



NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF
IMMACULATE HEART of MARY, LOBLEY HILL,
ST MARY, WHICKHAM and ST PHILIP NERI, DUNSTON



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*You have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors.....but I say this to you:
Mt 5:17-37*

**The Parish Secretary, Barbara Cooper, is generally available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery
on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and all day Thursday.**

Sunday 12 February 2017

Sixth Sunday of the Year

Year A

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 11 February (*Our Lady of Lourdes*)

Vigil Mass 5.30pm

St Philip Neri

The priests of our parishes, past and present

Sunday 12 February 9.30am

St Mary

People of the Parish

Sixth Sunday of the Year 11.00am

Immaculate Heart

Andy and Rosa Caffrey

Monday 13 February 9.15am

Immaculate Heart

Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 14 February 6.30pm

Immaculate Heart

Deceased members of the Corrigan and Rossi Families

SS Cyril & Methodius, Patrons of Europe

Wednesday 15 February 10.00am

St Philip Neri

Repose of the soul of Harry Watson

Thursday 16 February 9.30am

St Mary

Betty and Michael Wichman

Friday 17 February 10.00am

St Mary

Deceased members of the Arkless Family

Saturday 18 February

Vigil Mass 5.30pm

St Philip Neri

Margaret and Philip Daunt

Sunday 19 February 9.30am

St Mary

Graham Orr and Iris Kimber (Dec)

Seventh Sunday of the Year 11.00am

Immaculate Heart

People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.05pm – 5.20pm,

Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 6.10pm – 6.25pm, Friday at St Mary 9.40am – 9.55am.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE ▪ ONE DIOCESE ▪ 18 PARTNERSHIPS ▪ UNLIMITED POTENTIAL

At the two open meetings held on Thursday 9th February in Dunston and Darlington, the Bishop and the Diocesan Board of Directors announced how the 150 parishes currently in the diocese are to be gathered into eighteen new partnerships. The message from Bishop Séamus states that:

"A partnership is a group of parishes agreeing to work together, to share resources, both human and material, to become stronger and better equipped for furthering the Kingdom of God."

He is convinced that partnerships will enable formation programmes to be developed and delivered locally; that smaller communities can be supported; that the gifts, talents and financial resources in a wider area can be put at the service of more people and that a thorough review of all property will need to be carried out in the near future.

Within Vicariate C, which is made up of the parishes in South Tyneside and Gateshead, there will be four groups of partnerships including one entitled (for the moment) C2 which will have within it the following churches/parishes: Dunston/St Philip Neri, Felling/St Patrick, Gateshead/Corpus Christi/Holy Rosary/ St Joseph/St Wilfrid, Harlow Green/St Anne, Leam Lane/St Augustine, Lobley Hill/Immaculate Heart of Mary, Low Fell/St Peter, Pelaw/St Alban, Whickham /St Mary, Wrekenton/St Oswald.

The complete overview of all the new partnerships throughout the diocese is available on the diocesan website – www.rcdhn.org.uk

BAPTISMS We welcome into the Church this Sunday, Faith Clark, Mason Zi Wai Chan and Justin Paul Rochester who are being baptised at St Mary, Whickham.

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, 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, Winn Brooks, Mary Orr, Helen Bain, Don Kimber.

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.

KEYS FOR OUR CHURCHES, PRESBYTERIES & HALL We are about to compile a key register which will include the names and contact details of all parishioners and employees who hold keys to any of our current parish buildings. We are required by the Diocese to hold this register for security reasons. To enable us to do this, could everyone who has keys please make a list and give or email it to Barbara Cooper in the Parish Office with your name, contact details, a list of the keys you hold and the reason you hold them.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES We have some new Mass intention envelopes which are now at the back of all three churches. Please fully complete the front of the envelope so that we can be sure to fulfil your wishes and to contact you if we need to.

CRAFT AND CHATTER group begins on **Friday 17 February** after morning Mass at St Mary, Whickham as a weekly event. Come along with your own project and enjoy the company. All are welcome. Contact Christine Norman 0191 496 1876 for more details.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CHOIR will be meeting for rehearsals in the school hall at 6pm on the following dates: 15 February, 1 March, 15 March and 29 March. All are welcome!

THE DURHAM HYMNS at St Joseph's RC Church, High St, Gateshead, NE8 1LX on Friday 24 February at 7.30pm. The Hymns Suite is a moving tribute to the people of County Durham (as it was during World War One) and, while produced as a World War One commemorative project, is extremely pertinent today. Tickets are £8.00 (£6.00) concession and are available from St Joseph's Church. Tel: 0191 477 1631 and through the Trust's website; www.nrbbt.org.uk

A DIOCESAN SACRAMENTAL DAY FOR RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST will be taking place on Saturday 4 March from 10am to 3pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead NE8 1LX. This is an opportunity to develop your understanding of what it means to be a Catechist and to look at the programmes and guidelines available. The day is for those already involved in catechesis and those interested in becoming involved. There is no charge for this day. Please bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend, please email: adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or tel: 0191 243 3313.

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, description of the event or notice, and have it in **by 10am on Thursday 16 February** 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 in case we have a query.

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE

One Diocese ▪ 18 Partnerships ▪ Unlimited Potential

God of all Creation, you have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our Diocese and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world. Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself to learn from you and to model their lives on you. Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world. Come upon us, Holy Spirit, deepen the faith you invite us to share and inspire us to become faithful witnesses. As we begin to develop our partnerships, help each one of us to use the gifts you give us to nurture one another, to serve the world, and to live in harmony with the whole of creation. All of this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

