



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

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

"You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness."

Matthew 25:21

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Sunday 19 November 2017

Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 18 November

Vigil Mass

Sunday 19 November

Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

World Day of Prayer for the Poor

5.30pm St Philip Neri

People of the Parish

9.30am St Mary

Edward Watson (dec.)

11.00am Immaculate Heart

Brenda Rebecca Robson (ann.)

3.00pm St Mary

Annual Service of Light

Monday 20 November

9.15am Immaculate Heart

Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 21 November

6.30pm Immaculate Heart

Muriel Armstrong (dec.)

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 22 November St Cecilia

10.00am St Philip Neri

The Campbell Family

Thursday 23 November

9.30am St Mary

Evelyn Moyle (dec.)

Friday 24 November

10.00am St Mary

Deceased Members of the SVP

St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (Martyrs of Vietnam)

Saturday 25 November

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri

Philip Arkless (dec.)

Sunday 26 November

9.30am St Mary

May Stephenson (dec.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

11.00am Immaculate Heart

People of the Parish

Youth Sunday

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 Wednesday 9.30am at St Philip Neri
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 9.30am at St Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Marjorie Gray, James Roach, David Roach, Luke Roach, Christine Taylor, Terry Gardner, Alan Crame, Pauline Mulholland, Sheila Rickerby, Susan Wall, Paul Leonard, Kathleen Bruce, Peter McLoughlin, Isaac Dawson, Ray Deponio, Astrid Muse (Gower), Ann Camozzi, Lesley Gough, Susan Walker, Kai Thompson, Monica Meaney, Tammie Blair, Winn Brooks, Helen Bain, Don Kimber, Kathleen Buxton, Adrian Devlin, Liz McKenna, Fr Jim Doherty, Bernard Lyons, Mary Orr.

Please note that if you or members 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 Catholic Chaplain know.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Lilian Fairbairn who died recently and whose Funeral Service will be at Saltwell Crematorium this Thursday 23 November at 9.45am followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery, Gateshead. May she rest in peace. Amen.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2017 Pope Francis has asked the entire Catholic community worldwide to observe the World Day of the Poor for the first time this Sunday 19 November 2017. The World Day of the Poor will be observed each year on the 33rd Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar. "*The poor are not a problem,*" the Pope wrote in the statement. "*They are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel.*" For further information and to read his Apostolic Letter please visit the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle website www.rcdhn.org.uk. A poster prayer card giving some suggested prayers for the day can be viewed at the back of each church.

SERVICE OF LIGHT The annual Service of Light, to remember all who have died this year in the Gateshead hospitals, will be held at St Mary's Church, Whickham **this Sunday 19 November 2017 at 3pm**. All are welcome.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY celebrates the all-embracing authority of Jesus Christ as King and Lord of all things. Officially called "The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King" it is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent begins. This year, the Feast falls on Sunday 26 November and the Children's Liturgy Team at St Mary's is helping to prepare the 9.30am Mass for that day with the involvement of young people. We would like to invite all children to our craft session where we will be preparing and making Lamb masks that children can wear during the Mass. We are meeting in the church Hall **this Sunday 19 November after the 9.30am Mass**. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

YOUTH SUNDAY Next weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Seamus and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) wish to thank you for your generous contributions to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. There will be a collection next week to support the work of YMT. Envelopes are available at the back of each of the churches this weekend if you would like the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation.

KEY HOLDERS we have been asked by the Diocese to carry out an audit of all key holders for each of the parishes and the community hall. If you are currently a key holder could you please contact the Parish Secretary at Immaculate Heart, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk so we can ensure our records are up to date. Thank you.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND The Fund remains open for contributions until next Sunday 26 November. Please note there are envelopes at the back of church for any donations you may wish to Gift Aid.

MISSION BOXES After twenty years' service, Dorothy Simmons has decided to take a well-earned retirement from coordinating the mission boxes for Immaculate Heart. Please contact Dorothy if you would like to take over responsibility tel. 0191 460 4807.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE This year's Christmas Fayre will be held **next Saturday 25th November at 1.00pm in Immaculate Heart Church**. Stalls will include Wheel of Fortune, Fancy Goods, Mystery Tombola, Cakes, Jewellery, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac etc. Raffle ticket sales are going well and there are some wonderful prizes to be won. All monies raised will go to the upkeep of our three churches.

DONATIONS AND WINE BAGS donations of gifts for any of the stalls would still be most welcome, can anyone bringing goodies for the cake stall please bring them to church between 10am and 12noon on the day of the Fayre. There will be the usual empty wine bags at the back of Immaculate Heart church for those who would like to take one and return it filled.

VOLUNTEERS wishing to help on a stall would be most welcome. Please arrive by 12.30pm on the day as your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHOIR The choir is beginning to rehearse for Christmas and would like to extend a warm welcome to members old and new to join us. We rate enthusiasm over ability! Rehearsals are in the school hall from 6pm to 7pm on the following dates: this Wednesday 22 November and Wednesday 6 December.

SENIOR MOMENTS The next event will be our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 6 December at 11.30am at St Mary's Hall, Whickham. The next planning meeting for Senior Moments volunteers is this Monday 20 November at 1.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church (please note the change of time for this meeting).

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY the Senior Citizens Christmas Party this year will be held on Saturday 9 December beginning with Mass at 12.30pm followed by lunch at 1.00pm. There will be a list at the back of each church - please add your name so we know how many people will be coming. For further information, please contact either Elizabeth Martin tel. 0191 488 4752 or Kath McRae tel. 0191 488 1158.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES If you would like a candle to be lit during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one or loved ones, please write the name(s) and put your donation (£5.00) in an envelope. Offerings must be in by Sunday 20 December. Please specify which church you would like the candle to be burned in.

DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners from all three churches could donate at least £1 towards Christmas flowers to enhance the decoration of our three churches over the Christmas period. Thank you.

WISH TOKENS It's that time of year again and *The Chronicle* is now printing their wish tokens each day through to January 2018 so can we ask you to help HCPT GROUP 41 again this year. Collection boxes will be placed at the back of church. Last year's effort was excellent so let's give it our best shot again this time. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT IMMACULATE HEART During Advent, the Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday during the 11am Mass to help the children to engage with the Advent Season and to prepare for Christmas Day.

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP PRAYER CARDS for you to take away are available at the back of each of our three churches. The prayer cards include a prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and a prayer for the canonisation of Blessed John Ingram to whom our Partnership is dedicated.

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP YOUTH GROUP Our new Partnership of John Ingram is in the early processes of developing various initiatives for the Partnership. A Youth Group, looking at ways of welcoming and incorporating our young people within our Church, is seen as a priority. Such a group currently meets at Cardinal Hume School (this venue is to change in the future moving around the various Church Halls within the Partnership). The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 29 November at 6.30pm at Cardinal Hume School. The Partnership Development Group (PDG) would like to expand upon this group, for it to grow and include a representative from each of our Partnership parishes. An invitation has been extended from the current group to all parishes which are currently not involved which includes our three churches. Please will all parishioners look into their hearts and ask themselves 'Am I interested and prepared to offer my skills as a representative, to enable this group to grow and thrive?' If you are able to offer your time and commitment please contact Katie Wilkinson (PDG chair) tel. 07837 386760 and volunteer. Thank you all for considering this request.

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP RCIA GROUP *for adults thinking about becoming a Catholic* This annual course commenced on 3 October 7pm at St Patrick's RC Church, Felling. Seventeen people have now joined the group, beginning their journey in faith and exploring becoming a Catholic. It is a lovely lively group and they would like to extend a further invitation to others who have thought about becoming a Catholic but felt anxious about the question 'Will I be the only one?' The group is being led by Deacon Tom Rooke and it isn't too late to join, so please don't think you've 'missed the boat.' If you're interested, please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

GALILEE TALKS The next Galilee Talks presentation is entitled "Nativity Scenes: A Live Performance" and will take place at St Mary's Catholic Church, Hexham next Saturday 25 November at 11am with refreshments being served from 10.30am. The talk lasts approximately 45 minutes and is free to everyone with a retiring collection. For further information please visit website www.stmaryshexham.org.uk

'ON FIRE' CONFIRMATION RETREAT Booking is open for the Confirmation Retreat at the Youth Village which is to be held from 20 to 21 April 2018. For further information or to request a booking form please contact Mary.Hughes@ymt.org

USHAW would like to express their thanks to everyone for supporting the wonderful summer programme. The exhibitions in the chapel and beautifully restored museum are proving a great success adding even more interest for visitors. Canon Bob Spence is now permanent Chaplain and celebrates Mass every Friday at 12.30 pm which is open to everyone. Forthcoming events include: an Afternoon with the War Poets this Thursday 23 November at 2.00pm. Refreshments available Wednesdays to Saturdays to which all are welcome. For further information please visit the Ushaw website www.ushaw.org

YCW & FSA PAST AND PRESENT In thanksgiving for 80 years of YCW in the UK, Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX on Saturday 2 December 2017 at 3.30pm. After mass there will be time to renew friendships and share memories over tea and biscuits. If you are using public transport, the church is located opposite the Gateshead metro and bus interchange. We look forward to seeing you there.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK Father Brendan Kelly from St Anne's Church, Low Fell is organising a Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock from 10 to 14 September 2018. The approximate cost is £390 per person. The Pilgrimage will include travel from St Anne's Church including ferry, two excursions around the area and accommodation which is on a bed, breakfast and evening meal basis. There are single and twin en-suite rooms available. For further information, please contact Father Kelly tel. 0191 491 3722 or Patel 07711 091563.

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 (i.e. description of the event or notice, dates, times, venue, contact person, links to further information) and either email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 23 November at the latest**. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

First Reading*Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20. 30-31*

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps. 127(128):1-5 R/v.1*

Response: *O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

1. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

Second Reading*I Thessalonians 5:1-6*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Apocalypse 2:10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading*Matthew 25:14-30*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.