places are limited so it is advisable to book early. The course was attended last year by Christine Straughan, Denise Hebron and Katie Wilkinson from St Philip Neri Church who all found it very helpful and informative. If any of our existing sacristans or any potential new sacristans would be interested in going on the course, please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD STUDY DAY** This study day will cover the fundamentals of the Children's Liturgy of the Word and will be held at St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY on Saturday 3 February 2018 from 10.30am to 3.30pm with registration and refreshments from 10am. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. The cost is £5 per person and a booking form is displayed at the back of each church for anyone wishing to attend. For further information please contact the Department for Liturgy tel. 0191 243 3312, email. [liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk)

**EVENTS AT MINSTERACRES - *Walking Retreat*** Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres, with time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the beauty of creation. You will need suitable walking boots and warm, weatherproof clothing. Please bring a packed lunch. This walking retreat will take place on Wednesday 21 February 2018 from 10am to 5pm. The walk will be led by the Minsteracres team. There is a suggested donation of £10. For further information and to book please visit the Minsteracres website: <http://www.minsteracres.org/retreats/walking-retreat>

**2018 ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY** Do you have any spare time this new year? The Alzheimer's Society is currently looking to recruit volunteers, who would be willing to spend time with people with dementia and or their carers to offer companionship and provide support, enabling people to maintain hobbies and interests and inclusion in social events. The volunteers would be supported by the Befriending Manager. For further information or a copy of the full role description please tel. 0191 477 7490 or email [angela.todd@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:angela.todd@alzheimers.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies: 1) Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, Partnerships of Brinkburn and Heavenfield, Northumberland, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date for applications: 2 February. 2) Parish Secretary, Our Lady and St Columba, Wallsend, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications: 31 January. 3) Parish Secretary, St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications: 30 January. For further information and details, visit the website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or tel. 0191 243 3301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

**ITEMS FOR THE 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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 1 February at the latest**. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

**First Reading***Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9. R/v.9*

**Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hair the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low;  
let us knell before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

**Second Reading***I Corinthians 7:32-35*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways.

In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***cf. Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading***Mark 1:21-28*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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