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cf. Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

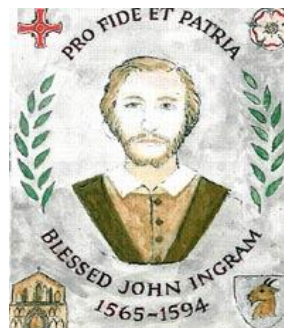
**NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF  
IMMACULATE HEART of MARY ▪ LOBLEY HILL  
ST MARY ▪ WHICKHAM ST PHILIP NERI ▪ DUNSTON**

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The John Ingram Partnership  
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**Sunday 25 February 2018**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Year B**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

**Saturday 24 February**

**Vigil Mass**

**5.30pm**

**St Philip Neri**

People of the Parish

**Sunday 25 February**

**9.30am**

**St Mary**

Elizabeth and Walter Jukes (dec.)

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**11.00am**

**Immaculate Heart**

The Bullock Family (living)

*Weekday Readings: Season of Lent, Week 2*

**Monday 26 February**

**9.15am**

**Immaculate Heart**

*Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

**Tuesday 27 February**

**11.30am**

**Immaculate Heart**

Requiem Mass for Louise Burns

**Wednesday 28 February**

**1.45pm**

**Immaculate Heart**

Requiem Mass for Doris Angus

**Thursday 1 March St David**

**9.30am**

**St Mary**

Kenny Richardson (dec.)

**Friday 2 March**

**10.00am**

**St Mary**

Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (dec.)

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

**6.30pm**

**St Philip Neri**

*Stations of the Cross*

**Saturday 3 March**

**Vigil Mass**

**5.30pm**

**St Philip Neri**

People of the Parish

**Sunday 4 March**

**9.30am**

**St Mary**

Teresa Brown (dec.)

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**11.00am**

**Immaculate Heart**

Kathy Johnson (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

Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St Nicholas C of E Church, Hexham Road, Dunston, 2pm on Friday 2 March.

**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, Kathleen Cailey, Ken Webster, Winnie Easton, Joanne Maclean, Pat Flynn.

**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 Louise Burns, Doris Angus and Dorothy Jackson (niece of Kathleen Johnson) who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Louise Burns will be on Tuesday 27 February at 11.30am at Immaculate Heart followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for Doris Angus will be on Wednesday 28 February at 1.45pm at Immaculate Heart followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF OUR THREE PARISHES** Following the Open Meeting on 7 February and Fr Peter's speaking at all Masses over the weekend of 10/11 February, the proposed amalgamation of our three parishes has now been presented to the Bishop and the Episcopal Council and it was unanimously approved. The proposal will now go to the Council of Priests which is meeting on 8 March. If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed amalgamation, please contact Fr Peter, email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) tel. 0191 460 4274 or Katie Wilkinson, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com) tel. 07837 386760.

**SPECIAL THANKS FROM GERALDINE DOWD** We would like to thank all friends, family and church family for their condolences, cards, donations and kindness received following the death of my Dad, Gerard Cailey. Also to Fr Peter for his support and uplifting Mass. Special thanks to my friend Denise Hebron for the funny, perfect tribute to Dad, he would have loved it!! With heartfelt thanks, Geraldine and George Dowd.

**YOU'RE WELCOME!** How welcoming are we as a parish community? What do first-time visitors experience when they join us? How 'included' do regular worshippers feel? Following recent PPC discussion we are looking to gather together a few people from across our three churches to explore such questions and make some practical recommendations. Anyone who wishes to get involved is very welcome. For more information please contact Tony Sacco tel. 07896 096747 or email [tony.sacco@intraionsolutions.co.uk](mailto:tony.sacco@intraionsolutions.co.uk)

**SENIOR MOMENTS** The next planning meeting for Senior Moments volunteers is this Monday 26 February at 2pm at Immaculate Heart Church where we will be planning the menu and staffing for our next Senior Moments Lunch on Wednesday 7 March at 11.30am.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018** This year's Women's World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday 2 March at St Nicholas's C of E Church, Hexham Road, Dunston. The Service begins at 2pm with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

**EASTER FLOWERS** It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners from all three churches could donate at least £1 towards Easter flowers. Thank you.

**LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2018** This Lent, St Cuthbert's Care would deeply appreciate your support for their Hardship Fund which offers financial assistance to older people with limited means wishing to move into our Catholic nursing homes. Also, parishioners of all ages are invited to think about volunteering to help in St Cuthbert's Care's two diocesan homes during Lent. No specific skills are required – just a smile, friendliness and a little free time. If you're interested, please contact Nicola Milne on 0191 242 4809 or email her at [Nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk](mailto:Nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk) and she will be delighted to hear from you. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses on the weekend of 10/11 March to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care.

**WHICKHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER** are looking for volunteers to knit small Easter chicks. These will be distributed in the village. A pattern and poster giving further details are available at the back of church. For further information, please contact Christine Norman tel. 07957 810 471.

**INVITATION TO YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING** All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Allensford, Consett DH8 9BA **this Sunday February 25 at 3.00pm** (tea, coffee and cake served from 2.15pm). There will be a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

**THE GALILEE TALKS** A Talk entitled *The Deacon in the Church – Past, Present and Future?* will be given by Rev. David Collins who will explore how the role of the Deacon in the Church has changed and evolved over the last two millennia. The Talk will take place next Saturday 3 March at 11am at St Mary's, Hencotes, Hexham NE46 2EB, with refreshments being served from 10.30am. A retiring collection will be taken to support the series. For further information please visit [www.stmaryshexham.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshexham.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN VACANCY** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Fundraising Manager, Department for Finance, full-time, permanent contract. Closing date for applications: 1 March. For further information and details, visit the diocesan 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 March at the latest**. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.



*And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud,  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'*

*Mark 9:7*

### LENTEN AND EASTER TIMETABLE

**Stations of the Cross** will take place at 6.30pm on the following Fridays during Lent:

Friday 2 March at St Philip Neri

Friday 9 March at St Mary

Friday 16 March at Immaculate Heart

Friday 23 March at St Philip Neri

### EASTER TRIDUUM

#### **Holy Thursday 29 March**

11.00am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Philip Neri

#### **Good Friday 30 March** (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Mary

#### **Holy Saturday 31 March**

8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at Immaculate Heart

#### **Easter Sunday 1 April**

9.30am Mass of Easter Morning at St Mary

### OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS LENTEN LITURGIES

Our two primary schools have very kindly extended an invitation to all parishioners to attend the following events. If the events are in school, you'll need to report and sign in at the main reception then a member of staff will direct you to the appropriate place.

#### ST PHILIP NERI PRIMARY SCHOOL LITURGIES

**Monday 12 March** 10.00am Stations of the Cross, Key Stage 2 (St Philip Neri Church)

**Monday 19 March** 9.15am Class liturgy, Reception and Year 1, Palm Sunday (school)

**Wednesday 21 March** 9.15am Class liturgy, Year 2 and 3, Washing of the Feet (school)

**Thursday 22 March** 9.15am Class liturgy, Year 4 and 5, The Last Supper (school)

**Wednesday 28 March** 10.00am Whole School Mass (St Philip Neri Church)

**Wednesday 28 March** 3.15pm Lenten Journey Prayer Stations (school hall/chapel)

**Thursday 29 March** 10am & 2.00pm Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - a Lenten Production (St Philip Neri Church)

#### ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LITURGIES

**Friday 2 March** 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

**Friday 7 March** 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

**Friday 16 March** 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

**Friday 23 March** 9.30am Mass celebrating Mission week (St Mary's Church)

**Thursday 29 March** 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On the Thursdays of Lent, Father Paul Zielinski will be available in the Confessional at St Augustine's, Leam Lane, Felling, NE10 8QS, from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual guidance and advice, or simply for a chat, offering an opportunity for accompaniment on your Journey of Faith. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the healing sacraments and a powerful help on our Journey of Faith.

**First Reading***Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalms 115:10. 15-19. R/ Psalm 114:9*

**Response: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.***

1. I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**Second Reading***Romans 8:31-34*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Matthew 17:5*

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**Gospel Reading***Mark 9:2-10*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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