



NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF
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ST MARY ▪ WHICKHAM ST PHILIP NERI ▪ DUNSTON

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'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

Mark 11:9-10

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Sunday 25 March 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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HOLY WEEK MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 24 March

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri Gerard Cailey (dec.)

Sunday 25 March

9.30am St Mary People of the Parish

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

11.00am Immaculate Heart Jim and Ella (ann.) Leighton

Weekday Readings: Holy Week

Monday 26 March

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

Tuesday 27 March

6.30pm Immaculate Heart Recovery of Barney Hayes

Wednesday 28 March

10.00am St Philip Neri Private Intention (*St Philip Neri School attending*)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 29 March

6.30pm St Philip Neri Phyllis Cunningham (dec.)

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 8.00pm

Good Friday 30 March

11.00am **Good Friday Walk of Witness** (*see details over page*)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

3.00pm St Mary **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord**

Holy Saturday 31 March

Easter Vigil Mass

8.00pm Immaculate Heart People of the Parish

Easter Sunday 1 April

9.30am St Mary Lawrence Regan (dec.)



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 6.00pm - 6.20pm and Wednesday at St Philip Neri 9.30am - 9.50am

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, 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.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Helen Bain who died recently. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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.

AMALGAMATION OF OUR THREE PARISHES Bishop Séamus has now issued the [Decree of Amalgamation](#) for our three parishes which means that, as of next 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.

NEW STANDING ORDER MANDATES All parishioners who give their donations to the parish via standing order should have received a letter from the Diocese asking them to fill in a new Standing Order Mandate with details of the bank account for our new parish, Our Lady and St Phil Neri. The letter asks you to complete the enclosed standing order mandate and submit it to your bank. However, if you have access to internet banking, you can, if you wish, set up the new standing order online. The details required to create a standing order online can be found on the form enclosed with the letter you received.

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. Works have now begun to replace the roof covering and they are expected to take approximately two weeks. A scaffold has been erected around the roof to provide safe access for the contractor while still maintaining clear access into the church.

LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION The total amount raised for Lenten Alms was £584.74. Thank you to all for your generosity in supporting the work of St Cuthbert's Care.

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.

SENIOR MOMENTS The next planning meeting for Senior Moments volunteers is Monday 26 March at 2pm at Immaculate Heart Church where we will be planning the next Senior Moments which will be held on Wednesday 4 April from 11.30am.

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.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2018 You are invited to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy at St Anne's Catholic Church, Rokeby View, Gateshead, NE9 7UD. Holy Hour will begin at 2pm, Hour of Great Mercy from 3pm, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and Devine Mercy Prayers at 3.15pm followed by Holy Mass at 3.45pm. Confessions from 3pm to 3.30pm. All welcome.

THE SUMMIT A lively evening of praise, worship, teaching and testimony. You are warmly invited to our fourth 'Summit' event, which is taking place at St Mary's, Bishop Auckland DL14 6PQ on 7 April from 7pm to 9pm. This reflective and faith filled evening will have worship led by Ronan Johnston of Emmaus Music and we would love you to join us and be part of this experience. For more information, please contact Amy on 0191 243 3316 or at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

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. Closing date for applications is 6 April 2018. 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 29 March at the latest**. Please remember to add your contact details in case we have a query.



'During his life on earth, he 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.'

Hebrews 5:7-9

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Monday of Holy Week 26 March

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

Tuesday of Holy Week 27 March

Immaculate Heart 6.30pm Mass (Confessions 6.00pm - 6.20pm)

Wednesday of Holy Week 28 March

St Philip Neri 10.00am Mass (Confessions 9.30am - 9.50am)

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 8.00pm

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

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

Thursday 29 March 9.30am Class Liturgy (school)

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.

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

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem**Gospel Reading***Mark 11:1-10*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly."' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**First Reading***Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R/ v.2*

Response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

Second Reading*Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Philippians 2:8-9***Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:**

Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*Mark 14:1-15:47*

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