



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

### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015**

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

#### **MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

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

Vigil Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Sarah and 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)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	--- No Service ---
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	12noon	St Mary's Cathedral	Requiem Mass Fr Lawrence Jones RIP
	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Jean Stewart (Dec)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Mary Rosalie Hughes (Dec)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Tony Lanaghan
	10.30am	St. Mary's	Funeral Service for Thomas Maudlin RIP
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Mary's	Maurice and Eileen Flynn (Dec)

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

Vigil Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Jean Shotton (Anniversary)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Paisley and Elliott Family (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	George Kerry (Birthday)

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

Monday – The English Martyrs & Thursday – St John of Beverley

#### **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 our 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 Bernadette Corrigan.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for Father Lawrence Jones and Thomas Maudlin, who have died. May they rest in peace. Amen.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS...**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jacob Graeme Jackson, who will be baptised on Sunday at St Mary's Church during Mass and to Sophie Hannah English and Evan Freddie Bonner, who will be baptised on Sunday at Immaculate Heart Church. May God bring to fulfilment the good work he has begun in them all.

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

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** Bishop Seamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle 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.

### **FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE – PREPARING THE WAY**

As part of our preparations for '*Forward Together in Hope*', our diocesan journey of renewal, the following activities are planned: on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May – the introductory DVD will be shown at Mass, while on 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May, Fr Jim O'Keefe, the programme Director, will speak at all Masses. We are also running parish meetings on 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm in St Mary's School and on 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm in Immaculate Heart and that evening at 6.00pm in St Philip Neri School Hall. Please try your best to get involved in what is a very important initiative that will shape the future of our parishes and the Diocese.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER - MASS DOG WALK** The Anglican Bishop of Durham wants to get to know West Gateshead and meet us, so why not bring your dog for a 30 minute walk around the lake with him and other walkers? We will meet in the main car park on Whickham Highway by Watergate Park, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am. Everyone is most welcome.

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

**A COFFEE MORNING** Will be held at Immaculate Heart Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am - 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.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION...**

**MARRIAGE CARE** helps couples and individuals to build and sustain strong relationships. They are looking for new volunteers, especially counsellors, to help in their vital work. For more information, visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**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)

**ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL** As you may be aware, we have been looking at ways of improving the current facilities to fulfil the needs of our three church communities. Exciting plans have been developed with the help of local architects and we had hoped to present these to you for your input/approval so that work could commence once funding was in place. However, the Bishop has asked that in the light of the diocesan review project, '*Forward Together in Hope*', that we do not pursue such significant plans at the moment. Instead, as an interim measure, we hope to carry out some refurbishment to the existing facilities in the very near future, which will make the hall a brighter and more welcoming place for us all. (*Hall Committee*)

**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.