



OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 13th March 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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Saturday Vigil 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, 84 th Birthday)
Monday 14 th	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 th	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Betty Thompson (Dec)
Wednesday 16 th	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Carl Bent (Anniversary) (School Class 4)
	2.30pm	St Mary's	Time of Prayerful Reflection - The Restorative Face of God's Mercy
Thursday 17 th	9.30am	St Mary's	William & Bernard Oxley (Anniversary)
Friday 18 th	10.00am	St Mary's	Margaret Edwards (Dec)
	7.00pm	St Philip's	Lenten Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord

Saturday 19 th	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip's	Mary & Michael Bradshaw (Dec)
Sunday 20 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Davina Siddall (Anniversary)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Philip & Lyndsay Varty (Recently Married)

Feast Days this Week

Thursday – Saint Patrick, Apostle of Ireland;
 Saturday – St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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).

Deanery Penitential Services

- Stella Parish 6.30pm, Tuesday 15th March.
- St Anne's, Winlaton 7.00pm, Tuesday 22nd March.

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, John McDine, Lesley Gough and Susan Walker.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

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 Mass today 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 14th and Monday 21st March at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church. Please come along and help make this Easter Vigil really memorable. Phil Cunningham.

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://thedevelopassionstmaryscathedral.bpt.me> Telephone bookings 0800 411 8881 or at Pauline Bookshop or Cathedral Café.

GENERAL INFORMATION...

RETIRING COLLECTION Next week there will be a collection for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS These are being offered by Sainsbury’s to benefit schools’ sports equipment. They will be available until July, so please collect them with your shopping and leave them in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

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.

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.