

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF
IMMACULATE HEART, ST MARY AND ST PHILIP NERI**



*The people that walked in darkness has
seen a great light (Mt 4:16)*

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**The parish secretary, Barbara Cooper, is generally available in the parish office
Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and all day Thursday.**

Sunday 22 January 2017

Third Sunday of the Year

Year A

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

(A) = Anniversary

Saturday 21 January	5.30 pm	St Philip Neri	Private Intention (CS)
Sunday 22 January	9.30 am	St Mary	Mary and Trish Primmit (Dec)
Third Sunday of the Year	11.00 am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 23 January		N.B. No Service today	
Tuesday 24 January	<u>6.30pm</u>	Immaculate Heart	Andy and Rosa Caffrey (Dec)
<i>St Francis de Sales</i>			
Wednesday 25 January	10.00 am	St Philip Neri	Gerard Mulholland (Dec)
<i>The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle</i>	12.00 noon	St Mary	<i>Christian Unity Week Service (see over page)</i>
	7.00 pm	Immaculate Heart	<i>Vocations Evening of Prayer and Reflection (see over page)</i>
<i>End of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 – 25 January)</i>			
Thursday 26 January	9.30 am	St Mary	In Thanksgiving (MT)
<i>SS Timothy and Titus</i>			
Friday 27 January	10.00 am	St Mary	Coleen and Pat Graham (Dec)
Saturday 28 January (<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>)			
Vigil Mass	5.30 pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 29 January	9.30 am	St Mary	Michael and Lesley Ann Flynn/Sarah and Joseph McHatton
Fourth Sunday of the Year	11.00 am	Immaculate Heart	George Kerr (A)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday at St Philip's Church 5.05pm – 5.20pm,
Tuesday at Immaculate Heart Church 6.10pm – 6.25pm, Friday at St Mary's Church 9.40am – 9.55am.

Diocesan Forward Together in Hope Prayer

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.

SICK AND IN NEED OF PRAYER Please pray for William Weaver, Marjorie Gray, James Roach, David Roach, Luke Roach, Emily Keane, Christine Taylor, Terry Gardner, Alan Crame, Pauline Mulholland, Margaret Lyddieth, Sheila Rickerby, Susan Wall, Paul Leonard, Kathleen Bruce, Peter McLoughlin, Josie O'Keefe, Isaac Dawson (child), Margaret Woodhall, Ray Deponio, Astrid Muse (Gower), Ann Camozzi, Mary Melia, Lesley Gough, Susan Walker, Kai Thompson (baby), Diana Bambrough, Monica Meaney, Gillian Black, Mary Trevena, Tammie Blair.

Please note that if you or any member of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic chaplain then please ask a member of the ward staff to let the chaplain know.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Abbot Cuthbert (Peter) Johnson who died on Monday 16th January 2017 in Holy Cross Home, Sunderland. Please pray also for Elizabeth (Betty) Wichman who died on the 19th December and whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 24th January at St Andrew's RC Church, Newcastle at 12.15pm followed by burial at Whickham cemetery. Her parish friends are warmly invited to attend the Mass and afterwards at her home in Whickham. May they rest in peace. Amen.

VOCATIONS EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION at Immaculate Heart Church this Wednesday 25 January 2017 starting at 7pm and finishing at 8.15pm. Led by Father David Smith, the service will be an opportunity for us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. The evening will begin with refreshments. Please support the evening. Contact Father David for more information on 0191 267 6063 or stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017 takes place from 18 to 25 January with the theme of *"Crossing Barriers"*. There are many reasons to celebrate this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The focus is towards Germany as we remember especially the 500th Anniversary of the German Reformation and the call to reconciliation. This is a time of great change and uncertainty around the world as we confront difficulties such as climate change, migration of people across the planet and conflict spreading in many places. In the European context we see many of these issues finding expressions on our streets and these are indeed a cause for prayers for unity. Please find time to pray at this special time. For more information please visit ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2017/

As part of the Octave of Prayer, Wickham Churches would like to invite you to a series of short Prayer Services followed by a light bite (soup and a bun). Money raised by donations goes to Christine Aid. All are welcome.

St Mary the Virgin C of E	Mon 23rd Jan at 12.00 noon
Fellside Methodists	Tues 24th Jan at 12.00 noon
St Mary's RC	Wed 25th Jan at 12.00 noon
Spoor Methodists	Thurs 26 th Jan N.B. Refreshments from 10am before the Service at 11.30am.

SENIOR CITIZEN GROUP Is anyone interested in joining a small group to discuss planning a regular monthly lunchtime club for senior citizens? Please come along to a short meeting and give us your ideas and support. The meeting will take place at Immaculate Heart in the Small Chapel on Monday 6 February 2pm For further details and to express interest please contact Michael Waugh on 07923 485 509.

A DEANERY YOUTH MEETING will take place at Immaculate Heart in the weekday chapel from 7pm to 8pm on Wednesday 8 February 2017. As you may remember we are trying, as a Deanery, to introduce some activities for all our youth in the hopes of retaining/engaging them within our Church family. An invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this meeting with suggestions, offers of support and encouragement for this initiative. All ages are welcome! This initiative is still in its early stages - this will be the third meeting - please come along and help make a difference.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT IMMACULATE HEART Please bring your child to Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass at Immaculate Heart Church. Children of all ages are welcome including under 3's with an adult. It is held in the weekday chapel every Sunday during term-time. Two Children's Liturgy leaders are present every week to provide activities and supervise the children, all DBS checked. An activity box for children will be provided at the back of Church for children to use during holidays. If you have any further queries please contact the parish office.

GALILEE TALKS taking place on Saturday 4 February at 11am at St Mary's, Hencotes, Hexham NE46 2EB. Led by Max Winthrop an employment lawyer and parishioner who will talk on the subject of "Three Popes and their three papers on work". Refreshments from 10.30am. Donations requested. All are welcome. More information from 01434 603 119 or email@stmaryshexham.plus.com

NEW LAY LEADERS OF CELEBRATIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST There is a training course for anyone wishing to become a new Lay Leader. The cost will be paid by the parish. Please discuss with Father Peter if you are interested.

St. Hilda's Resource Centre	Monday 6th, 13th, 27th February and 6th, 13th 20th March 2017
St. Cuthbert House	7.00pm-9.00pm
391 West Road	Saturday 11th March 2017 10.30am - 4.00pm
Newcastle, NE15 7PY	Commissioning Mass Monday 20th March 7.00pm
	Cost £25.00

REUNION FOR EXISTING LAY LEADERS If you wish to attend please contact the parish office for a booking form.

St. Hilda's Resource Centre	Monday 27th March 2017 - 7.00pm-9.00pm
As above	No Charge

FLAME CONGRESS On Saturday 11th March a group of 1,000 young people and adults from our diocese will be travelling to Flame at Wembley Arena. Flame is a National Catholic Youth Congress with inspiring speakers and music from Matt Redman. Coaches will be leaving from every part of the diocese. There are still places left for young people from Year 9 and above and adults. If you would like to go, contact YMT for further details. Email admin@ymt.org or 01207 592 244.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE The Northern Men's Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham takes place from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th June 2017. Cost, including coach travel, bed & breakfast and evening meals, plus a traditional Sunday lunch prior to departure for home is £150. A deposit of £35 will reserve your place with the balance payable by 1st May. Contact John Robertson on 0191 487 7790 or John Ross 0191 440 4391.

ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN If you would like a notice put in the next bulletin, please type or write the item with as much detail as possible e.g. dates, times, contact person, describe the event or notice and have them in by **10am on Thursday 24 January** at the latest. Either email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart. Please remember to add your contact details so that if there are any queries we can get in touch with you?