



## **OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI**

### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

### **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Vigil Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Bob Lowes (Dec)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Michael Begley (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Maveen & Brian Pereira (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Grace & William McPhee (Anniversary)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Parish Priests & Parishioners (Dec)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Joyce Carrick
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00am	St Mary's	Carrie Crass (Dec)

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Vigil Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Sarah & David (to bless their marriage)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Mary Reay (Anniversary)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	John Campbell (Dec)

#### **Feast Days This Week**

Wednesday – St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe; Thursday - St. Pius V;  
Friday – St Joseph the Worker; Saturday – St Athanasius.

### **Diocesan 'Forward Together in Hope' Prayer (3 Year Review Programme)**

This prayer will be said by the parish at the end of each Mass

Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being. Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit. Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us. Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, be open to change and move forward together in hope. Amen.

**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 Fridays 9.30am – 10.00am.

**SICK AND IN NEED OF PRAYER** Please pray for Marjorie Gray, James Roach, David Roach, Luke Roach, Michael Bell, Emily Keane, Fr John Campbell (ex-parishioner of St. Philip's), Bernadette Kebell, Christine Taylor, Mary (Maisie) King, Vincent Wallace, Pat Edwards, Terry Gardener, Alan Crane, Pauline Mulholland, Margaret Lyddieth, Sheila Rickerby, Susan Wall and Fr Lawrence Jones.

**CHANGE A LIFE** "Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone", says Pope Francis. As today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, you are welcome to join us in praying for these vocations. Prayer cards and booklets are available at the back of church to include these vocations in your regular prayers. For more information visit [www.vocationsunday.org.uk](http://www.vocationsunday.org.uk)

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS...**

**GIFT FOR LIFE** The next meeting is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm in Immaculate Heart Presbytery. All are welcome to attend.

**JAZZ AT USHAW FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 7.30pm** James Birkett and Bradley Johnston Jazz Guitar Duo. Admission £6.00. Tickets at [www.ushaw.org](http://www.ushaw.org)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** The next meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm in the Weekday Chapel, Immaculate Heart Church.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm in the presbytery at Immaculate Heart.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** Bishop Seamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish community to be represented by two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the diocese and to the wider North East community.

**A COFFEE MORNING** Will be held at Immaculate Heart Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am until 12.30pm. Tickets £1.00 each to include tea/coffee and biscuits. There will be a raffle, mystery tombola, books and a cake stall. If anyone can help with donations for the above stalls, it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be shared between Lourdes H.C.P.T Group 41 and our Indian Project (Balamma Satram), in South India.

**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. Please pray for all those involved in the preparation.

**PROCLAIM 15** On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 35 people from the diocese led by our Bishop will join 850 people from around the country, for a one day gathering whose aim is to introduce people to the need for evangelising or missionary parishes in England and Wales. The event is in Birmingham and a coach will pick up at Newcastle and Hartlepool or Darlington. It is hoped that those who attend will be on fire with the desire to spread the Good News of the Gospel. On their return, they will be encouraged to put ideas into practice in our own diocese and create many missionary parishes and disciples – all in keeping with *Forward Together in Hope* and the Pope's vision in writings, *Joy of the Gospel*. Anyone interested, please contact Sr Michael [marymichael.lee7@googlemail.com](mailto:marymichael.lee7@googlemail.com) or Tel. 0191 581 3249. There are still a few seats available.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION...**

**GRATEFUL THANKS** CAFOD would like to extend their warmest thanks for the generous donations made on Family Fast Day and general donations. £542 was given by our three churches! This will make it possible, for some of the poorest and most vulnerable communities in the world, to withstand terrible storms and floods, which sadly are becoming more severe and more frequent.

**THE FUND FOR THE NORTHERN BRETHREN** For sick and retired priests will remain open until May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are Gift Aid envelopes and standing order mandates at the back of church.

**BULLETIN 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](mailto:phil.cunningham1@talktalk.net)

**TICKETS FOR THE SEMI-FINAL OF BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT** A raffle for two tickets to the semi-final of 'Britain's Got Talent' with first class rail tickets and overnight accommodation is being arranged by the Youth Ministry Team, the youth service for the diocese. Raffle tickets are available at the back of church and from YMT on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

**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.