



"Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming."
Mark 13:35

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

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Sunday 3 December 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Year B

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

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| Saturday 2 December | | | |
| Vigil Mass | 5.30pm | St Philip Neri | Michael Almond (dec.) |
| Sunday 3 December | 9.30am | St Mary | Bernard Oxley (ann.) |
| First Sunday of Advent (Year B) | 11.00am | Immaculate Heart | People of the Parish |
| Monday 4 December | 9.15am | Immaculate Heart | <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i> |
| Tuesday 5 December | | Immaculate Heart | <i>No Service</i> |
| Wednesday 6 December | | St Philip Neri | <i>No Service</i> |
| Thursday 7 December <i>St Ambrose</i> | 9.30am | St Mary | Priest's Intention |
| Friday 8 December | 10.00am | St Mary | Tom Connolly (dec.) |
| <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | | | |
| Saturday 9 December | 12.30pm | St Mary | Senior Citizens' Mass |
| Vigil Mass | 5.30pm | St Philip Neri | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 10 December | 9.30am | St Mary | Mark Roberts (dec.) |
| Second Sunday of Advent (Year B) | 11.00am | Immaculate Heart | Priests Intention |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.05pm – 5.20pm

Friday at St Mary 9.40am – 9.55am



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.

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 this 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.

IMMACULATE HEART CHRISTMAS FAYRE A big thank you to all who helped in any way to support our Fayre this year with special thanks to Mary and Bill Cookson. The final total raised was a tremendous £2420.00. Well Done Everyone!

YOUTH SUNDAY we have received a special message of thanks from Jo Proctor to everyone who made Youth Sunday Mass at St Mary's church a big success and a lovely celebration for our children and young people. A special thank you to Clare for the wonderful music, Tony for the beautiful prayers, Joanne for the awesome music, masks and procession and David for selecting the great readers. A special thank you to Father Peter for his support. Can anyone able to attend and supervise at the Children's Liturgy Party on Sunday 10 December please contact Jo.

ADVENT LITURGIES This year, during the special season of Advent in which we await and prepare for the celebration of the Nativity, we are delighted that both our primary schools are taking the lead in our Advent Liturgies. A very warm invitation, from both our schools, has been extended to all our parishioners to attend these special events. Please note these dates in your diary and, during this busy hectic period, take time out to engage with and remember the real meaning of Advent.

St Philip Neri's Primary School

| Date | Time | Event and Venue |
|-----------------------|---------------|--|
| Tuesday 5 December | 3.30pm | Christmas Fair in school |
| Thursday 7 December | 2.30pm | School Choir singing at Aldi, Dunston |
| Thursday 14 December | 10am & 1.45pm | Key Stage 1 Nativity in school |
| Friday 15 December | 1.45pm | Early Years Nativity in school |
| Monday 18 December | 10am | Early Years Nativity in school |
| Wednesday 20 December | 10am | Whole School Mass in St Philip Neri Church |
| Thursday 21 December | 10am & 2pm | Carols by Candlelight in St Philip Neri Church |

St Mary's Primary School

| Date | Time | Event and Venue |
|---------------------|--------------|--|
| Friday 15 December | 1.30pm – 3pm | Mini-Vinnies' Senior Citizens' Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 19 December | 3pm | Carols by Candlelight in St Mary's Church |

THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2018 is now available to purchase at the back of the church priced at £3.00 each.

ANGEL TREE APPEAL 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. If you are unable to shop but would like to buy a gift please give the money to Brigitte Jones who has kindly offered to purchase the present. Please bring gifts to church before Sunday 17 December. Thank you for your generosity.

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER Before Mass you will have been handed a copy of our first Partnership Newsletter. The intention is to produce a Partnership Newsletter every three months with information from all Parishes across our Partnership. This first publication, however, is very basic and includes who's who within the Partnership Development Group (PDG) and all our Parishes and also Sunday Mass times throughout the Partnership area.

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.

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.

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 this Wednesday 6 December.

SENIOR MOMENTS The next event will be our Christmas Lunch this 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.

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 so we can ensure our records are up to date. Thank you.

ADVENT ALMS APPEAL 2017 This Advent, to mark Pope Francis' first World Day of the Poor, St Cuthbert's Care is appealing for your financial support for their community work. Your generosity will help them to continue to distribute good quality clothing, bedding, toys, gifts and food parcels to the most impoverished and disadvantaged individuals and families across our diocese. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS We have some weekday availability week commencing Monday 11 December and Monday 18 December. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated during this time please complete the relevant envelope as soon as possible or contact the Parish Secretary at Immaculate Heart as soon as possible, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

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 today 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. For further information please contact Tricia McGinley on triciamcginley156@gmail.com or tel. 07772 574581.

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 this 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.

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 or visit website www.stoswaldsuk.org/light-up-a-life

THE VATICAN SURVEY The Pope would like to hear from young people. The Vatican is currently carrying out a survey to collect the views of young people aged 16 - 29 about the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has said in a letter to young people: "The Church wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticisms. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls." Please take this opportunity to 'have your say' about your Church and its future and visit the website <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718> Please note, when you open this link it is in Italian, however, from a menu, in the top right hand corner, the web page can be translated into English.

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.

GATESHEAD BUSINESS *Business Breakfast Networking Event* The final networking event of 2017 takes place this Wednesday 6 December, from 8am to 10am at Gateshead Civic Centre. Pop along to this informal breakfast event which presents the perfect opportunity to network with a range of local businesses and find out about business support available. For further information tel. 0191 433 2803 or visit website www.gatesheadbusiness.co.uk

DIOCESAN VACANCY The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies: 1. Refugee Project Worker, Newcastle upon Tyne - 18 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 6 December. 2. Parish Secretary, St Robert, Morpeth - 16 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 11 December. 3. Administration Assistant, St Mary, Sunderland - 4 hours per week. Closing date for applications: 12 December. For further information and details, visit the website www.rcdhn.org.uk or tel. 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

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 or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 7 December at the latest**. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.

First Reading*Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps. 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R/ v.4*

Response: Lord of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading*I Corinthians 1:3-9*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Ps 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading*Mark 13:33-37*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.