



## OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**22nd March 2015**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Vigil Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	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	Immaculate heart	Lenten Reflection Hour

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Comm.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Special Intention (AJM)

#### **Annunciation of the Lord**

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Kitty & John Pinchen Snr (Anniv)
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Stations of the Cross
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Phyllis Cunningham (Anniv)
	1.30pm	West Rd Crematorium	Joan Jones RIP
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Mary's	Edward & Mary Anne Arnold (B'day)
	7.00pm	St Mary's	The Passion sung by David Ritson

#### **Passion/Palm Sunday**

Vigil Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Jenny Wilkinson
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	John McCheyne
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Leo Smith (Dec)
	4.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Calvary Lenten Service

**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.

**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, Pat Edwards and Fr Lawrence Jones.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Charlie Simm & Joshua Robert Lowes who will be baptised this Sunday at St Mary's Church. May God bring to fulfilment the good work he has begun in them.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS...**

**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 email [tickets@ushaw.org](mailto:tickets@ushaw.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.

**WHICKHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCHES TOGETHER** are celebrating a 'Walk of Witness' on Good Friday. This will begin at 11.00am from Fellside Methodist and end approx. 30 - 40 mins. later at St Mary's the Virgin Church on the Green. There will be prayers & readings on the way. Everyone is welcome, especially families.

**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>

**HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** This pilgrimage is able to take sick & disabled people, as they have a team of nurses, doctors & helpers. If you or someone you know would be interested, full information can be found through Fr. Peter Stott on 0191 2575801 or email [handnlourdespilgrimage@btconnect.com](mailto:handnlourdespilgrimage@btconnect.com)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION...**

**RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** There will be a collection for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

**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'S** Teresa & Peter Brown would like to say "thank you to everyone for all the cards and good wishes on our recent Golden Wedding. God Bless". Peter McLoughlin would also like to thank Fr Jeff and everyone who helped celebrate his recent 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and for the cards and presents.

**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.

**WALK WITH ME – EASTER TIDE JOURNEY OF PRAYER 2015** If anyone would like to order the above booklet, which has reflections for April & May - cost £1, please put your name on list at the back of church.

**ST PHILIP NERI - SVP** Thanks for everyone's support with last week's SVP Raffle - all tickets have now gone. We would like to thank all those who contribute to SVP collections after mass & just to let you know that we have been able, through your support, to sponsor two new students in our SVP Twinned village in India.

**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.