



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



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"I am the resurrection and the life."
John 11:25

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 2 April 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 1 April Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 April	9.30am	St Mary	William and Ann Tate (dec.)
Fifth Sunday of Lent	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Christopher Pereira (21 st birthday)
Monday 3 April	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 4 April	9.45am	St Mary	Funeral Service for Elizabeth Nichols
	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Linda Campbell (dec.)
Wednesday 5 April	<u>10.45am</u>	St Philip Neri	Requiem Mass for Margaret Newby
	2.15pm	St Mary	<i>Lenten Liturgy (St Mary's School attending)</i>
Thursday 6 April	9.30am	St Mary	Eddy and Mary Arnold (ann.)
Friday 7 April	10.00am	St Mary	Catherine Staunton (dec.)
	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 8 April Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 9 April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.30am	St Mary	Bernard and Pat Edwards (dec.)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Fred Johnson

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

Lenten Deanery Penitential Service with the opportunity for individual Confession on Tuesday 11 April at 7.00pm at St Anne's Church, Half Fields Road, Winlaton NE21 5RW



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Friday at St Mary

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS AND SERVICE TIMES ▪ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (see above) ▪ Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6.30pm at St Mary, Whickham ▪ Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm at Immaculate Heart ▪ Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 8pm at St Philip Neri ▪ Easter Sunday Masses, 9.30am at St Mary, 11.00am at Immaculate Heart.

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 Elizabeth Nichols who died recently and whose Funeral Service will be held at St Mary on Tuesday 4 April at 9.45am. Please pray also for Margaret Newby who died on 29 March and whose Requiem Mass will be at St Philip Neri on Wednesday 5 April at 10.45am. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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

GIFT FOR LIFE The latest edition of the [Gift for Life](#) newsletter is ready for you to see how the OUTREACH groups within our three parishes are working to support others. The latest edition shines the Spotlight on HCPT Group 41. Your generous support and prayerful intentions enable this OUTREACH to continue to flourish.

PALM SUNDAY MASS AT ST MARY The children will be taking part in this Mass by doing the readings and music. The Mass will begin with a Palm Procession from the Prayer Garden in the school to the church. We would like to invite all parishioners to gather in the Garden before Mass. Fr Peter will then lead us over to church with our blessed palms. Could we make sure that the route from the school garden to the church is kept clear of parked cars to allow the procession to take place. Thank you for your cooperation with this and we hope you will join us for this special celebration.

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.

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.

SENIORS CLUB The winning name is *Senior Moments*.... there were 30+ suggested names (see the list at back of church). Last Monday the planning team met to vote and while other names were quite popular, *Senior Moments* was by far the most popular choice. A bottle of champagne is now winging its way to the lucky winner. Also, a big thank you to everyone who gave some thought to suggesting a name. We are hoping to have *Senior Moments* up and running on Wednesday 3 May and thereafter on the first Wednesday of every month. In the coming weeks, watch out for advertising and posters. Thank you for your support. Next planning meeting is Monday 24 April 2pm at Immaculate Heart.

COUNTING TEAMS Many thanks to those parishioners who have come forward to offer their help with the counting teams. There is still room for others so, 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 our three churches each weekend, please pass your name, contact details and the church you attend to the Parish Secretary 0191 460 4274 or by email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

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/>

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.

THE WAY WE SEE IT: A RESPONSE As we move into new partnerships, an important priority is our relationship with young people. The report of the young people's survey 'The Way We See It' and Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Youth invite us to reflect on this relationship. All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a diocesan conference at the Newcastle Assembly Rooms on SATURDAY 13TH MAY. Every church community is asked to be represented. Further details are in the booking form available from the parish priest or from the Youth Ministry Team 01207 592 244 or admin@ymt.org Details also on YMT website www.ymt.org

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

More information can be found on our website actionfoundation.org.uk/action-hosting/

RETIRING COLLECTION at Masses next weekend for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

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, links to further information and have it in **by 10am on Thursday 6 April** 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.