



OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 20th September 2015

25th Sunday of the Year

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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Vigil Saturday 19 th	5.30pm	St Philip's	Special Intention (M Mc)
Sunday 20 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Fr Taggart (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Bernadette Corrigan (Dec)
Monday 21 st	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 22 nd	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Marie Therese Joyce
Wednesday 23 rd	10.00am	St Philip's	James Rouse (Dec)
Thursday 24 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Michael Bell (Dec)
Friday 25 th	10.00am	St Mary's	George Porteous (Anniv)

26th Sunday of the Year

Vigil Saturday 26 th	5.30pm	St Philip's	Private Intention (CS)
Sunday 27 th	9.30am	St Mary's	In Thanksgiving (AS)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving (AC)

Feast Days This Week

Monday – St Matthew Apostle & Evangelist; Wednesday – St Pius of Pietrelcina;
 Thursday – Our Lady of Walsingham; Saturday – Saints Cosmas & Damian

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Evie-Mae Jo Shakespeare, Antonia Balwierz and Jeremy Balwierz who will be baptised at St Philip Neri Church this Sunday. May God bring to fulfilment the work he has begun in them.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

HOME MISSION SUNDAY is celebrated this weekend and is themed: 'PROCLAIM God's Mercy'. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering especially those whom we know are distant from the life of Faith. Please support the second collection which funds the Bishops' national work of evangelisation and the development of this year's Proclaim '15: Building Missionary Parishes initiative. It also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. You can donate online at: www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations Commemorative prayer cards are also available. Please support the work of Home Mission through your prayers and generosity. For more information see www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms15

ST ELIZABETH CONVENT Sisters from this convent based in Minsk, will be attending the 7.00pm Mass at Immaculate Heart on Tuesday 22nd September. They will be selling very good quality gifts to raise money for the work they do for orphans and homeless people. These gifts will make ideal Christmas and birthday presents. Please come along and support this worthy cause.

'DEAD MAN WALKING' NUN SPEAKING AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL -NEWCASTLE

Sr. Helen Prejean is author of the book, 'Dead Man Walking' which was turned into the Oscar Winning film starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn and tells the true life story of Sr. Helen's encounter with a man on Death Row who she accompanies to his execution. Sr Helen will be speaking at St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 5th October at 7.00pm. Sr. Helen is a well-known advocate of the poor and the vulnerable. She is engaging, inspiring and entertaining. The event is free and there is no need to book.

GENERAL INFORMATION...

HELP NEEDED Dr Ravi, a parishioner of ours, is involved with a charity in India (www.childreninhope.org.uk). They are looking for a Part-time Administrator and Fundraiser. If anyone is interested please contact Dr Ravi on Tel: 07838173619 or email: r.ravi@nhs.net

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE (FTIH) - IMMACULATE HEART & ST MARY'S CHURCHES

Starting this Sunday we will continue our journey with the diocesan renewal process FTIH. During Masses, we will issue the reflective questions, two at a time, over the next 6 weeks or so and use the time reserved for the homily as a period of reflection. This is our unique opportunity to have our say and for the sake of our parishes and the future generations.

Also, 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) There are two vacancies for members at St Philip Neri Church. If you would like to join the team with Katie Wilkinson and John Pinchen, please let Fr Jeff know. Closing date for nominations is Sunday 27th September.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH The Church Readers rota is now available.

FR JEFF'S 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY On the 16th October Fr Jeff will be 50! I know it's hard to believe! After the 11.00am Sunday Mass on the 18th he would like to invite you to a buffet lunch in Immaculate Heart Church. Mary Cookson and others have kindly offered to coordinate this special event. Over the next few weeks in each church there will be a list asking you to sign it if you're going. It would be helpful if everyone could bring their favourite food for a shared table. Refreshments will be provided. Let's make this an enjoyable time for parishioners of all ages – we will have all afternoon to party!

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.