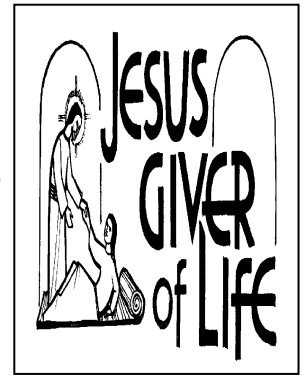




## OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

Vigil Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Peter McLoughlin
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Michael & Margaret O'Hara
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Dec Corrigan & Rossi Families
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Saltwell Crematorium	Funeral Service for Winifred Byrne RIP
	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Tommy Temple
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Ken McEwan (Dec)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	St Mary's	Funeral Service for Beryl Matthews RIP
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Mary's	Requiem Mass for Bernadette Corrigan RIP

#### **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

Vigil Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Craig Boyle (Dec)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Tony Grant (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Alzira Soares

#### Feast Days This Week

Tuesday – The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Wednesday – St Peter Claver;  
 Saturday – The Most Holy Name of Mary

#### 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, Emily Keane, Fr John Campbell (ex-parishioner of St. Philip's), Bernadette Kebell, Christine Taylor, Mary (Maisie) King, Pat Edwards, Terry Gardener, Alan Crane, Pauline Mulholland, Margaret Lyddieth, Sheila Rickerby, Susan Wall, Paul Leonard, Kathleen Bruce, Barbara Stephenson, Fr Michael Corbett and Heather Simpson.

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please pray for Bernadette Corrigan, Winifred Byrne and Beryl Matthews who have died. May they rest in peace. Amen

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS...**

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. Postcards are available at the back of church to help with this.

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH DUNSTON** As this church is celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being built, there will be a series of events taking place. One in particular is a Flower Festival to be held in the church over the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October. All are welcome.

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT** Evening of prayer and reflection for anyone aged 16 and over with an opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own faith journeys and vocations. This will take place at St Mary's Cathedral 6.30pm - 8.30pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015. A meal will follow the meeting. Please see the poster at the back of church for future dates and contact details.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION...**

**FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE** Is our diocesan journey of renewal. It is an invitation to everyone of us to become closer friends and disciples of Jesus. This month we will begin to look at areas of our parishes to help fill out a detailed questionnaire. Parish meetings will be held and explanations given during weekend Masses. In preparation for doing this, the reflective questions will be available over the next few weeks as a handout to take away home. Pray and think about them and be ready to make your comments.

**CALLING ALL CATHOLICS – AND OTHERS TOO!** As part of *Forward Together in Hope*, a short online questionnaire has been developed for completion by anyone – worshipping Catholics, 'resting' Catholics, people of other faiths, people of no faith – all they need is an interest in commenting on the Church in our Diocese. The aim is to build up a picture of how others see us so we can learn from what they say – and perhaps look at ourselves in a different way. Please circulate the link widely and encourage family, friends, colleagues and their contacts to get involved. The questionnaire can be accessed via [www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.hope.rcdhn.org.uk) – and is also available in a printable form. Fr Jeff.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL** It has been transformed over the summer and will be open for business after Mass on Sunday September 6th. Everyone is invited to pop in for tea, coffee and cake and to look around the newly decorated facilities. From the middle of September we hope to be taking lots of bookings for the hire of the premises which will be a great place for family celebrations, daytime and evening events and both parish and community use. More news on how to book the hall and costs will be available soon. Fr Jeff

**THANK YOU** The Holy Ghost (Spiritan) Fathers are very grateful for your response to their appeal last weekend. A total of £876 was collected.

**GREAT NORTH RUN SPONSORSHIP** I am raising money for MS by running the Great North Run (my first, and probably last, time!) on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. I would be grateful if you would sponsor me £1 for completing the race. There will be a sponsor form and box at the back of Immaculate Heart Church. Thank you!  
Lilian Grey

### **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.