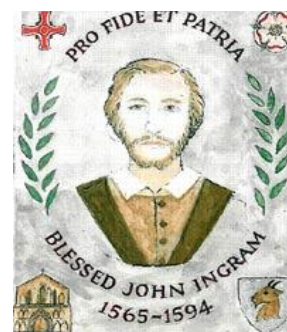




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*Luke 14:28*

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**  
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**Sunday 8 September 2019**

**Twenty Third Sunday of the Year**

**Year C**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 7 September

<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 8 September</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	John & Elizabeth Arnold (dec.)
<b>Twenty Third Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Mary (Maureen) Fagan (dec.)
<i>Education Sunday</i>			

*Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 23, Year 1*

Monday 9 September	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 10 September	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Jean Power RIP
Wednesday 11 September	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Kathleen O'Sullivan (dec.) <i>(St Philip Neri School attending)</i>
Thursday 12 September	9.30am	St Mary	Mark Roberts (ann.)
Friday 13 September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	<u>9.30am</u>	St Mary	Private Intention (MC) <i>(St Mary's School attending)</i>

Saturday 14 September *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 15 September</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Wyn Peacock (dec.)
<b>Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	In Thanksgiving to St Anthony & St Jude
<i>Home Mission Sunday</i>			

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church

Lola Dawson, Finnegan Aaron McLauchlan and Jacob Charles Neaven

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Pat Flynn, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Peter McLoughlin, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Geoff Taylor, 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 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 265 5290).***

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please remember in your prayers Jean Power who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Jean will be celebrated at 9.30am on Tuesday 10 September at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY 2019** is this Sunday 8 September, a day on which Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country to Catholic Education and to pray for all those involved in it. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. The CES represents Catholic Education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish.

**A retiring collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend to support the work of the Catholic Education Service in England and Wales.**

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY** Next Sunday 15 September is Home Mission Sunday - an opportunity for us to pray for and support the Mission of the Church in England and Wales and be inspired to share the Good News of the Gospel with others. If you would like more information, please contact the Diocesan Evangelisation Team [stjosephs05@btconnect.com](mailto:stjosephs05@btconnect.com). There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend to support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

**A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM MAUREEN BUCKLE** *"A big thank you to everyone for the kind messages, prayers and get-well cards after my recent accident. I would also like to say thank you to the choir for the beautiful flowers they sent and last but not least thank you for the lovely shawl, which I will cherish for the rest of my life. I am well on the road to recovery now and hope to be with you all soon."*

**AND THANK YOU FROM MARGARET MURPHY** who would like to express her sincere thanks to everyone who came to her aid following her fall last Sunday at Immaculate Heart church. Margaret is very grateful for the care and concern shown to her.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** The dates for Children's Liturgy at Immaculate Heart of Mary are as follows:  
15 September, 6 & 20 October, 3 & 17 November  
(Please note Children's Liturgy normally takes place on the first and third Sunday of the month).  
Many thanks to you all for supporting this important ministry, from Wendy, Margaret & Lilian.

**GIFT AID STATEMENTS** are now available in named envelopes at the back of each church for those who are members of the Gift Aid Scheme.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2019/2020**  
If your child will be in Year 4 (or above) from September 2019 and they are not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2020, please contact the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart as soon as possible, tel. 0191 460 4274 or e-mail [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) providing your name, address, tel. no. and email address. Thank you.

**PPC MEETING** The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 11 September, 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart. Parishioners please contact their church representatives to discuss any matter they would like raised at this meeting. The parish has twelve reps, four for each church, they are:

Immaculate Heart - Christine Crawley, Maveen Pereira, Allan Bell & Wendy O'Reilly.

St Philip Neri - John Pinchen, Michael Waugh, Denise Hebron & Katie Wilkinson.

St Mary's - Jen Jones, Janice Hall, Phil Cunningham & Tony Sacco.

Plus for any issues regarding Finance the rep. is Malcolm Shield and for Youth it is David Khachikian.

**MY EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO - CHARIS GRAY** Thank you for all the support - I am so grateful. In Mexico I had the opportunity to visit many amazing places such as orphanages, where I spent time with the children, and rehab centres where they bravely shared their testimonies and not only how they came to be in this position but their hopes and dreams for the future - from being in the military to selling tacos in North Carolina! The most remarkable thing was their faith, how strong it was, because even though they weren't in the best situations and their life had been tough, they were so thankful to God for their situation and the life they had received. In addition, I was able to change three families lives with the gift of a home which will make an astronomical difference now and in the future for them. It is an experience I will never be able to forget and been an absolute privilege to provide. Due to the great amount of money raised by our group, we were also able to furnish their homes substantially with beds, mattresses, dining table and even a cooker which will make living a lot easier.

**ITEM OF LOST PROPERTY** A fuschia pink fascinator has been found in the grounds of St Marys church. It is at the back of St Mary's Church awaiting collection. We hope to reunite it with its owner soon. Thank you.

**ENCOUNTER** With the up and coming School Missions across the Partnerships of John Ingram and Ovingham, we have an opportunity for adults and young people to share ideas and faith in an informal way. Everyone is welcome. This Encounter event is aimed at young people 13 years and above and we also need adults of all ages to come along. It's a chance for some prayer, sharing of stories and the opportunity to plan some ideas for working together in the future. **Venue: Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Old Durham Road, Gateshead NE9 6RZ on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm – 7.30pm.**

**A DAY OF REFLECTION - *Serve the Lord with Gladness*** - will be held on Saturday 28 September 2019 from 10.30am to 3.30pm at Ushaw College, Durham. The day will be led by Fr Mark Millward and is for all those involved in parish ministries throughout the diocese. Registration and refreshments from 9.45am, tea, coffee and a light lunch will be provided. Further information can be found on the poster at the back of church. To book, please contact the Parish Secretary (see top of newsletter for details and the Parish Secretary's availability). Please note, this is a repeat of the day offered in May.

**SEA SUNDAY APPEAL JULY 2019** raised a total amount of £319.31 from the Parish. We have received a message of thanks from the Apostleship of the Sea: *"Thank you for your support for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris. The generosity shown by you and your parishioners means that Seafarers in this country and around the world will continue to receive the care and support that they so vitally need. Seafarers can lead hard and lonely lives, facing issues such as hospitalisation, piracy, abandonment, non-payment of wages, and even death. Your thoughts and prayers are a great solace, and your parish support allows our port chaplains to continue to be a 'friend in every port'. This vital face-to-face contact is irreplaceable, and our routine visiting can help resolve issues, and alleviate loneliness and mental health problems. The Gospel reading on Sea Sunday, when the lawyer asks Jesus who his neighbour was particularly appropriate. Seafarers are often out of sight and so outside of our awareness, but they are still our neighbours, nonetheless. If you and your parishioners would like to see how your support is helping seafarers around the world, please [sign up to our newsletter here](#). May God continue to bless you and your parish abundantly for giving from the heart."*

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Why not come along to St Mary's Cathedral RCIA group for a friendly introduction to the Catholic Faith? The new Journey of Faith programme begins on Tuesday 17 September 2019 and continues each Tuesday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Cloister Café. If you are interested, please have a word with Fr Peter and/or send an email to [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.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 then 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 12 September at the latest.**

### Partnership Prayer



Risen Christ,  
from your abundant grace,  
pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.  
As we build on the deep foundations of faith  
laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands,  
by Aidan and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede,  
may our Partnerships continue the mission  
of building your Kingdom on the earth:  
to give living witness to your love,  
and to your compassion and hope for our world.  
We pray in trustful confidence  
that your power working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**First Reading***Wisdom 9:13-18*

What man can know the intentions of God?  
 Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
 The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
 and our intentions unstable;  
 for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
 and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
 It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
 laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
 who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
 As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you  
 not granted Wisdom  
 and sent your holy spirit from above?  
 Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
 and men been taught what pleases you,  
 and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm***Psalms 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R/v.1*

**Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge  
 from one generation to the next.**

1. You turn men back into dust  
 and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
 To your eyes a thousand years  
 are like yesterday, come and gone,  
 no more than a watch in the night.
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
 like grass which springs up in the morning.  
 In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
 by evening it withers and fades.
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
 Show pity to your servants.
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
 let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
 give success to the work of our hands.

**Second Reading***Philemon 9-10. 12-17*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,  
 still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for  
 a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing  
 these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back  
 to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self.  
 I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have  
 been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the

chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I  
 did not want to do anything without your consent; it  
 would have been forcing your act of kindness, which  
 should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived  
 of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could  
 have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but  
 something much better than a slave, a dear brother;  
 especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a  
 blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all  
 that we have in common means anything to you,  
 welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation***John 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made  
 known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel***Luke 14:25-33*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he  
 turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me  
 without hating his father, mother, wife, children,  
 brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be  
 my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and  
 come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a  
 tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to  
 see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he  
 laid the foundation and then found himself unable to  
 finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun  
 of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build  
 and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching  
 to war against another king would not first sit down and  
 consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand  
 up to the other who advanced against him with twenty  
 thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a  
 long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So  
 in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless  
 he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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