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 Luke 24:38-39

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Sunday 15 April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Year B

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 14 April

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Helen Bain (dec.)
Sunday 15 April	9.30am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Third Sunday of Easter	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Lily Keating (dec.)

Weekday Readings: Third Week of Eastertide

Monday 16 April	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 17 April	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving (AC)
Wednesday 18 April	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Rose Mattinson (dec.)
Thursday 19 April	9.30am	St Mary	John Duddridge (dec.)
Friday 20 April	10.00am	St Mary	Isabella Boyd (ann.)

Saturday 21 April

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Gerard Cailey (dec.)
Sunday 22 April	9.30am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Fourth Sunday of Easter	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (AC)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday at immaculate Heart 6.10pm - 6.25pm Friday at St Mary 9.40am - 9.55am

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.05pm - 5.20pm



Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 9.30am 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, 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, Brigid Rankin.

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 BAPTISED Last Sunday we welcomed into the Family of the Church, George Oscar Johnson, Anna Lowes and Rebecca Robson who were baptised at St Mary's Church.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL Next weekend 21/22 April, there will be the annual appeal and retiring collection at all Masses for the Little Sisters of the Poor. In our own Diocese, the Little Sisters run St Joseph's home in Westmorland Road, Newcastle where they care for 57 residents who require nursing or residential care. Gift Aid envelopes will also be available.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year are now available at the back of each church. If you do not yet contribute by planned giving or standing order and would like to do so or, if you are a UK taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your contributions, please contact the Parish Office, email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274.

NEW STANDING ORDER MANDATES If you contribute to the parish income by standing order you should have received a letter from the Diocese asking you to fill in a new Standing Order Mandate with details of the bank account for our new parish, Our Lady and St Philip Neri. Please complete the enclosed standing order mandate and submit it to your bank (and remember to cancel your old standing order as you create the new one).

RED MISSION BOXES Could all monies be brought into church by the end of April and given to Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart, Kathleen Cunningham at St Mary and either Denise Hebron or Chris Straughan at St Philip Neri. Thank you.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY We have received the following letter from CAFOD: *Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal [the total sent from our parish was £589.74]. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent*

OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI PARISH GROUP TRIP TO VILLA PALAZZOLA NEAR ROME

Monday 16 September to Monday 23 September 2019
Including trips to Rome & Assisi

Approximate cost will be £900 - £1000pp

In a stunning lakeside location just outside Rome, Villa Palazzola is a 13th century Cistercian monastery, fully refurbished and modernised with a large swimming pool and breathtaking garden terrace. The trip is a pilgrimage and Fr Peter will accompany us. It is also about having your own time and enjoying this beautiful, tranquil place. We have booked places and flights from Newcastle for 29 people with the following accommodation options:

7 double rooms all ensuite
2 twin rooms both ensuite
11 single rooms all ensuite

To secure your place, and to cover initial costs, a non-refundable deposit of £150 per person is required immediately. This will ensure that your place is secured. As places are limited, booking has to be on a first come first served basis.

Interested and want more information?

Please contact Denise Hebron on 07554 445679 or email denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk (on holiday from 20 - 30 April) or Katie Wilkinson on 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com. Detailed sheets are available at the back of church this weekend.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Due to the cancellation in March of the *Praying for Suriname* Service because of the adverse weather conditions, a Coffee Morning will now be held at Spoors Memorial Methodist Church, Whickham next Saturday 21 April from 10am to 12noon. Proceeds will go to Women's World Day of Prayer. For further information please visit website www.wwdb.org.uk

FR JEFF DODDS SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION You are invited to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr Jeff Dodds on Tuesday 26 June 2018. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in St Joseph's Church, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, followed by buffet and drinks in the school hall next door. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of church by no later than Friday 18 May. Depending on numbers, transport can be arranged. Please write the word **Bus** next to your name on the list if required.

ROSARY ON THE COAST A Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith, for the grace to build a culture of Life and for true Peace to reign will be held throughout the country on Sunday 29 April at 3pm. Nearest North East location: 2 Links Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3PL. For further information, please visit www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

PARTNERSHIP MATTERS The latest edition of the bi-monthly *Partnership Matters* news update is now available on the front page of the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk Items highlighted in this edition include: Ideas on how parishes can involve young people, the Council of Laity, how to develop spiritual discernment, an update on the Communications Project. There is also some clarification on the Property and Community Review and other key events. Contributions of news items from Partnerships are always welcome.

PRACTICAL STEPS FOR PARISHES AND PARTNERSHIPS

A Conference will take place on Saturday 12 May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The keynote speaker will be Fr Dominic Howarth, responsible for Youth Services in Brentwood Diocese, and the programme includes 12 workshops. The Conference is for everyone who is concerned about our young people and will offer inspiring examples of good practice. The Conference fee is £10 and includes lunch.

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

or those interested in becoming catechists, will take place this year within the Youth Ministry Conference on Saturday 12 May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn.

Further details and booking forms for both events are available from the YMT website www.ymt.org or email admin@ymt.org

EVENTS AT MINSTERACRES

Day of Prayer Wednesday 18 April from 10am to 4pm. Led by Rosarie Spence RSM, this day enables you to experience different ways of praying in a beautiful setting and gives you time for quiet personal prayer. Lunch, tea and coffee are provided. There is a suggested donation of £25. For further information please visit the website:

<http://www.minsteracres.org/retreats/quiet-day-8/>

Walking Retreat Saturday 21 April from 10am to 5pm. Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres, with time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the beauty of creation. You will need suitable walking boots and warm, weatherproof clothing. Please bring a packed lunch. The walk will be led by the Minsteracres team. There is a suggested donation of £10. For further information please visit the website:

<http://www.minsteracres.org/retreats/walking-retreat-7/>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018 – APPEAL

FOR ADULT HELPERS The Diocesan 2018 Pilgrimage to Lourdes (27 July – 3 August) needs adult helpers. We aim to take 44 sick pilgrims who need assistance in the *Accueil Marie St Frai*, as well as many other pilgrims in hotels who need assistance with our “outreach team.” But we need the adult helpers before we can commit to accepting our assisted pilgrims. Do you think you can help? Give Lourdes a try - share the experience! The pilgrimage is entirely dependent on its many volunteers who give up generously of their time and pay for their own pilgrimage to enable the sick and elderly to come to Lourdes. We need people to help both on the journey to and from Lourdes, in the airport and on the plane as well as in the *Accueil*. Some may wish to lend a hand during the course of the pilgrimage such as outreach, carrying the banner, making tea/coffee, helping with the cleaning of wards etc. There are many different ways in which your help would be very much appreciated. Being a volunteer is an extremely rewarding experience so please consider giving up some of your time and helping on the 2018 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. To volunteer as an adult helper you don't need any experience or qualification. All that is required is that you are willing to help during the pilgrimage, are in reasonable health and undertake (or already hold) an enhanced DBS check with the Diocese. A day of preparation will be held for all helpers prior to travelling, where information will be shared about ways in which you can help on the pilgrimage. If you are able to help, you need a Booking Form for the Pilgrimage to book your flight and accommodation, then you need to register as an Adult Helper. Forms for the Pilgrimage are downloadable from:

www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or tel. 01670 513410 [Fr Peter Stott]. If you would like further information on ways in which you could help, then please contact Elaine Scannell, (President of Hospitalité) tel. 0191 478 7864 or email: elaine.scan@btinternet.com

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 19 April at the latest.**

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R/v.7*

Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me!
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading*1 John 2:1-5*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*cf. Luke 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 24:35-48*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe, it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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