



*"Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest Heavens!"
Matthew 21:9*

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



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Sunday 9 April 2017

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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HOLY WEEK MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 8 April Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 9 April Palm Sunday	9.30am	St Mary	Bernard and Pat Edwards (dec.)
of the Passion of the Lord	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Fred Johnson
Monday 10 April	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 11 April	<u>10.00am</u>	Immaculate Heart	Lilian Keating
	12.30pm	St Philip Neri	Requiem Mass for James Ramsay
	7.00pm	St Anne, Winlaton	<i>Penitential Service (see below)</i>
Wednesday 12 April	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Thanksgiving – Golden Wedding

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Thursday 13 April	6.30pm	St Mary	Bethany and Sarah Orr
<i>Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 8.30pm</i>			
Friday 14 April Good Friday	11.00am	<i>Good Friday Walk of Witness (see details overleaf)</i>	
Day of Fasting and Abstinence	3.00pm	Immaculate Heart	<i>Celebration of the Passion of the Lord</i>
Saturday 15 April Holy Saturday			
Vigil and First Mass of Easter	8.00pm	St Philip Neri	Gerard Mulholland (dec.)
Sunday 16 April Easter Sunday	9.30am	St Mary	Peter Stephenson and Alex Hogg (dec.)
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 9.35am to 9.55am and Wednesday at St Philip Neri 9.35am to 9.55am

Also

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



On Holy Saturday Night, at the Vigil and First Mass of Easter, we look forward to receiving Alan Dale, Joanne Kavanagh and Lyndsay Myers into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. During this Easter Mass, Alan will be baptised and then he, together with Joanne and Lyndsay, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and join us for the first time in sharing the sacred Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this Holy Week as they prepare for this important step in their Journey of Faith.

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, Kate Baitman, 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 James Ramsay who died recently and whose Requiem Mass will be at St Philip Neri on Tuesday 11 April at 12.30pm. May he and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

A RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES will take place at all Masses this weekend. The Holy Places of our Faith are eloquent witnesses to the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. From those places, the Easter proclamation has spread throughout the world, and it continues to spread. A Christian community has remained in those regions down the centuries, even at the cost of great sacrifice and martyrdom. Since the first Pentecost, it has bravely shown the universal face of the Church to the world. Today, as we know, living the Christian Faith in the Middle East is challenging. Especially in Iraq, Syria and Egypt, where Christian communities have experienced an "ecumenism of blood", individuals are daily pressured to abandon their land, or even their faith. Keeping hope alive in such circumstances is both difficult and vitally important. Please be generous in supporting this collection today.

PALM SUNDAY MASS AT ST MARY The children will be doing the readings and music during this Mass. Weather permitting, 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?

THE GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS will take place 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.

ST PHILIP NERI OFSTED INSPECTION Congratulations to the staff and governors of St Philip Neri Primary School who were inspected recently by OfSTED and came through with a wonderful grading of "Good."

EASTERTIDE 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS are now on sale at the back of all our three churches priced at £1.

HCPT GROUP 41 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those parishioners whose generosity has helped to make our pilgrimage possible. We depart for Lourdes on Easter Saturday and the children and helpers will remember you in our prayers at the Grotto. We would also be happy to take any petitions with us. Please pass them on to a member of the Salmon family by Good Friday at the latest.

SENIOR MOMENTS 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.

RED MISSION BOXES are now due to be emptied for both Immaculate Heart and St Mary. Please could all money be paid in by Sunday 23 April or handed to your rep. as normal.

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.

A DAY FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS and those interested in becoming Confirmation catechists will take place on Saturday 29 April 2017 from 10am to 3pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, NE8 1LX. To book a place visit www.eventbrite.co.uk, email adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or tel 0191 243 3313.

PARISH JOB VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint: 1) St Paul, Alnwick (and partnership parishes) - Administrator, 12 hours per week. 2) Our Lady Star of the Sea, Backworth, West Monkseaton and Whitley Bay - Cleaner, 8 hours per week. Both vacancies are 12 month fixed term contracts. For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk or tel 0191 243 3301.

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

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 13 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.