



## OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**15th March 2015**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

#### **MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & LENTEN SERVICES**

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Mountsett Crematorium Funeral service Peggy Cook RIP	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent			
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip's	Fairley Family
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	William and Bernard Oxley (Anniv)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Andison (Dec)
	4.00pm	Imm Heart	Weekday Chapel Lenten Reflection Hour
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Comm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving (AC)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Jenny Wilkinson
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Stations of the Cross
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Norman Hay & James Noble (Dec)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Mary's	Val and Joe Borthwick (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
	7.00pm	St Philip's	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart Church	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent			
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip's	Margaret & Christopher Daunt (Dec)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Jimmy Mulligan (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	John Campbell (Dec)
	4.00pm	Imm Heart	Weekday Chapel Lenten Reflection Hour

***Feast days this Week:*** Tuesday: *St Patrick*; Thursday: *St Joseph husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*; Friday: *St Cuthbert, Patron of the Diocese.*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** 'Confessions' are available in the parishes on Saturday's St Philip's Church 4.45pm – 5.15pm, Tuesday's Immaculate Heart Church 6.30pm – 7.00pm and St Mary's Church Friday's 9.30am – 10.00am. Also, during Lent Saturday's 10.30am – 11.30am in Immaculate Heart Church.

**SICK AND IN NEED OF PRAYER** Please pray for Marjorie Gray, James Roach, David Roach, Luke Roach, Michael Bell, Winifred Easton, Paul Leonard, Kathleen Bruce, Emily Keane, Fr John Campbell (ex-parishioner of St. Philips), Bernadette Kebell, Christine Taylor, Mary (Maisie) King, Vincent Wallace, Sheila Rickerby, Doreen & Alan Crame, Pauline Mulholland and Pat Edwards.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Eliza Lilly Gill who will be baptised this Sunday at St Mary's Church. May God bring to fulfilment the good work he has begun in her.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS...**

**ST CUTHBERT'S DAY AT USHAW** On Friday 20th March St Cuthbert's day there will be Mass in St Cuthbert's Chapel Ushaw at 12.00 midday. At 6.00pm there will be a Service of Vespers followed by a Folk Night at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**QUIET DAY AT USHAW** On Wednesday 25th March from 11.00am - 4.00pm Father John Marsland - the President of Ushaw, will be leading a "Quiet day of prayer and reflection" at Ushaw in the week leading up to Holy Week. The cost will be £15,00 including lunch and refreshments. 25 places available Please contact [tickets@usaw.org](mailto:tickets@usaw.org) or leave message on the phone 07421035240

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm in the Weekday Chapel, Lobley Hill.

**DEANERY CONFIRMATION 2015** On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, Bishop Seamus Cunningham will visit our deanery and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our youth in Year Groups 9 & 10. The Mass will be held at St Joseph's Church, Blaydon. An important introductory meeting to launch the programme will be held in St Joseph's Church on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Candidates and parents/guardians are invited to this meeting. Further details about the formation programme can be obtained from Fr Jeff.

**TRAIDCRAFT 'FAIR NECESSITIES' APPEAL** During 'Fairtrade Fortnight', please support Traidcraft's 'Fair Necessities' appeal which is helping smallholder farmers in developing countries to learn skills to earn enough to buy basic things that we take for granted. If you donate to this work before end of March, the UK government will match your donation £ for £. Support fair trade and double your contribution! Visit <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/donate-now>

### **GENERAL INFORMATION...**

**ST PHILIP'S PRE-SCHOOL** Congratulations to the children and staff who have had their latest Ofsted inspection and received a GOOD in all areas. This can only be achieved by the continuing support from the children and parents and the hard work and dedication of the staff.

**THANK YOU – VMM** The Voluntary Mission Movement would like to thank you for your generosity. You donated £ 890.00 which will fund volunteers in some of the poorest parts of East Africa and Sierra Leone.

**VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS (VMM)** VMM is launching a new initiative that will offer 18-25 year olds the opportunity to volunteer overseas. Projects will last from 3-6 weeks, in various parts of Africa, and will assist in developing some of the most underprivileged communities. For more information contact VMM: [vmm@hope.ac.uk](mailto:vmm@hope.ac.uk), [vmminternational.org](http://vmminternational.org), or 0151 291 3438.

**LENTEN ALMS 2015 COLLECTION** For almost 70 years, St Cuthbert's Care (diocesan agency) has offered services to help care for some of the most vulnerable and disenfranchised members of our communities. This collection will remain open during Lent.

**THANK YOU** Edna Murray would like to thank everyone for cards received and kind wishes on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many thanks.

**'CHRIST OUR LIGHT'** Service of Reflection, Adoration and Healing at St Mary's, 27 Bridge St Sunderland, SR1 1TQ on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 12 noon to 1.30pm (after 11.00am Mass). A collection will be taken towards expenses. All welcome.

**ELLIE'S FUND – BRAIN TUMOUR TRUST** Please help Ellie's Fund by giving your biros new and used, marker pens, felt tips, highlighters, correction fluid containers, used or un-used to our collection. There will be a box in the porch at St Mary's. I will collect them and take them to the collection point at St Mary's the Virgin. This collection is taking place in Whickham all this year. Thank you Kath Airey.

**ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN** If you would like a notice put in the bulletin, please have them in by Wednesday evening at the latest. Either email to [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or post through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery.