



## OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 22nd November 2015

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### **Feast - Christ the King**

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| Vigil Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>     | 5.30pm  | St Philip's      | Peter McLoughlin                                    |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>             | 9.30am  | St Mary's        | Brenda Rebecca Robson (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) |
|                                     | 11.00am | Immaculate Heart | Fr Taggart (Dec)                                    |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>             | 9.15am  | Immaculate Heart | Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion                |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>            | 7.00pm  | Immaculate Heart | Maria Foy (Dec)                                     |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>          | 10.00am | St Philip's      | Mary Bradshaw (Dec)                                 |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>           | 9.30am  | St Mary's        | Joyce Carrick (Dec)                                 |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>             | 10.00am | St Mary's        | Victoria Swinburn                                   |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent</b> |         |                  |   |
| Vigil Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>     | 5.30pm  | St Philip's      | Molly & John Pinchen and 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         |

#### Feast Days This Week

Monday - St Clement; Tuesday - St Andrew Dung-Lac;

Wednesday - St Catherine of Alexandria; Thursday - St Leonard of Porto Maurizio

#### 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 and Isaac Dawson (aged 5)

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS...**

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** The Christmas Fayre and Christmas Raffle will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00pm at the Immaculate Heart Church. Donations for prizes will be appreciated. We will have all the regular stalls, wheel of fortune, mystery tombola, cakes, soft toys, bric-a-bac etc. All parishioners are most welcome to attend or to help on stalls. A big thank you to those who have already donated gifts.

**CHURCH SYNOD ON THE FAMILY** Reflections on the Synod on the Family. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, with Bishop Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton diocese.

**ST MARY'S HALL COMMITTEE** Meeting on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm.

**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.

**EMMANUEL HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Come and celebrate the festive season on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December between 12.00noon and 7.00pm at Emmanuel House. There will be refreshments, tombola, raffle and gifts for sale. Details from Christine Deponio, 44, Rothbury Gdns, Lobley Hill. NE11 0AT.

**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 would like your child/childrer to come along, please complete the form at the back of the church and return to Jo Proctor by 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the latest, just to allow enough time to make arrangements and to make sure that Santa brings enough presents! 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.

**ST MARY'S HALL – PARISHES CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Come along for an hour and enjoy the company, refreshments and a shared table. An ideal opportunity to take time out from the rush towards Christmas. You can also see our recent refresh work to the hall building – maybe you would like to hire the hall for an event your planning? See you there. Fr Jeff.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION...**

**YOUTH SUNDAY** Today, on Youth Sunday, we celebrate the gift of young people in our Church, and renew our commitment to encourage and support them. Please pray for the young people in your parish and throughout the diocese, and for those who work with them. Please give generously to today's collection for the Youth Ministry Team – our diocesan youth service – [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org).

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS** Tradecraft in Team Valley now has a retail outlet on its premises on Kingsway North. Please remember to do some of your Christmas shopping there. There are some lovely products to choose from. The online shop is also available at [www.tradecraftshop.co.uk](http://www.tradecraftshop.co.uk) Support Fairtrade, and help wipe out poverty.

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS** Thank you for your help in providing 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.

**CLERGY TRAINING FUND** This remains open during the month of November. Thank you.

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

**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 PHILIP'S PIETY SHOP** Christmas Cards and gifts are now available at St Philip's Church. If you like a bargain, please spend a few minutes browsing. All monies raised go into church funds.

**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.