



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

### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**Sunday 10th May 2015**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

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

Vigil Saturday 9th	5.30pm	St Philip's	Jean Shotton (Anniversary)
Sunday 10th	9.30am	St Mary's	Deceased Paisley & Elliott Families
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	George Kerr (Birthday)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Special Intention (CB)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Deceased Parish Priests & Parishioners
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Edward & Mary Anne Arnold (Anniversary)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Mary's	Tony Chambers (Dec)

##### **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - The Ascension of the Lord/World Communications Day**

Vigil Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Evelyn Owens
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Private Intention (U P-K)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Margaret McKee

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

Tuesday – St Pancras; Wednesday – Our Lady of Fatima; Thursday – St Mathias, Apostle

#### **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.

**TODAYS RETIRING COLLECTION** CAFOD has launched a £3m emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. 8 million people are affected. CAFOD is responding with Church partners and has deployed a team to provide specialist support. Although there will be a collection taken today, anyone who would like to bring their money next week, please put it in an envelope and mark it Nepal and put it in the plate.

**NEXT WEEKS RETIRING COLLECTION** World Communications Day.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS...**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Freya Evin Brown, Daisy Helen Lillian Stokoe and Samuel John Stephen Stokoe who will be baptised this Sunday at St Philip Neri Church. May God bring to fulfilment the good work he has begun in them all.

**SVP SOCIETY MEETING** This Sunday at 3.00pm at the Immaculate Heart Church. Benediction will begin the afternoon meeting. All are most welcome.

**FR SARVES SOUTH INDIA APPEAL** Since 2011, our parishes have supported the work of Fr Sarves in one of the poorest parts of the world. Father will make an appeal during all the Masses 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May. Together with Mary Skaag he will give an update of the projects development. Check out the work being done @ [www.sharingourlove.org.uk](http://www.sharingourlove.org.uk)

**ST PHILIP NERI 500<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS** It is soon the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Philip Neri's birth and the extension to the school is now complete. Everyone is invited to take part in celebrations in the church and school:

> Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. 10.00am – 2.00pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;

> Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. 9.30am Holy Mass with Bishop Seamus Cunningham, followed by refreshments and viewings of the school's new build;

> Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. 7.30pm – 11.00pm. Parish 500 Celebration at the Holmeside Club, Dunston, including a ceilidh, pie & pea supper.

Tickets are available from all three churches and at St Philip Neri School at a cost of £5.00. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS PARISH CELEBRATION. Posters will be in the 3 churches advertising these events.

### **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.

**PROCLAIM 15** On 11<sup>th</sup> July, 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...**

**THANK YOU** Dave and Sarah Middleton would like to thank the ladies from the Immaculate Heart Church for the beautiful flower displays in the church on the occasion of their daughter Katie's wedding to Chris Sinnet on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Also, many thanks to Father Graham Williams for the lovely service.

**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.