



OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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29th March 2015

Palm Sunday (Passion of our Lord Jesus)

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & LENTEN SERVICES

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Vigil Saturday 28 th	5.30pm	St Philip's	Jenny Wilkinson
Sunday 29 th	9.30am	St Mary's	John McCheyne
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Leo Smith (Dec)
	4.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Road to Calvary Lenten Service
Monday 30 th	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Comm.
Tuesday 31 st	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Intentions of Michelle McPhee
Wednesday 1 st	10.00am	St Philip's	Rev John Campbell
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Stations of the Cross
Holy Thursday (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)			
Thursday 2 nd	7.00pm	St Philip's	Joe and May Kelly
Good Friday			
Friday 3 rd	10.00am	Immaculate Heart	Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	St Mary's	Good Friday Service
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)			
Saturday 4 th	5.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Rossi & Corrigan Families (Dec)
Easter Sunday			
Sunday 5 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Peter Stephenson & Alec Hogg (Dec)
	11.00am	St Philip's	Deceased members of Clark Family

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, Fr Lawrence Jones, Susan Wall and Terry Gardner.

It is wonderful to offer prayers for those who need them, it is also important that the list is regularly updated and current. Please look at the list above and if any of the names need to be retained, please let the Presbytery Office know by email, telephone or an envelope put through the door. The list will be updated in two weeks time. Much appreciated. Fr Jeff.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray Breeda Hopper who has died. May she RIP. Amen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

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.

HOLY SATURDAY - The Seven Last Words of Christ Haydn's beautiful work for string quartet will be performed at 3.00pm on Saturday 4th April in St Cuthbert's Chapel by the Ushaw String Quartet. A very thoughtful way to prepare for the events of Easter. Admission £6.00

DEANERY CONFIRMATION 2015 On Wednesday 17th 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. Further details about the formation programme can be obtained from Fr Jeff.

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

SUMMER OPENING AT USHAW From Easter weekend, Ushaw will be open every Saturday throughout the summer from 12.00noon - 5.00pm. The Rhododendrons and tulips are just coming into flower in the gardens, the gift shop and cafe will be open and of course the glorious Chapels, Refectory and Exhibition Hall. Admission is free.

GENERAL INFORMATION...

RETIRING COLLECTION

This Weekend: There will be a collection for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

Next Weekend: Towards the costs of the beautiful Easter Flowers in our churches.

PASCAL CANDLE If anyone would like to help towards the cost and sponsor your parish Pascal Candle, please contact Fr Jeff. This large candle, which is placed upon the sanctuary, presents the life of Jesus (suffering, death and resurrection) that we share profoundly in at our baptism and in death. It is always lit for those two special occasions.

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, 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 until Easter Sunday.

HCPT GROUP 41 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those parishioners whose generosity has helped to make our pilgrimage possible. We depart for Lourdes on Easter Saturday and the children and helpers will remember you in our prayers at the Grotto. We would also be happy to take any petitions with us. Please pass them on to a member of the Salmon family by Good Friday at the latest.

ST MARY'S RED MISSION BOXES are now due to be emptied. Please could all monies be paid in by Sunday 12th April.

VACANCY One of our regular bulletin typists has moved away to the Midlands leaving a vacancy on the rota. All that is required is an e-mail address and a computer with Microsoft Word and a spare half hour four times a year. Any volunteers please contact Phil Cunningham on 0191 4886625 or phil.cunningham1@talktalk.net.

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 or post through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery.