

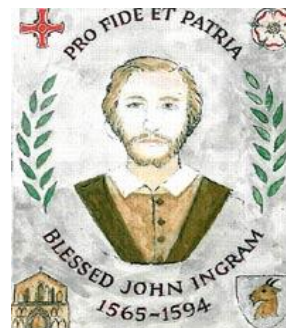
NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF  
IMMACULATE HEART of MARY ▪ LOBLEY HILL  
ST MARY ▪ WHICKHAM ST PHILIP NERI ▪ DUNSTON

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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

'He will take his seat on his throne of glory..... and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats.' Matthew 25:31,32

**The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery  
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**Sunday 26 November 2017**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

**Year A**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

<b>Saturday 25 November</b>			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Philip Arkless (dec.)
<b>Sunday 26 November</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	May Stephenson (dec.)
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Youth Sunday</b>			
Monday 27 November	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 28 November	<u>9.30am</u>	Immaculate Heart	John and Nancy Mulligan (dec.)
	6.00pm	St Mary	<i>First Reconciliation Service (St Mary's School)</i>
Wednesday 29 November	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Mark Roberts (dec.)
Thursday 30 November <i>St Andrew</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Holy Souls
Friday 1 December	10.00am	St Mary	Monica Barr (dec.)
<b>Saturday 2 December</b>			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Michael Almond (dec.)
<b>Sunday 3 December</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Bernard Oxley (ann.)
<b>First Sunday of Advent (Year B)</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.05pm – 5.20pm 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



This Sunday we welcome into the Family of the Church  
Olivia Millicent Jeffrey, Orla Grace McConway, Daniel James Sande who are being baptised and Penelope Rose Jeffrey who is being received into the Catholic Church at St Mary, Whickham

**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.**

**YOUTH SUNDAY** Today we celebrate the gift of young people in our Church and renew our commitment to encourage and support them. Please pray for the young people in our parishes and throughout the diocese and for those who work with them. There is a retiring collection today to support the work of the Youth Ministry Team (YMT), our Diocesan Youth Service - please be generous and if you wish to gift aid your donation, use one of the envelopes provided. For further information, visit the YMT website [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org)

**ANGEL TREE APPEAL** Youth Sunday always marks the start of our appeal for children unlikely to receive a Christmas present. The Angel Trees are in each of our three churches - please take a label from a tree and buy a present suitable for the child detailed on that label. Please can the presents be brought back to church on Sunday 10 December as they will take a short while to reach their destination. Last year the response was phenomenal, as well as filling 4 cars, 2 transit vans and a school bus with gifts, a donation of £470 was also received which provided food for Christmas dinners to the most need of families. Thank you so very, very much! Please keep up the good work this year.

**QUIET TIME BEFORE MASS** At his recent General Audience, Pope Francis highlighted the need for silence before the celebration of Mass. He said the time before Mass 'is not a moment for chit-chat [but] a moment of silence.... a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus.... silence is so important.' In order to encourage this 'spirit of silence' in our three churches, from next weekend a bell will be rung a few minutes before the beginning of Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses to encourage us to observe a short period of quiet reflection and so better prepare ourselves for the great mystery we celebrate in the Eucharist.

**KEY HOLDERS** The Diocese requires an audit of key holders for all parish properties. If you are currently a key holder, could you please contact the Parish Secretary at Immaculate Heart as soon as possible, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) so we can ensure our records are up to date. Thank you.

**SERVICE OF LIGHT** We have received a letter of thanks from Reverend Gareth Rowlands for the welcome he received and the organisation and the hospitality shown at the Service of Light in St Mary's Church last Sunday.

**WISH TOKENS** *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.

**MY DAY BY DAY ADVENT 2017** booklets are available to purchase at the back of each of our churches. The booklets will help you to have a reflective and prayerful Advent and are priced at £1 each.

**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.

**RED MISSION BOXES AT IMMACULATE HEART** The last collection from the red mission boxes raised £432.59 and the total for the year from Immaculate Heart is £1587.92. Dorothy Simmons would like to thank everyone for their generosity over the last 20 years and to everyone who has helped her empty the boxes for Immaculate Heart. Dorothy is still looking for someone to take over this role so please contact her if you would like to take over responsibility, tel. 0191 460 4807.

**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 their name(s) on one of the envelopes at the back of our three churches, and include your donation. Please complete and return your envelopes by Sunday 20 December and don't forget to indicate in which church you would like the candle to be lit.

**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.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHOIR** The choir is now rehearsing 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 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.

**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.

**DIOCESAN VACANCY** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Refugee Project Worker, Newcastle upon Tyne - 18 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 6 December. For further information and details, visit the website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or tel. 0191 243 3301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

**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 this 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.

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, FELLING** *The Journey to Christmas* Prepare for the Joy of Christmas sharing in a prayerful liturgy of music and dance with *More than Dance, Beyond the Barricades* and children from our Partnership parishes and schools. This liturgy will be held at St Patrick's on Sunday 3 December 2017 at 4pm.

**WORKSHOP** Any young people and children from our Partnership parishes and schools are more than welcome to be a part of this celebration. There will be a workshop on Saturday 2 December at 12.30pm and Sunday 3 December at 3pm in St Patrick's church. For further information please contact Tricia McGinley on [triciamcginley156@gmail.com](mailto:triciamcginley156@gmail.com) or tel. 07772 574581.

**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 next 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.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then now is the time to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to do a U-turn on this promise to Catholics. To write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools, please visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/>

**PEERTALK** A new Peer Support Group has been setup for anyone facing depression or similar mental health concerns. This group meets every Thursday evening starting on Thursday 7 December from 7pm to 8.30pm at Whickham Library, 9 St Mary's Green, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne NE16 4DN and is hosted by *PeerTalk*, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church. It offers a friendly and confidential space to share and be heard. No need to book and no referral necessary. For further information please visit website [www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups](http://www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups).

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**LIGHT UP A LIFE** Dedicate a light on St Oswald's Hospice Remembrance Tree in memory of a loved one this Christmas. The lights will be unveiled at a special service on Tuesday 12 December 2017 at Metro Radio Arena, Newcastle. Doors open at 5pm and the Service starts at 6.30pm. There will be performances featuring the Newcastle Concert Band and special guests. To make a dedication please contact tel. 0191 246 9123, email. [fundraising@stoswaldsuk.org](mailto:fundraising@stoswaldsuk.org) or visit website [www.stoswaldsuk.org/light-up-a-life](http://www.stoswaldsuk.org/light-up-a-life)

**EVENTS AT MINSTERACRES** *Advent: through the music of Handel's Messiah* This retreat will be held from Friday 1 December at 7pm to Sunday 3 December at 2pm. For further information please visit website: <http://www.minsteracres.org/retreats/advent-and-handels-messiah>

**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 Pat tel. 07711 091563.

**ITEMS FOR THE 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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 30 November at the latest**. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

**First Reading***Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Ps. 22(23):1-3a, 5-6 R/ v.1*

*Response: **The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.***

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**Second Reading***1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is

death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Mark 11:10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading***Matthew 25:31-46*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**