



OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 6th March 2016

Fourth Sunday of Lent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5 th	10.30am – 11.30am	St Mary's	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip's	Betty Thompson (Dec)
Sunday 6 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Jim McMillan (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Andison (Anniversary)
Monday 7 th	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 8 th	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Andy Caffrey (Dec)
Wednesday 9 th	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Fr John Campbell (Dec)
	2.30pm	St Philip Neri	Time of Prayerful Reflection - Forgiving Face of God's Mercy, by the School Children
Thursday 10 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Private Intention
Friday 11 th	10.00am	St Mary's	Brian Campbell (Dec)
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Musical Stations of the Cross – the road to Calvary. 'No Greater Love' by David Ritson

5th Sunday of Lent

Vigil Saturday 12 th	5.30pm	St Philip's	James Rouse (Dec)
Sunday 13 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Jim McMillan (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Alzira Soares (Sick)

Feast Days this Week

Monday – Saints Perpetua & Felicity; Tuesday – St John of God;
 Wednesday – St Frances of Rome

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. During Lent there are 'Confessions' on a Saturday morning, 10.30am – 11.30am (see above for venue).

SICK AND IN NEED OF PRAYER Please pray for Marjorie Gray, James Roach, David Roach, Luke Roach, Emily Keane, Bernadette Kebell, Christine Taylor, Terry Gardner, Alan Crame, 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, Margaret Woodhall, Ray Deponio, Astrid Muse, Ann Camozzi, Mary Melia and John McDine.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Father John Campbell (formally from St Philip Neri Parish) who has died. May he rest in peace. Fr John's body will be received into St Mary's Church, Hexham, on Sunday March 6th at 6.00pm followed by Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Monday March 7th.

CONGRATULATIONS To Hansel Stuart Lester Forgaard and Joseph Paul Santos McGuirk, who will be baptised this Sunday at St Mary's Church. May the good work that God has begun in them, continue to grow.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME Check out our parish Lenten Programme @ www.theparish.org.uk

PALM SUNDAY – ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY This year we would like our children to celebrate the Palm Sunday in a special way. We want to encourage children to create and bring their own colourful palms to the procession on the Palm Sunday (20th of March). Our liturgy team will hold short craft sessions after the Masses on Sundays 6th and 13th of March at the church hall (10:30am - 11:00am), where children can come along and make their own palms using materials provided. Parents can stay and have a nice cup of tea or coffee. These are drop in sessions, no booking required. We are looking forward to seeing you and your children there.

CALLING ALL SINGERS Open invitation to anyone who would like to help lead the singing at the Easter Vigil which this year will be held at St Mary's, Whickham. There will be three practice sessions on Monday 7th, Monday 14th and Monday 21st March at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church. Please come along and help make this Easter Vigil really memorable. Phil Cunningham.

'NO GREATER LOVE' PASSION MUSICAL Holy hour performed by David & Lilian Ritson at St Mary's Church on Friday March 11th at 7.00pm. Last years liturgy was amazingly inspiring and really helped people to appreciate the supportive love Jesus has for each one of us.

INVITATION TO YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING SUNDAY 13th MARCH All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Youth Village on Sunday March 13th 3.00pm – 5.00pm. (Tea, coffee and cake served from 2.15pm). There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th March in the Weekday Chapel at Immaculate Heart.

THE DEVIL'S PASSION A play by Passion Pit Theatre will be performed at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Wednesday 16th March 7.30pm. Tickets £10 or £8 concessions. Online bookings <http://thedevilspassionstmaryscathedral.bpt.me> Telephone bookings 0800 411 8881 or at Pauline Bookshop or Cathedral Café.

GENERAL INFORMATION...

PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED All three of our churches need more counters for the weekend collections. We also need anyone who could offer practical help to the Finance Committee, in terms of analysing and completing Financial Returns. If you are interested, please contact Fr Jeff.

THANK YOU From the family of Ivor Reeves, to all of those who attended his funeral at St Philip Neri Church, for your donations. £137.35 was sent to Cancer Research UK.

THANK YOU From Rosa and John Caffrey, to all those who attended Andy's funeral at Immaculate Heart Church and for your kind donations. £1098.52 was shared between Cancer Research UK and Mind UK.

ST CUTHBERTS CARE'S LENTEN ALMS APPEAL This Lent please consider supporting our Hardship Fund. The Fund has been in operation for 13 years now, offering financial support and peace of mind, to hundreds of people requiring Catholic residential or nursing care in their late retirement years. With your support, we can ensure that no one is ever turned away from one of our nursing homes because of their inability to pay. For more information, telephone Sheila Errington, Director of Care, on (0191) 2280111.

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.