



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

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'Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.'

John 12:24

**The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, is available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week
Tuesday & Friday 10am – 2pm, Wednesday 10am – 12noon, Thursday, 10am – 4pm
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Sunday 18 March 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 17 March *St Patrick*

Vigil Mass

5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
9.30am	St Mary	William & Bernard Oxley (dec.)
11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Andy & Rosa Caffrey (ann.)

Sunday 18 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Weekday Readings: Season of Lent, Week 5

Monday 19 March *St Joseph*

9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
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Tuesday 20 March *St Cuthbert*

6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Mark Roberts (dec.)
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Wednesday 21 March

10.00am	St Philip Neri	Father James Gunning (dec.)
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Thursday 22 March

9.30am	St Mary	William Mennell (dec.)
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Friday 23 March

<u>9.30am</u>	St Mary	Private Intention (<i>St Mary's School attending</i>)
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6.30pm	St Philip Neri	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
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Saturday 24 March

Vigil Mass

5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Gerard Cailey (dec.)
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Sunday 25 March

9.30am	St Mary	People of the Parish
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**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Jim and Ella (ann.) Leighton
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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 9.30am at St Philip Neri

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, Barney Hayes.

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.

AMALGAMATION OF OUR THREE PARISHES Bishop Séamus has now issued the [Decree of Amalgamation](#) for 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.

ST MARY'S CHURCH ROOF REPAIR The flat roof covering over St Mary's church has reached the end of its useful life. In recent years it has been patch repaired on numerous occasions to resolve issues of water ingress but to continue to do this would be uneconomical and would not satisfactorily resolve the underlying problem. In consultation with the Diocesan Property Department, quotations have been obtained from two contractors to replace the existing felt covering. Consequently, a contractor has now been appointed with the works due to commence Monday 19 March and they are expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. During the works a scaffold will be erected around the roof to provide safe access for the contractor while still maintaining clear access into the church.

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.

ST MARY'S RED MISSION BOXES Many thanks to all who contributed towards the 2017 total of £3684.90. A 'Thank You' poster from Mill Hill Missionaries can be seen on the church notice board.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE This day, requested by the Holy Father, has been designated by our Bishops' Conference for the Friday of the 5th Week of Lent (23 March). Resources are available at <http://www.protectionofminors.va/content/tuteladeiminori/en.html>

EASTER SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's everyone welcome. Easter chicks and Easter bonnet biscuits to eat in or take away. Donations will go to SVP funds.

PALM SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND The traditional retiring collection for the Holy Land, which is taken on Palm Sunday, is an opportunity for us to be one with our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and the Middle East. Unfortunately, from those territories, the outcry of thousands of people who are deprived of everything, at times even of their own human dignity, continues to reach us, touching our hearts and inviting us to embrace them through Christian charity. **This retiring collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend 24/25 March.**

ST MARY'S SCHOOL A message from Joe Wheatley, Head Teacher of St Mary's School: *Next week, we will be holding our annual 'Mission' at St Mary's: a week during which we aim to re-focus on what it means for us all to be a follower of Christ in our world today. At school, our pupils will be preparing creative 'prayer stations', which will centre on the themes of Lent, in order that we may remain rooted in prayer as we journey towards Easter. We will also celebrate whole school Mass at 9.30am on Friday 23 March in St Mary's church, during which we will bring together the achievements and experiences of our Lenten activities in joyful worship. We would ask that you pray for our pupils, staff and wider family as we embark on our Mission and invite you to join in our celebration of Mass, if you are able, at the culmination of this special week.*

GATESHEAD FOODBANK warehouse is now based at Unit 52 Team Valley Business Park, Earlsway, Team Valley, Gateshead NE11 0QH. Donations can be dropped off at the warehouse on Mondays, or Tuesday afternoons up to 3pm.

VACANCY - RETREAT HOUSE ASSISTANT A unique opportunity has arisen to work at Marygate House, on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, as a Retreat House Assistant. They are seeking a friendly, conscientious and confident person to help us in providing a ministry of hospitality. The role requires somebody who is confident in the kitchen, enjoys working with people and who likes serving others. The salary is £14,430 p.a. plus a single person's accommodation on the Island and other benefits. For further information see: <http://marygatehouse.org.uk/job-opportunities.html>

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 22 March at the latest.** Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.



SEASON OF LENT

'Deep within them I plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people.'

Jeremiah 31:33b

LENTEN AND EASTER TIMETABLE

Stations of the Cross - St Philip Neri Friday 23 March at 6.30pm

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 29 March

St Mary's Cathedral 11.00am Chrism Mass

St Philip Neri 6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 8.30pm

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

St Mary 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 31 March

Immaculate Heart 8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday 1 April

St Mary 9.30am Mass of Easter Morning

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

Thursday 29 March 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Thursday 22 March, 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.

PASSIONTIDE SERVICE OF WORDS AND MUSIC

On Tuesday 20 March at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, High West Street, Gateshead there will be a meditation on the Passion of Christ, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

On Good Friday 30 March at 11am Whickham Churches Together invite you to join a Walk of Witness. The walk will commence from Fellside Methodist Church and end at St Mary's RC Whickham All are welcome including well behaved dogs! Light refreshments and toilet facilities will be available in St Mary's Hall at Dockendale Lane.

First Reading*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 50:3-4. 12-15 R/v.12*

Response: A pure heart create for me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Second Reading*Hebrews 5:7-9*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 12:26*

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Reading*John 12:20-33*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.