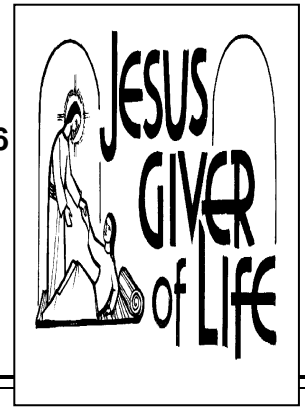


## OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 29th November 2015

First Sunday of Advent

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

Vigil Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Molly & John Pinchen & Family
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Maria Foy (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	John & Nancy Mulligan
	4.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Advent Service Theme: Mary Mother of Mercy
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Bernadette Corrigan (Dec)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Lawrie Hindes (Dec)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Mary Bradshaw (Dec)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Mary's	Bernard Oxley

#### **Second Sunday Advent**

Vigil Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	James Rouse (Dec)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Charlotte Lavinia & Thomas Carrick (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Pauline Archbold
	4.00pm	St Philip's	Advent Service. Theme: Christ the Light of the World

#### Feast Days This Week

Monday - St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland;  
 Thursday – St Francis Xavier; Friday – St Osmund

#### 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, Peter McLoughlin, Josie O'Keefe, Isaac Dawson (aged 5) and Edna Murray.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

**ST MARY'S HALL COMMITTEE** There will be a meeting on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm in St Mary's Hall

**DUNSTON CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** There will be a short ecumenical service at St Nicholas Church followed by the lighting of the community tree outside and then warm mulled wine and mince pies on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm. All are invited.

**ORGAN & PIANO RECITAL** To be held at the Immaculate Heart on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00pm. Admission Free but there will be a Retiring Collection in Aid of ICI (Iraqi Christians in Need) Supporting refugee families in Northern Iraq. Carl Bahoshy will perform Works by Bach, Boellmann, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Schubert & Vierne.

**SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY** All three parishes are invited to our Christmas Party on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. Mass at St Mary's 12.00noon followed by lunch. Please get in touch with either Elizabeth Martin on 0191 488 4752 or Kathy Mc Rae on 0191 488 1158. Please add your name to the list at the back of church to confirm attendance.

**ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS PARTY** The St Mary's Children's Liturgy Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm – 4.20pm in the Church Hall. We have our usual traditional party games, a party tea, carols and a visit from Santa! All our children are of course welcome, but the party will be aimed at Key Stage 1 and 2, and younger, just by the nature of the games etc If you have any queries or if you want to RSVP by text, please contact Jo Proctor on (07814 466278) or email [jo.proctor@talk21.com](mailto:jo.proctor@talk21.com).

**IMMACULATE HEART CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS PARTY** The Immaculate Heart Children's Liturgy Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 3.00 – 5.00pm. Please add your children's name(s) to the list at the back of church to confirm attendance.

**ADVENT QUIET DAY** Advent is a time for reflection and preparation for the great feast of Christmas. Fr John Marsland will lead a quiet day of prayer and contemplation at Ushaw. December 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30-4.00pm. Cost £15 including a light lunch.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** Get your Christmas jumper on and join us for a festive family celebration with seasonal entertainment in St Mary's hall on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 till 9.30pm. Bring food for a shared table and your own drinks. Please sign the list at the back of your church by December 6<sup>th</sup> so we have an idea of numbers. For further details contact Sue Sacco on 4881082

**MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY** Invite everyone to join them for Christmas Carols on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm on Northumberland Street outside Primark and Marks & Spencers.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION...**

**ADVENT ALMS APPEAL** Supporting St Cuthberts Care - this Advent, our 5p Bus will be busier than ever, distributing warm clothes, bedding, new toys and food parcels to hundreds of needy families throughout the Diocese. Quite simply, this would not be possible without your support; for this we are deeply grateful. Through our combined prayers and actions, we can continue to make a genuine difference to those in most need. Thank you for your continuing support.

**ANGEL TREE** Thank you all so much for taking the cards. On reflection, I realise that December 20<sup>th</sup> is going to be a bit difficult for sorting and delivering the presents. So, PLEASE could you bring them to church by **DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>** at the latest. Brigitte

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS** Thank you for your help in proving Christmas presents to needy children here in the North East. The angels' gifts need to be completed by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a blessing of all the completed angels after Mass on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**CHRONICLE WISH TOKENS** We are again appealing to you to save the tokens for us. (HCPT Lourdes Group 41) to enable us to once more have a successful pilgrimage with the children next Easter. Collection Boxes will be at the back of each church. Many thanks.

**IMMACULATE HEART CHOIR** New members are needed for the 11.00am Mass Choir, especially men! St Augustine once said, "He who sings prays twice!" Enjoy the company and challenge.

**ST MARY'S PIETY SHOP** Christmas cards, children's books, calendars and cribs are now available at the back of St Mary's. Please take a look.

**CALENDARS 2015 – INDIAN SCENES** The India Project that we support as Parishes have produced an inspiring calendar. They are ideal Christmas gifts at £3.50 each. Each month in pictures and words you are given an amazing account of the life transforming affect our help and support is giving in South India. There is a list at the back of Church to pre-order your calendar.

**GOD'S GIFT TO US** Recently, I attended a Catholic Charismatic Conference here in the North East – it was an amazing experience. Two faith resources that have been produced to help people of all ages to grow in their love, knowledge and commitment to God are now available. The plan in early 2016 is to run these courses in our parishes. Check them out @ [www.thegiftofthespirit.org](http://www.thegiftofthespirit.org) and [www.thebigpicturecourse.org](http://www.thebigpicturecourse.org) (CaFE resources) Please pray each day for the success of these gifts from God. Fr Jeff.

**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.