



OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 1st May 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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Saturday Vigil 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)
Monday 2 nd	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Celebration of the Word & Holy Comm.
Tuesday 3 rd	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Andy Caffrey (Dec)
Wednesday 4 th	10.00am	St Philip's	Dec Priests & Parishioners
Thursday 5 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Mary Reay (Anniversary)
Friday 6 th	10.00am	St Mary's	Dec Oxley, Crilly & O'Brien Family

The Ascension of the Lord (World Communications Day)

Vigil Saturday 7 th	5.30pm	St Philip's	Fr John Campbell (Dec)
Sunday 8 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Eileen & Maurice Flynn (Dec)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Kenneth & Margaret Gaffney (65 th Wedding Anniversary)

Feast Day This Week:

Monday – St Athanasius; Tuesday – Saints Philip & James, Apostles;
Wednesday – The English Martyrs; Saturday – St John Beverley

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 Terry Seagraves and Sr Anne Donockley who have died. May they rest in peace. Amen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (BIDDING PRAYERS) On Thursday 5th May, 7.00pm in the Weekday Chapel, Lobley Hill, there will be a brief meeting to discuss how parishioners might prepare and write the Sunday Bidding Prayers. Anyone interested please come along.

CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCY SERVICE - @ ST MARY'S CHURCH WHICKHAM

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." This 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.

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

MAY DEVOTIONS Will take place in St Joseph's Church, Blaydon, on Sunday 15th May at 3.30pm. Including The Rosary, Marian prayers, hymns and reflections. Followed by tea and cakes. Everyone is welcome.

PRAYER NOVENA For the re- evangelization of Britain. In response to the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Sentamu of York, there will be a prayer Novena called "Thy Kingdom Come" from Ascension Thursday May 8th to Pentecost May 15th. We have been invited to take part. There are to be 6 Beacon Cathedrals in England as focal points for prayer. Durham Cathedral is one of these and the final prayer liturgy will be there on Pentecost Sunday at 7.00pm. This is a free event, but for planning purposes, tickets do need to be booked through the website <http://thykingdom.co.uk/>.

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED St Cuthbert's Care's fostering agency, Fostering North East, desperately needs more foster carers to help provide stable, loving homes for children in the region. Nationally, more than 9,000 new foster households will be needed in the coming year and we are working hard to play our part in finding new foster carers in our diocese. If you think you could foster a child or are interested in finding out more about fostering, come and meet our friendly team for an informal chat at Newcastle Central Station, inside the portico on Tuesday 17th May between 12noon and 4.00pm. If you can't come along on the day but would like to know more about fostering, please visit www.fosteringnortheast.org.uk or ring Fostering North East Operations Manager, Joann Gibson on 0191 2280111 or email joann.gibson@fosteringnortheast.org.uk

GENERAL INFORMATION...

RETIRING COLLECTION

This 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 a 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.

Next Week - there will be a special collection for World Communications Day.

CARE HOME VISITS At times parishioners may move into a care home within their parishes or come from outside parishes. Due to data protection, a priest cannot know that someone would like a visit unless the person themselves or a family member informs the parish priest of this. Please contact a Parish Priest via their website or the telephone number/email address on the bulletin.

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.

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.