



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



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*"Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again."
John 4:14*

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 19 March 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

Year A

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 18 March Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Gerard Mulholland (dec.)
Sunday 19 March	9.30am	St Mary	Rowland Potts (ann.)
Third Sunday of Lent	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 20 March <i>St Joseph</i>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 21 March	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving (AC)
Wednesday 22 March	10.00am	St Philip Neri	William Hume (dec.)
	11.00am	St Philip Neri	Funeral Service for Douglas Readshaw
Thursday 23 March	9.30am	St Mary	Keith Mitchell (dec.)
Friday 24 March	10.00am	St Mary	Elizabeth Jukes
	6.30pm	St Philip Neri	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 25 March	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>		
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Helen Bain
Sunday 26 March	9.30am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Fourth Sunday of Lent	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Paddy Finn (dec.)

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 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, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the chaplain know.**

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Douglas Readshaw who died on 11 March and whose Funeral Service is at St Philip Neri on Wednesday 22 March at 11.00am followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May he 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 There will be a retiring collection for Lenten Alms at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous through this collection in contributing to St Cuthbert's Care Hardship Fund which offers financial support to hundreds of people who are unable to meet the full cost of their care in St Cuthbert's Care two residential and nursing homes. The fund ensures no-one is turned away from one of the homes due to inability to pay.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CHOIR will be meeting for their last rehearsal in the school hall at 6pm on Wednesday 29 March.

THE GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS will take place this year on Friday 14 April from 11am to 12 noon beginning on Fellside Road, down into Whickham, turning right and walking along to Dockendale Lane. Stopping Points are: Fellside Methodists, Spoor Methodists, St Mary's Green (outside main shops), St Mary the Virgin and finishing at St Mary's RC Dockendale Lane. Everyone is welcome.

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 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

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 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.

WISH TOKEN COLLECTION Coming third with a total of 58,944 tokens, we have received a cheque for £707.85, but better still we have had some very generous private donations making our Grand Total £2,110 which will be a tremendous help to HCPT Group 41. Thanks again to all who helped.

IMMACULATE HEART RED MISSION BOXES Many thanks to collectors, counters and all who have contributed to the grand total of £1,624.23.

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/>

THE LENTEN DEANERY PENITENTIAL SERVICE which will include the opportunity for individual Confession will take place at St Anne's Church, Half Fields Road, Winlaton NE21 5RW on Tuesday 11 April at 7pm. All are welcome.

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 Further information at 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 - enter the job reference: 439-AEC-13393-1.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER If you would like a notice put in the next newsletter, 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 23 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.