



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

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

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Vigil Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Cramer & Hutchins Family
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Sheila Thompson
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Peggy & Gerry Hannant (Anniversary)
	4.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Advent Service: Nine Lessons With Carols
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
	10.00am	St Philip's	School's Carol Service
	3.30pm	St Mary's	School's Carol Service by Candlelight
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Whole School Mass
	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Cathleen Rutledge (Dec)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	St Philip's	Mary Bradshaw (Dec)
<b>Christmas Eve</b>			
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Carols followed by Holy Mass People of the Parish
	7.30pm	St Mary's	Carols followed by Holy Mass Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (Birthday)
<b>Christmas Day</b>			
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Philip's	Carols followed by Holy Mass Peter McLoughlin (Sick)
<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>			
Vigil Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	St Philip's	Vera & Edward Steanson (Dec)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Mary's	Betty Thompson (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Freddy Bambrough (Dec)

**Feast Days This Week**

Saturday - St Stephen, First Martyr

**THANK YOU...** Fr Jeff and Fr Michael would like to wish all parishioners and their families a very holy and happy Christmas. A special thank you to everyone for making this feast an event for everyone at home, parish and school. Hope you all have a restful time leading up to the New Year.

**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.

### **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.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS...**

**ADVENT SERVICE** This Sunday at Immaculate Church at 4.00pm, will be your last chance to witness the wonderful preparations for Christmas that our three churches have shared. This week's service is based upon the Nine Lessons and Carols - like Kings College's Christmas Eve Service. This will give adults and children alike an oasis of peace, in an otherwise busy week, to reflect upon the true meaning of the Christmas Story.

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** Would like to offer an open invitation to all members of the school and parish family to attend our 'Carols by Candlelight' service (Monday 21st December, 3:30pm at St Mary's RC Church). The occasion promises to be a wonderful way of preparing ourselves for Jesus' joyous arrival on Christmas Day, so please come along and join in the celebration. Mr Wheatley (Headteacher).

**ST PHILIP NERI PRIMARY SCHOOL** Would like to invite parishioners to the School Carol Service on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.00am, in church and the School Mass on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am. This will be a lovely way of letting the Christmas Spirit enter us all in this special week leading to Jesus' birth. Mrs Douglass (Headteacher)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION...**

**CHURCH CLEANING APPEAL** If you could spare an hour or two this Advent to help prepare your church for Christmas, then please just come along and lend a hand @ Immaculate Heart - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.30am.

**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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please specify which church you would like the candle to be burned in.