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Mark 1:42

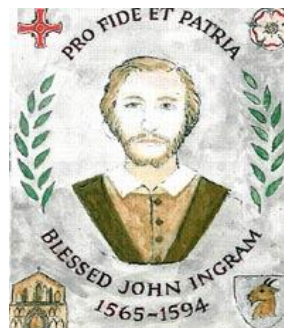
**NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF  
IMMACULATE HEART of MARY ▪ LOBLEY HILL  
ST MARY ▪ WHICKHAM ST PHILIP NERI ▪ DUNSTON**

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**Sunday 11 February 2018**

**Sixth Sunday of the Year**

**Year B**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

**Saturday 10 February** *St Scholastica*

<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Joe Welsh (dec.)
<b>Sunday 11 February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Muriel Duff (dec.)
<b>Sixth Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish

*Weekday Readings: Monday, Tuesday - Ordinary Time, Week 6, Year 2. From Wednesday - Season of Lent begins.*

Monday 12 February	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 13 February	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention

**SEASON OF LENT**

<b>Ash Wednesday 14 February</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Priest's Intention
<b>(Day of fasting and abstinence)</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Private Intention
Thursday 15 February	<u>11.45am</u>	<u>St Philip Neri</u>	Requiem Mass for Gerard Cailey
Friday 16 February	10.00am	St Mary	Private Intention
	6.30pm	St Mary	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

**Saturday 17 February**

<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 18 February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Boyd & Brown Families
<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Lilian Keating (first ann.)

**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



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, 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, Kathleen Buxton, Liz McKenna, Fr Jim Doherty, Bernard Lyons, Mary Orr, Geoff Taylor, Kathleen Cailey, Ken Webster, Winnie Easton.

**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. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly tel. 0191 445 2072.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please remember in your prayers Gerard Cailey, Louise Burns and Doris Angus who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Gerard Cailey will be this Thursday 15 February at 11.45am at St Philip Neri followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Louise Burns will be on Tuesday 27 February at 11.30am at Immaculate Heart followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for Doris Angus will be on Wednesday 28 February at 1.45pm at Immaculate Heart followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE** The Finance Committee met on 24 January to review the nine months to December and are pleased to report that all three parishes continue to show an upturn in their financial position. Of particular interest is the improvement in Offertory Collections with St Mary's at +15%, St Philip's +7% and Immaculate Heart +4%. Across the three parishes, this equates to an additional £4,500 being donated over the nine-month period. St Mary's surplus has also been boosted by much lower spending on the infrastructure of the various buildings and the Hall starting to make a positive contribution. Immaculate Heart is making savings on utility costs and is well on course to wipe out its overdraft by the close of the financial year. However, St Mary's need the church roof to be repaired in the near future which will cost approximately £13,000 and is being progressed with the Diocesan property manager. Once again, we are indebted to your generosity for this ongoing improvement.

**POVERTY ACTION SUNDAY** is this Sunday 11 February. The ecumenical group *Church Action on Poverty* invites us to 'Give, Act and Pray.' Throughout his ministry, Jesus listened to people who were on the margins of his society. He made visible those who were overlooked, and gave them hope. Our churches are called to follow Jesus' example: to listen to voices from the margins and make them heard, so that things can change. On *Church Action on Poverty Sunday*, you are invited to learn about this group and lend your support. For more information, please visit <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday>

**ST MARY'S COUNTERS NEED YOUR HELP** We have lost a number of counters on our rota and really need more volunteers. If you could help for approximately half an hour after Mass once every seven weeks, please contact Christine Norman tel. 07957 810 471.

**WHICKHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER** are looking for volunteers to knit small Easter chicks. These will be distributed in the village. A pattern and poster giving further details are available at the back of church. For further information, please contact Christine Norman tel. 07957 810 471.

**REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** The PPC should have four representatives from each of our three parishes. As a reminder, the current representatives are:

**St Mary, Whickham**

Phil Cunningham, Tony Sacco, Janice Hall, Jen Jones  
**Immaculate Heart, Lobley Hill**

Maveen Pereira, Allan Bell, Christine Crawley,  
**1 Vacancy** (see \* below)

**St Philip Neri, Dunston**

John Pinchen, Katie Wilkinson, Michael Waugh, Denise Hebron

Plus: Finance rep - Malcolm Shield, Youth rep - David Khachikian, St Mary's Primary - Joe Wheatley, St Philip Neri Primary - Val Douglass

\*Christine Crawley has kindly volunteered to be a rep. at Immaculate Heart and we thank her for this. However, we still have one vacancy at Immaculate Heart.

The PPC meets several times a year and supports Fr Peter in his work, as best we can - if you feel you can volunteer some of your time and would like to represent Immaculate Heart please contact Katie Wilkinson, PPC Chair, on 07837 386760 or email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com) Also please remember, if there are any issues you'd like to raise - concerns, queries or clarification regarding our parish - speak with one of your church representative who may already have the answer or will offer to raise it at the next meeting.

**SACRISTANS COURSE** This course will be held at St Bede's Church Hall, St John's Terrace, Jarrow, NE32 3LX on Tuesday 6 March from 10.00am to 3.00pm and will include Mass with Blessing of Sacristans at 12.15pm. Places are limited so it is advisable to book early. The course was attended last year by Christine Straughan, Denise Hebron and Katie Wilkinson from St Philip Neri Church who all found it very helpful and informative. If any of our existing sacristans or any potential new sacristans would be interested in going on the course, please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 15 February at the latest**. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.



**THE SEASON OF LENT** begins this week, and gives us all a wonderful opportunity to be renewed and refreshed in preparation for the celebration of Easter, 'The Great Feast.'

#### **LENTEN AND EASTER TIMETABLE**

**Ash Wednesday 14 February** There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday: **10.00am at St Philip Neri** (N.B. as it is the Half Term holiday week, the school car park and playground will be open for parking) and **6.30pm at Immaculate Heart** (both Masses will include the distribution of ashes). Please remember Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place at 6.30pm on the following Fridays during Lent:

Friday 16 February at St Mary

Friday 23 February at Immaculate Heart

Friday 2 March at St Philip Neri

Friday 9 March at St Mary

Friday 16 March at Immaculate Heart

Friday 23 March at St Philip Neri

#### **EASTER TRIDUUM**

##### **Holy Thursday 29 March**

11.00am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Philip Neri

##### **Good Friday 30 March** (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Mary

##### **Holy Saturday 31 March**

8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at Immaculate Heart

##### **Easter Sunday 1 April**

9.30am Mass of Easter Morning at St Mary

#### **OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL LENTEN LITURGIES**

Our two primary schools have very kindly extended an invitation to all parishioners to attend the following events. If the events are in school, you'll need to report and sign in at the main reception then a member of staff will direct you to the appropriate place.

##### **ST PHILIP NERI PRIMARY SCHOOL LITURGIES**

**Monday 12 March** 10.00am Stations of the Cross, Key Stage 2 (St Philip Neri Church)

**Monday 19 March** 9.15am Class liturgy, Reception and Year 1, Palm Sunday (school)

**Wednesday 21 March** 9.15am Class liturgy, Year 2 and 3, Washing of the Feet (school)

**Thursday 22 March** 9.15am Class liturgy, Year 4 and 5, The Last Supper (school)

**Wednesday 28 March** 10.00am Whole School Mass (St Philip Neri Church)

**Wednesday 28 March** 3.15pm Lenten Journey Prayer Stations (school hall/chapel)

**Thursday 29 March** 10am & 2.00pm Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - a Lenten Production (St Philip Neri Church)

##### **ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LITURGIES**

**Friday 2 March** 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

**Friday 7 March** 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

**Friday 16 March** 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

**Friday 23 March** 9.30am Mass celebrating Mission week (St Mary's Church)

**Thursday 29 March** 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

On the Thursdays of Lent, Father Paul Zielinski will be available in the Confessional at St Augustine's, Leam Lane, Felling, NE10 8QS, from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual guidance and advice, or simply for a chat, offering an opportunity for accompaniment on your Journey of Faith. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the healing sacraments and a powerful help on our Journey of Faith.

**LENTEN BOOKLETS *Walk with Me*** Lenten booklets are now available to purchase at each church priced £1.

**First Reading***Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 31:1-2. 5. 11. R/v.7*

*Response: **You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile.
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin.
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart.

**Second Reading***I Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greek or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Luke 7:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading***Mark 1:40-45*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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