



NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF
IMMACULATE HEART of MARY • LOBLEY HILL,
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"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."

Mt 4:1

The Parish Secretary, Barbara Cooper, is generally available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2pm and all day Thursday.

Sunday 5 March 2017

First Sunday of Lent

Year A

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 4 March Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 March	9.30am	St Mary	James McMillan (dec.)
First Sunday of Lent	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Nan Kerr (birthday)
Monday 6 March	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 7 March	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Andy and Rosa Caffrey (dec.)
Wednesday 8 March	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Gerard Mulholland (dec.)
Thursday 9 March	10.30am	St Mary	Requiem Mass for Joseph (Terry) Burke
Friday 10 March	10.00am	St Mary	Billy Smith (dec.)
CAFOD Family Fast Day	6.30pm	St Mary	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 11 March Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 March	9.30am	St Mary	Steve Haughton (ann.)
Second Sunday of Lent	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Andison (ann.)

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



Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Wednesday at St Philip Neri

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Friday at St Mary

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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.

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, Diana Bambrough, Monica Meaney, 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.*

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Joseph (Terry) Burke who died on 26 February. Terry's Requiem Mass is on Thursday 9 March at 10.30am followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

A LEAFLET GIVING ALL LENT AND EASTER SERVICE TIMES is now available at the back of all churches.

LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2017 This Lent, please consider supporting St Cuthbert's Care Hardship Fund which offers financial support to hundreds of people each year across their two residential and nursing homes who are unable to meet the full cost of their care. The fund ensures no-one is turned away from one of the homes due to inability to pay. More information can be found by contacting Joanne Bulford on 0191 228 0111 or joanne.bulford@stcuthbertscare.org.uk

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is this Friday 10 March. Please take an envelope from the back of church and return it next week.

WALK WITH ME Lenten booklets are now available at the back of all churches priced at £1 with calendars at 25p. These booklets provide a prayer and scripture journey for the Lenten period and have been so popular we have ordered more.

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

LILY KEATING Dorothy Simmons and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, help and support throughout Lily's illness. Also thanks for the Mass offerings, sympathy cards, candles, prayers and beautiful flowers received after Lily's death.

CHURCH CLEANING We are looking for volunteers to help clean Immaculate Heart Church and to help with the laundry of church linen. If you can spare an hour or 2 on a weekly or fortnightly basis please contact the parish office on 0191 460 4274 or by email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

COUNTING TEAM Volunteers are invited for all three churches. If you would like to be considered to join one of counting teams who diligently count our offertory collections and other monies coming into the church each weekend, please pass your name, contact details and parish you attend to the Parish Secretary 0191 460 4274 or by email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

PARISH SUPPLEMENTARY HYMNAL A new edition has now been printed covering our three churches. If anyone would like to learn the new hymns or revise some of the old ones, they are welcome at St Mary's Church on Mondays 13, 20 and 27 March from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

SENIORS CLUB Volunteers from across our three parishes are in the process of planning a monthly activity for 'Seniors' who would like to get together for a snack, a chat and a bit of "entertainment." Therefore, can you come up with an idea for a name for this activity? The catchier the better!!! There is a prize. We will leave a short form for you to complete at the back of the churches. You can have as many ideas as you like. Please have them in by Sunday 26 March to have a chance to win the prize. To help you come up with a name, here is **Our Spiritual Values and Ethos**

Our Vision

We are inspired by Christ's message to love our neighbour as ourselves. We welcome all our neighbours looking for friendship and provide a warm welcome and a loving environment based on Christ's message of love.

Our Mission

To look outward and welcome those looking for friendship and company.

Provide a safe and caring environment for all to feel at ease and enjoy their time together, build relationships and share the good news.

KEYS FOR OUR CHURCHES, PRESBYTERIES & HALL Thank you to everyone who has come forward to either hand in keys no longer needed or to notify the office that they hold keys. Can those who have yet to do so, **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. We are required by the Diocese to hold this register for security reasons.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES Please try to use the new Mass Intention envelopes which have been at the back of all three churches for some weeks now. It is helpful if you fully complete the front of the envelope so that we can do our best to fulfil your wishes and so that we can contact you if we need to. Please also note that you need to give as much notice as possible if you are looking for a specific date - we have received a lot of Mass Intentions recently and have not always been able to offer dates that have been asked for and, in this case, we do try to find the nearest available date. Thank you.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS Active Kids vouchers are being collected to help provide equipment for our schools. Please feel free to leave any at the back of the churches. These will then be passed onto the schools. More information can be found at <https://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk/>

DIOCESAN VACANCY for a full time Chief Operating Officer (£70k pa) based at St Vincent's, West Road, Newcastle. The closing date is 15 March and interviews on 5 April. For an application form and more information, contact HR at the Diocese on 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk or visit the Diocesan website at <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/papers/diovac.php>

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 9 March** 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.