



OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 6th December 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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Vigil Saturday 5 th	5.30pm	St Philip's	James Rouse (Dec)
Sunday 6 th	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
Monday 7 th	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 8 th	10.00am	Immaculate Heart	Requiem Mass for Catherine Rutledge RIP
	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Isabell Cameron (Sick)
Wednesday 9 th	10.00am	St Philip's	Anthony Spencer (Sick)
	2.00pm	Mountsett Crematorium	Funeral Service for David Pepper RIP
Thursday 10 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Fr Joe Travers (2 nd Anniversary)
	7.00pm	St Philip's	Parishes Advent Penitential Service
Friday 11 th	10.00am	St Mary's	Tricia Craig (Anniversary)

Third Sunday of Advent

Vigil Saturday 12 th	5.30pm	St Philip's	Mary Bradshaw (Dec)
Sunday 13 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Gerard Bell (Anniversary)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Maria Foy (Dec)
	4.00pm	St Mary's	Advent Candlelight Service Theme: Emmanuel, God is with us

Feast Days This Week

Monday - St Ambrose; Tuesday - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
 Wednesday - St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin; Friday - St Damasus;
 Saturday - Our Lady of Guadeloupe

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), Edna Murray and Betty Thompson.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Catherine Rutledge and David Pepper, who have died. May they both rest in peace. Amen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

WHICKHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVENT SERVICE – KNITTED CHRISTMAS ANGELS This will take place on Saturday 19th December at 11.00am at St Mary the Virgin Church, Whickham. The blessing of the knitted angels with their messages of hope will take place. Later in the week, these will then be left around Whickham for people to find and take home.

Please Note: There will be a blessing of all the completed angels from our churches during Mass on the 6th December at 9.30am.

CONGRATULATIONS To Lily Grace Keating who will be baptised at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church this Sunday. May God continue the good work he has begun in her.

ADVENT TRAIL St Philip Neri School invite all parishioners to visit their Advent Trail around the school and the church on Tuesday 8th December from 2.30pm – 4.00pm to help you prepare for Christmas.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY Invite everyone to join them for Christmas Carols on Saturday December 12th at 3.00pm on Northumberland Street, Newcastle, outside Primark and Marks & Spencer.

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 12th 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 6th so we have an idea of numbers. For further details contact Sue Sacco on 4881082.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT (for those thinking about the priesthood) Evening of prayer and reflection and a Christmas social evening at St Mary's Cathedral 6.30pm – 8.30pm on Wednesday 16th December

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

GENERAL INFORMATION...

ADVENT ALMS APPEAL Supporting St Cuthbert's 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.

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.

GRATEFUL THANKS To all our parishioners who helped organise or attend the Christmas Fayre. Special thanks must go to Mary and Bill Cookson, for their untiring commitment. A fantastic £2306.71 was raised!

GRATEFUL THANKS To all our parishioners who donated to the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. £269.20 was raised to help people in Niger learn how to plant crops, and malnourished mothers and babies are able to have medicines and food.

SVP HOLY ISLAND CAMP Volunteers required for kitchen staff at SVP Holy Island Camp during summer holidays and during term time camps. Work involves supporting cook in preparing and serving meals, cleaning and dining room duties. Please contact Jacinta Hetherington on 07879463333 for more information. Thank you in anticipation!

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.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES If you would like a candle to be lit during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one, please write the name and put your donation (£5.00 - £10.00) in an envelope. Offerings must be in by Sunday 20th December. Please specify which church you would like the candle to be burned in.

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.