

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

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*'The Son of Man must be lifted up as
Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have
eternal life in him.'* John 3:14-15

**The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, is available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week
Tuesday – Thursday, 10am – 2pm ☎ 0191 460 4274 ✉ stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk**

Sunday 11 March 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 10 March

Vigil Mass 5.30pm St Philip Neri Margaret & Christopher Daunt (dec.)

Sunday 11 March 9.30am St Mary People of the Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent 11.00am Immaculate Heart Bob Andison (ann.)

Weekday Readings: Season of Lent, Week 4

Monday 12 March 9.15am Immaculate Heart *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

10.00am St Philip Neri *Stations of the Cross (Key Stage 2 Children)*

Tuesday 13 March 6.30pm Immaculate Heart Private Intention

Wednesday 14 March 9.15am St Philip Neri Private Intention

Thursday 15 March 9.30am St Mary Joe Welsh (dec.)

Friday 16 March 10.00am St Mary *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

6.30pm Immaculate Heart *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday 17 March *St Patrick*

Vigil Mass 5.30pm St Philip Neri People of the Parish

Sunday 18 March 9.30am St Mary William & Bernard Oxley (dec.)

Fifth Sunday of Lent 11.00am Immaculate Heart Andy & Rosa Caffrey (ann.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.05pm - 5.20pm Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 6.10pm - 6.25pm



Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 8.45am 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, 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, Joanne Maclean, Pat Flynn.

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.

LENTEN ALMS APPEAL 2018 There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend 10/11 March to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care. This Lent, St Cuthbert's Care would greatly appreciate your support for their Hardship Fund which offers financial assistance to older people with limited means wishing to move into our Catholic nursing homes. Also, parishioners of all ages are invited to think about volunteering to help in St Cuthbert's Care's two diocesan homes during Lent. No specific skills are required – just a smile, friendliness and a little free time. If you're interested, or for further information, contact Nicola Milne on 0191 242 4809 or email her at Nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk and she will be delighted to hear from you.

AMALGAMATION OF OUR THREE PARISHES Following the approval of the Council of Priests which met on Thursday 8 March, Bishop Séamus has now issued the [Decree of Amalgamation](#) of our three parishes which means that, as of Sunday 1 April 2018 (Easter Day), the new **Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri** will be established. Each church will retain its present dedication i.e. Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Mary and St Philip Neri but the three present, separate parishes will become one parish with the new title of Our Lady and St Philip Neri. The Decree is displayed at the back of each of our churches and can be viewed on the parish website www.theparish.org.uk If you have any questions about the amalgamation, please contact Fr Peter, email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk tel. 0191 460 4274 or Katie Wilkinson, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, email teachkate1@gmail.com tel. 07837 386760.

NORTHERN CROSS The March edition of the *Northern Cross*, our diocesan newspaper, is available at the back of church this weekend.

EASTER FLOWERS It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners from all three churches could donate at least £1 towards Easter flowers – there are collection boxes at the back of each church for your donations. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY If anybody is interested in joining a friendly group of knitters and crocheters making simple prayer shawls, please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395 for further information.

YOU'RE WELCOME! How welcoming are we as a parish community? What do first-time visitors experience when they join us? How 'included' do regular worshippers feel? Following recent PPC discussion we are looking to gather together a few people from across our three churches to explore such questions and make some practical recommendations. Anyone who wishes to get involved is very welcome. For more information please contact Tony Sacco, email tony.sacco@intraolutions.co.uk or tel. 07896 096747.

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.

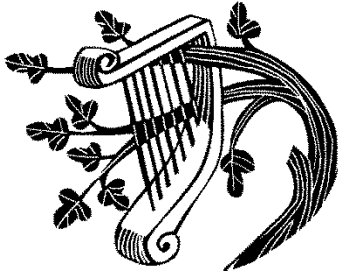
ST PHILIP NERI RED MISSION BOXES A message from Denise Hebron: *A heartfelt thank you to all those who support this charity. £642.09 was donated in 2017. Many people say to me "sorry there isn't much in my box" but as you can see every little helps! I will be collecting in the red boxes during April. If anyone is interested in having a red mission box or indeed just making a donation please have a word with me. I realise everyone wants your money but just remember, even 1p per day adds up to £3.65 a year. Please consider this request. Thank you.*

WISH TOKENS - THE FINAL COUNTDOWN! A message from Bill and Mary Cookson: *We were invited to The Chronicle offices on Monday 26 February having been told we were in the top ten with our 64704 tokens. We actually came third and they held a photo shoot for Tuesday's paper (27 February) and we were presented with a cheque for £1005.50. We have also had separate private donations totalling £1150. So, it's a great big thank you to everyone who collected for us. And many thanks to Bill and Mary for their commitment in helping to raise these funds for HCPT Group 41 which takes local children on life changing pilgrimages to Lourdes.*

TOUCHING THE HEART SPACE A restful, reflective, relaxing day for women led by Sheila McNamara RSCJ. Come and allow your heart space to be touched by prayer, music, scripture, images and silence. Date and venue: Saturday 17 March, 10.00am – 3.30pm at St Hilda's, Beaumont Street, Sunderland SR5 2JD. The cost for the day is £15 which includes lunch. To book, email adult.formation@dioceshn.org.uk

DIOCESAN VACANCIES 1) Full-time Youth Ministry Co-ordinator required for the Parish of Durham Martyrs (Durham City). The successful candidate will inspire and encourage young people in their faith and support the parish and school communities in developing their youth ministry. The candidate must be a practising Catholic who is committed to sharing their faith and to working enthusiastically with and for young people. Salary: £23,710, hours of work: 37.5 per week (some evening and weekend work is required). This role is subject to an Enhanced DBS check. The closing date for applications is 23 March 2018. Interviews will be held on 18 April 2018. **2)** *Walking With* in North Tyneside has a full-time vacancy for a Project Manager to work with refugees and asylum seekers. Initial 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications is 15 March 2018. For further information and details on both of these vacancies, please visit the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact the Human Resources Manager, Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle 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 then either email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 15 March at the latest**. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.



SEASON OF LENT

*'By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.'*

Psalm 136:1-2

LENTEN AND EASTER TIMETABLE

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

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 SCHOOLS 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 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.

First Reading*II Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' "

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 136:1-6 R/v.6*

*Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.'
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

Second Reading*Ephesians 2:4-10*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 3:16*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;
Everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Reading*John 3:14-21*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.