



The Lord said to Moses, 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.'

Cf. Exodus 3:5-6

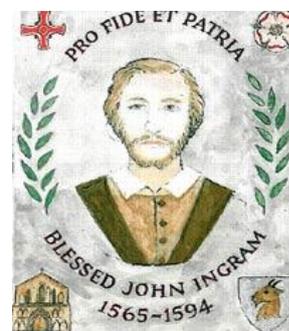
THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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Sunday 24 March 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 23 March

Vigil Mass

5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
9.30am	St Mary	Charlotte Lavinia & Thomas Carrick
11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)

Sunday 24 March

Third Sunday of Lent

Weekday Readings: Third Week of Lent

Monday 25 March <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Ella (ann.) and Jim Leighton (dec.)
Tuesday 26 March	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Bill McPhee
Wednesday 27 March	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Helen Bain (1 st anniversary)
Thursday 28 March	9.30am	St Mary	Clive Jones (ann.)
Friday 29 March	10.00am	St Mary	Phyllis Cunningham (ann.)
	6.30pm	St Philip Neri	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

Saturday 30 March

Vigil Mass

5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Margaret & Christopher Daunt (dec.)
9.30am	St Mary	James McMillan (dec.)
11.00am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Sunday 31 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm

Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 6.10pm - 6.25pm Friday at St Mary 9.40am - 9.55am

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Friday at St Mary

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm at St Philip Neri on Friday 29 March

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Joseph Borthwick, Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Pat Flynn, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Liz McKenna, Peter McLoughlin, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Garth Anthony Pfeiffer, Joseph Relph, Geoff Taylor, Susan Wall, Ken Webster.

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.

LENTEN ALMS 2019 There will be a retiring collection to support this year's Lenten Alms Appeal at all Masses this weekend **23/24 March**. Here is a message from St Cuthbert's Care about this year's Appeal: *This Lent, we call upon your support to help us to replenish our Hardship Fund. Our Fund allows us to offer financial assistance to older people with limited finances, who wish to live in one of our two Catholic nursing home. We would also like to invite you to consider sharing a little of your time to chat and share memories with our residents. Volunteering can be so rewarding and a friendly face and a smile can often make the world of difference to our residents who have few regular visitors. If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact Nicola Milne tel. 0191 242 4809 or email nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk and she will be delighted to help. Thank you*

PREPARATIONS FOR PALM SUNDAY, EASTER TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY Fr Peter writes: This year, 2019 will be the first time that we will celebrate this very special time in the Church's Year as the 'Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri.' I must say I have been delighted by the way our three church communities have come together so seamlessly. To continue this encouraging trend and in the true spirit of working together as a parish, I hope to have people from each of the three church communities involved in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. To facilitate this and to prepare for the five Holy Week and Easter liturgies, I should like to have a short meeting with a few people from each church, who will then pass on or distribute information/readings etc to all who will be involved.

The meeting will be on Friday 29 March at 10.30am in St Mary's Church Hall. Could I ask at least one representative from each church from the following ministries to attend -
Readers of the Word, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Arrangers of Music.

There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of each church for the names of those attending (light refreshments will be provided). In anticipation, I thank you for your continued support.

GARDENING AT ST MARY'S CHURCH If you have some time to spare and are interested in gardening please come along to the next meeting of our parish gardening volunteers on Thursday 28 March at 10.30am at St Mary's Church. Your ideas, tips, knowledge and skills will be warmly welcomed. A big thank you to the group who have worked hard over autumn and winter. For further information please contact Jen Jones tel. 07563 788602.

RED MISSION BOXES collection is now due in each of our three churches. Please could all monies be paid in by Sunday 14 April. Thank you.

SERVICES FOR BISHOP ROBERT'S INSTALLATION (all held at St Mary's Cathedral):

Sunday 24th March - 4.30 pm Solemn Vespers
Everybody in the Diocese is invited to attend.

Monday 25th March - 12 noon Episcopal Installation Mass Entry by invitation only (a ticket will be required for entry).

Tuesday 26th March - 2.00 pm Diocesan Schools Event Diocesan schools will welcome Bishop Robert.

Please pray for Bishop Séamus as he begins his well-deserved retirement and for Bishop Robert as he takes up his new responsibilities as our diocesan bishop.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY normally runs on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month. The dates for the forthcoming children's liturgy will be: **7 April (only one session will be running in April due to Easter Sunday), 5 & 19 May, 2 & 16 June.** Future dates will be confirmed later on in the year. All children are welcome to join in and if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help, please ask Wendy, Margaret or Lilian and we would be very grateful for any help.

EASTER FLOWERS It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners from all three churches could donate at least £1 towards Easter flowers – there are collection boxes at the back of each church for your donations. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 April at 1.30pm in the Weekday Chapel at Immaculate Heart Church. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or if you are interested in what we hope to do with this ministry, please come along. We would welcome names of people in our parish who might benefit from receiving a prayer shawl. For further information please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALKS The next talk is entitled *Newman Revisited* and is a chance to discover more about the most recent English saint and will be delivered by Sister Michael on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Farrington road, Cullercoats. All welcome.

CAFOD EMERGENCY CYCLONE IDAI APPEAL If you wish to support this appeal please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Cyclone-Idai-Appeal>

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 then either email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 28 March at the latest.**



THE SEASON OF LENT gives us all a wonderful opportunity through our Lenten prayer, fasting and alms-giving to be renewed and refreshed in preparation for the celebration of Easter, 'The Great Feast.' To help with this, **Walk with Me Lenten booklets**, which include a daily reflection, are now available to purchase at each church (price £1).

LENTEN AND EASTER TIMETABLE

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

Friday 29 March at St Philip Neri

Friday 5 April at St Mary

Friday 12 April at Immaculate Heart

Also:

Friday 19 April (Good Friday) Whickham Churches Together **Walk of Witness** beginning at 11am at Fellside Methodist Church, then continuing to Spoor Methodist Church (nr Gibside Hotel), St Mary's Green (outside the shops), St Mary the Virgin Church (Church Chare) and ending at St Mary's RC Church (Dockendale Lane). Light refreshments will be served after the Walk at St Mary's Church Hall, Dockendale Lane.

Service of Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation You are invited to a Service focusing on the forgiving nature of God and his call for us to be forgiving of one another in St. Patrick's Church, Felling on Sunday, 31st March at 4.00pm. Those attending are invited to bring with them a newspaper cutting or a printout from the web of some aspect of life today that they find it hard to be forgiving of and these will be placed on a cairn before the crucified Lord. Sacramental Confession will be available during the following week in St. Alban's Church, Pelaw following the 10.00am Mass on Friday, 5th April until 11.30am and in St. Patrick's Church, Felling following the 10.00am Mass on Saturday, 6th April until 11.30am. On both occasions the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private adoration.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 18 April

11.00am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at Immaculate Heart

Good Friday 19 April (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Philip Neri

Holy Saturday 20 April

8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at St Mary

Easter Sunday 21 April

9.30am Mass of Easter Morning at Immaculate Heart

OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS' LENTEN LITURGIES AND EVENTS

Our two primary schools have very kindly extended an invitation to all parishioners to attend the following events during the Season of Lent. 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

Fast – Give up Mini Vinnies launch Lent intentions. Children will record a Lenten Promise which will be displayed in the hall on our Peace Tree.

Pocket Money Challenge Mini Vinnies will launch the 'Pocket Money Challenge' – Each child is given the challenge of collecting forty coins to represent the forty days of Lent. Each coin can be as little 2p. All proceeds will be sent to a charity. Class 4 will take the Lenten Boxes home.

Monday 1 April to Friday 5 April, 8.30am to 9am Silent Lenten Prayer Mornings. Morning prayer and reflections in the hall. Families and parishioners are welcome to call into the school hall for silent prayer. There will be a PowerPoint showing Jesus' journey through Lent, objects and symbols to reflect upon and quiet Taizé music.

Wednesday 3 April, 10am Whole School Mass at St Philip Neri Church.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The theme of the St Mary's School Lenten programme is **#forlife**. Please pray for the school and keep in touch via the school Twitter feed **@whickhamstmarys**

Thursday 4 April, 9.30am Whole School Mass at St Mary's Church.

First Reading*Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R/v.8*

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 4:17*

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord,

for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel*Luke 13:1-9*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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