



OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 24th April 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday Vigil 23 rd	5.30pm	St Philip's	Dec Members of the Clark Family
Sunday 24 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Michael Begley (Anniversary)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Anne Kerr (Anniversary)
Monday 25 th	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 26 th	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Grace & William McPhee (Anniversary)
Wednesday 27 th	10.00am	St Philip's	Fr John Campbell (Dec)
Thursday 28 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Pat Edwards (Dec)
Friday 29 th	10.00am	St Mary's	Isobella Boyd (Dec)

6th Sunday of Easter

Vigil Saturday 30 th	5.30pm	St Philip's	Andy Caffrey (Dec)
Sunday 1 st	9.30am	St Mary's	Jimmy Wood (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	John McDine (Sick)

Feast Day This Week:

Monday – St Mark, Evangelist; Friday – St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe

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 Saturday at St Philip's Church 4.45pm – 5.15pm, Tuesday Immaculate Heart Church 6.30pm – 7.00pm and St Mary's Friday 9.30am – 10.00am.

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 (Gower), Ann Camozzi, Mary Melia, John McDine, Lesley Goug, Susan Walker, John Collier and Aidan McMahon (baby). *May Our Blessed Lady, Mother of all the Sick. Pray for them. Amen.*

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Peggy Conaty who has died. May she rest in peace. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS To Lewis Devaney, who will be baptised this Sunday at St Mary's Church. May God bring to fulfilment the good work he has begun in him.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

ST MARY'S SCHOOL ADULT CHOIR Will be practising on the following dates in the school hall. Sessions begin at 6.00pm and new members of all abilities can be assured of a warm welcome. Come and join us. April 27th, May 11th, May 25th, and June 8th

PARISH FINANCE MEETING Thursday 28th April at 7.00pm, Immaculate Heart Presbytery.

COFFEE MORNING In Immaculate Heart Church Lobley Hill on Saturday May 14th from 10.00am - 12.30pm in aid of H.C.P.T Lordes Group 41 & the Holy Family India Project. There will be a Cake Stall, Mystery Tombola & Raffle. Tickets £1 includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits.

CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCY SERVICE - @ IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH Wednesday 11th May, 7.00pm. Across the diocese this year, Services of Mercy are being held to which all parishioners are invited. A special effort is asked from those in our deanery to come along. Bishop Seamus encourages us with these words, "God's mercy is for all people and he wants everyone to come to him with trust and confidence. The mercy of Jesus is kind and understanding; now is the time; it is never too late; he forgives all things. Let his gentle healing put your worries to rest." Next weekend, Ingelise McNulty will speak during the Masses about this event and how it promises to be a moment of grace for us all. Fr Jeff.

DAY OF REFLECTION The theme, 'To Live Wisely, Think Deeply & Love Generously' will be held in the Presentation Room, Bede Wing, Ushaw College, DH7 9RH, on Saturday 14th May 10.30am - 3.30pm. Led by Karen Kilby, holder of the Bede Chair of Catholic Theology at Durham University. For more information and to book tel 0191 243 3302, email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION...

RETIRING COLLECTION **Next Week** - there will be a Special Collection for the people of Ukraine. After the recitation of the Regina Coeli on Sunday 3rd April 2016, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched an humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of Ukraine, in the form of a Special Collection to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative.

SVP COLLECTION BOX Members of the SVP conferences at each of our three churches, would be grateful if you would donate any small change that you may have in your wallet or purse, to help the needy in our own communities. The box is always there at the back of church. We do realise that you are asked to give to lots of charitable collections and you cannot give to all, if, however you have the odd 1p and 2p they all add up. Thank you so much. Your SVP conferences.

ST MARY'S PARISH & COMMUNITY GARDEN The overgrown garden adjacent to the hall is going to be cleared and landscaped to create an appealing garden for our parishes and the local community. The aim is to restore the garden to its former original beauty, so that people may use it for activities and be a quiet place for personal prayer. Permission has been granted by the Council to fell the overgrown trees and open out this special garden space. Outside funders will be approached to ask if they might pay towards the cost of some of this exciting refurbishment. Fr Jeff.

LONDON MARATHON – RUNNING FOR HCPT LORDES GROUP 41 "I am running the London Marathon for HCPT Group 41 to raise money to allow children with a wide range of needs to travel to Lourdes next year. I would greatly appreciate any support. Please follow the link below if you would like to find out about the HCPT Group 41 and make a donation. Thank you." David Salmon. <https://www.justgiving.com/David-Salmon4>

ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN If you would like a notice put in the bulletin, please have them in by **Tuesday** evening at the latest. Either email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart.

This Weeks Pause For Thought – "What is 'the truth'? Can we know it? Can we find it?... The truth is not grasped as a thing; the truth is encountered. It is not a possession; it is an encounter with a Person (Jesus Christ)." Pope Francis. General Audience. St Peter's Square., Rome. 15th May 2013.