



*"This is my Son, the Beloved;  
he enjoys my favour. Listen to him."  
Mt 17:5*

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



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**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 12 March 2017**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Year A**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

<b>Saturday 11 March Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 12 March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	St Mary	Steve Haughton (ann.)
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Immaculate Heart	Bob Andison (ann.)
Monday 13 March	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 March	10.00am	St Mary	Requiem Mass for Rose Berry
Wednesday 15 March	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Marian Richardson
Thursday 16 March	9.30am	St Mary	Joyce Carrick (dec.)
Friday 17 March <i>St Patrick</i>	10.00am	St Mary	Patricia and Brian Hanley
	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Saturday 18 March Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	St Philip Neri	Gerard Mulholland (dec.)
<b>Sunday 19 March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	St Mary	Rowland Potts (ann.)
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	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



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

**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.

**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 Rose Berry who died on 26 February. Rose's Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 14 March at 10.00am followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**CONFIRMATIONS FOR THE DEANERY** Bishop Séamus will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph's Church, Blaydon on Thursday 8 June at 7pm. Preparation sessions for Year 9 and 10 pupils will take place on Wednesdays 3, 10, 17 and 24 May at St Joseph's, and all candidates are expected to attend all sessions. Year 9 & 10 pupils at St Thomas More School, Blaydon have already been notified about the preparation sessions and the Confirmation date. Any other Year 9 or 10 children, not attending St Thomas More School, who wish to be confirmed on 8 June are asked to collect, complete and return one of the application forms available at the back of our three 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](mailto:joanne.bulford@stcuthbertscare.org.uk)

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** was on Friday 10 March. Please return your envelopes to church as soon as you can.

**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 Wednesdays 15 and 29 March.

**CHURCH CLEANING** We are looking for volunteers to help clean Immaculate Heart Church and to help with the laundry of church linen. Please contact the parish office on 0191 460 4274 or by email to [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) if you can help.

**COUNTING TEAMS** Volunteers are invited for all three churches. If you would like to be considered to join one of the 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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk)

**PARISH SUPPLEMENTARY HYMNAL** A new edition has been printed for our three churches. If you would like to learn the new hymns or some of the old ones, please come along to St Mary's Church on Mondays 13, 20 & 27 March from 7.00pm - 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.

**ST MARY'S RED MISSION BOXES** Many thanks to collectors and all who have contributed for the wonderful 2016 total of £4,128.21. (See poster on Parish notice board)

**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/>

**CUDDY'S CORSE WALK** organised by the Forward Together in Hope Team will take place on Sunday 19 March. People from across the diocese will meet at 12.45pm at the Church of St Mary and St Cuthbert in Chester-le Street and walk to Finchale Priory then onto Durham Cathedral for a 5pm finish. The walk is about 8 miles and classed as moderate with some steep inclines. There is no charge. If you wish to take part please let the diocese have your name and emergency contact details by email to [hope@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:hope@diocesehn.org.uk) or phone 0191 243 3304. A poster with more information is available from the parish office.

**BEING WELL** A Day of Reflection on how Catholic Spirituality can help you. Taking place on Saturday 1 April from 11.30am – 2.30pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall, 27 Bridge Street, Sunderland, SR1 1RQ. For more information tel: 0191 567 5354.

**MIGRATION CRISIS - ACTION HOSTING** Would you consider opening up your home to a destitute client? Action Hosting invites you to an Open Evening on Wednesday 29 March from 6pm to 7pm at The Castlegate, Melbourne Street, Newcastle NE1 2JQ. The Migration crisis has been hard for some people and this scheme builds on other services Action Foundation offers but also on the generosity of local parishioners. Please come along for more information. Contact Vicki or Vin on (0191) 231 3113 or by email to [hosting@actionfoundation.org.uk](mailto:hosting@actionfoundation.org.uk) Further information at [www.actionfoundation.org.uk](http://www.actionfoundation.org.uk)

**HOSPITAL CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY** A part time Catholic Chaplaincy post for Durham & Darlington NHS Trust is advertised on NHS Jobs: [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk) - enter the job reference: 439-AEC-13393-1.

**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 March** at the latest. Either email to [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto: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.