



Elizabeth said "Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Luke 1:45

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

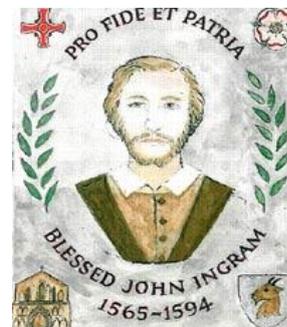
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The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be on annual leave this week, returning to the Office on Wednesday 2 January.
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Sunday 23 December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 22 December

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri People of the Parish
9.30am St Mary Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (dec.)

Sunday 23 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.00am Immaculate Heart Freddy Bambrough (ann.)

During the 11.00am Mass today, Chiagozie Eze will be enrolled as a member of the Altar Servers' Guild of St Stephen

Monday 24 December

5.30pm* Immaculate Heart Joe Welsh (dec.)

Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord

7.30pm* St Philip Neri People of the Parish

Tuesday 25 December

9.30am* St Mary John Sanderson (dec.)

Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

**Carols will be sung 30 minutes before the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.*

Wednesday 26 December *St Stephen*

N.B. No Service/Mass today

Thursday 27 December *St John, Apostle*

9.30am St Mary Private Intention

Friday 28 December *The Holy Innocents*

9.00am Immaculate Heart Requiem Mass - Maureen Fagan RIP

11.30am St Mary Nuptial Mass - Claire-Marie O'Hara & David Reed

Saturday 29 December *St Thomas Becket*

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri Michael Almond (dec.)

Sunday 30 December

9.30am St Mary James McMillan (ann.)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

11.00am Immaculate Heart People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pauline Mulholland, Liz McKenna, Peter McLoughlin, Astrid Muse (Gower).

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 Maureen Fagan and Patricia Smith who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Maureen Fagan will be on Friday 28 December at 9am at Immaculate Heart Church followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. The Funeral Service for Patricia Smith will be on Friday 4 January at 11am at St Philip Neri Church followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. May they rest in peace. Amen.

ADVENT ALMS APPEAL 2018 To support this annual appeal, there is a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend.

*Fr Peter wishes you and your families all the joys and blessings of the Christmas season.
He also thanks you for your cards and gifts which he very much appreciates.*

First Reading*Micah 5:1-4*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on
he will extend his power to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R/v.4*

Response: God hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

- O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading*Hebrews 10:5-10*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said, just as I commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law
lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the
sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the
sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and
then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.
He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with second.
And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering
of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Luke 1:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 1:39-44*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town
in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's
house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth
heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy spirit. She gave a loud
cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be
honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For
the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in
my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed
that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us
to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850 - 1894)

