



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



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*"It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind."*

*John 9:39*

**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 26 March 2017**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

**Year A**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

**Saturday 25 March** *The Annunciation of the Lord*

<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	St Philip Neri	Helen Bain
<b>Sunday 26 March</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	St Mary	People of the Parish
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Immaculate Heart	Paddy Finn (dec.)
Monday 27 March		Immaculate Heart	NB - No service today
Tuesday 28 March	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Lily Keating (dec.)
Wednesday 29 March	<u>9.15am</u>	St Philip Neri	Gerard Mulholland (dec.)
Thursday 30 March	9.30am	St Mary	Phyllis Cunningham (ann.) <i>St Mary's School attending</i>
	1.00pm	St Mary	Funeral Service for Pauline Fletcher
Friday 31 March	10.00am	St Mary	Muriel Duff
	6.30pm	St Mary	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Saturday 1 April Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 2 April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	St Mary	William and Ann Tate (dec.)
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Immaculate Heart	Christopher Pereira (21 <sup>st</sup> birthday)

**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 9.45am 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 Pauline Fletcher who died on 17 March and whose Funeral Service is at St Mary on Thursday 30 March at 1pm followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. 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** There will be a retiring collection for Lenten Alms at all Masses this 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.

**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 Monday 27 March from 7.00pm - 7.45pm.

**SENIORS CLUB** it's your last chance this weekend to come up with a name for the Seniors Club, which is soon to start. Please leave your suggested name for the club at the back of church for your chance to win the prize. We will let you know the winner next weekend!! The next meeting is this Monday 27 March 2pm at Immaculate Heart Lobley Hill. Open to all interested in helping or attending. Please come along. We will be picking our winning name and finalising our roles, menu and launch date.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL MISSION WEEK** As part of our preparations leading up to Easter, the pupils and staff of St Mary's RC Primary School will be taking part in a Lenten 'Mission' next week (27 - 30 March). The theme for our Mission, taking inspiration from the life and teachings of Blessed Oscar Romero, is 'We are God's Microphone'; over the course of the week, pupils will be experiencing 'Pilgrimage Afternoons', during which they will take part in a 'Way of the Cross' around our school grounds: a prayerful journey focusing on some of the themes of Holy Week in a creative and thought-provoking way. We will also be enjoying special Liturgies in school, and celebrating Mass on Thursday 30 March at St Mary's Church (9:30am) - sharing with our parish family some of our experiences from the week. Please pray for us, that we may be inspired and invigorated by our Mission to be God's microphone in our world today, and help us to celebrate the week by joining us for Mass on Thursday.

**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.

**SUPPORT YOUR SVP** who are raising money for a senior citizens Christmas party. Please buy an Easter chick and egg this Sunday and next at St Mary's. We will also have biscuits for sale on Easter Sunday.

**ACTION FOUNDATION HOUSING** This one hour evening session is open to anyone interested in finding out more about our hosting scheme and how to get involved. The Housing Manager and Hosting Co-ordinator will be present to answer any questions and provide you with information to take away. The dates for the evenings are:

- Wednesday 29th March 1800-1900
- Wednesday May 10th 1800-1900
- Wednesday June 21st 1800-1900

More information can be found on our website [actionfoundation.org.uk/action-hosting/](http://actionfoundation.org.uk/action-hosting/)

**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 30 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.