



**OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI
PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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Sunday 13th December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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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
Monday 14 th	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	- - - No Service - - -
Tuesday 15 th	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Louise & Vin (Sick)
Wednesday 16 th	10.00am	St Philip's	Peter Armstrong (Sick)
Thursday 17 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Vincent & Mary Wallace (Dec)
	1.00pm	St Mary's Cathedral	Requiem Mass for Fr Michael Corbett
Friday 18 th	10.00am	St Mary's	Alice & Danny Parker
	10.00am	Immaculate Heart	Requiem Mass for Betty Rose Thompson RIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Vigil Saturday 19 th	5.30pm	St Philip's	Cramer & Hutchins Family
Sunday 20 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Sheila Thompson
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Peggy & Gerry Hannant (Anniversary)
	4.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Advent Service Theme: Nine Lessons with Carols

Feast Days This Week

Monday - St John of the Cross

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

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Fr Michael Corbett and Elizabeth (Betty) Thompson, who have died. May they rest in peace. Amen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

ANGEL TREE Thank you all so much for taking the cards. PLEASE could you bring your gifts to church by DECEMBER 13th at the latest. Brigitte Jones.

CHURCH CLEANING APPEAL If you could spare an hour or two this Advent to help prepare your church for the Christmas services then please just come along and lend a hand.

St Philip Neri - Monday 15th December at 9.30am,

St Mary's - Sunday 20th December after 9.30am Mass,

Immaculate Heart - Wednesday 23rd December at 8.30am.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL would like to offer an open invitation to all members of the school and parish family to attend our whole-school Advent Mass (Thursday 17th December, 9:30am at St Mary's RC Church) - which will be followed by a mince pie (or two!) and Christmas raffle back at school - as well as our 'Carols by Candlelight' service (Monday 21st December, 3:30pm at St Mary's RC Church). Both occasions promise to be a wonderful way of preparing ourselves for Jesus' joyous arrival on Christmas Day, so please come along and join in the celebrations. Mr Wheatley (Headteacher).

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.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE With an opportunity for individual Confession. Saturday 19th December, 12noon – 5.00pm. Service with Bishop Seamus and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

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!

GRATEFUL THANKS To Elizabeth Martin, Kathy Reay and the team of helpers who made the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch such a great success. From the hall decorations to the food and the company – outstanding!

KENYA APPEAL £25 has been collected in lieu of Christmas cards for the Kenya Project. Thank you.

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.

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.