



'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.'
John 15:9-10

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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Sunday 6 May 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 5 May

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri

For the recovery of Patricia Conaty

Sunday 6 May

9.30am St Mary

Oxley, Crilly and O'Brien Families

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11.00am Immaculate Heart

People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Sixth Week of Eastertide

Monday 7 May

9.15am Immaculate Heart

Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 8 May

6.30am Immaculate Heart

Lily Keating (dec.)

Wednesday 9 May

Vigil Mass

6.30pm Immaculate Heart

People of the Parish

Thursday 10 May

9.30am St Mary

Edward and Mary Ann Arnold (dec.)

The Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)

Friday 11 May

10.00am St Mary

Priest's Intention

Saturday 12 May

2.00pm Immaculate Heart

HCPT Group 41 Mass of Thanksgiving

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri

Gerard Cailey (dec.)

Sunday 13 May

9.30am St Mary

People of the Parish

Seventh Sunday of Easter

11.00am Immaculate Heart

John & Nancy Mulligan (ann.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.05pm - 5.20pm



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, Geoff Taylor, Kathleen Cailey, Ken Webster, Winnie Easton, Joanne Maclean, Pat Flynn, Barney Hayes, Brigid Rankin, Joe Oxley, Helen Coulson.
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.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI Following consideration and discussion at meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council, it has been agreed that in future there will be two Masses celebrated for Holydays of Obligation i.e. 6.30pm Vigil Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary and 9.30am Morning Mass alternating at **either St Mary or St Philip Neri**. So, the times and venues for Holyday of Obligation Masses in 2018 will be:

Ascension of the Lord, Thursday 10 May

Vigil Mass Wednesday 9 May 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart
Morning Mass Thursday 10 May 9.30am at St Mary

SS Peter and Paul, Friday 29 June

Vigil Mass Thursday 28 June 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart
Morning Mass Friday 29 June 9.30am at St Philip Neri

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wednesday 15 August

Vigil Mass Tuesday 14 August 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart
Morning Mass Wednesday 15 August 9.30am at St Mary

All Saints, Thursday 1 November

Vigil Mass Wednesday 31 October 6.30pm Immaculate Heart
Morning Mass Thursday 1 November 9.30am at St Philip Neri

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY *'The Truth will set you free'* (John 8:32). Next Sunday 13 May is World Communications Day. In his message for this day, Pope Francis speaks of journalists as "the protectors of news" and that their task is "not just a job; it is a mission." On World Communications Day, we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on our behalf by the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference. To support this work, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend.

HCPT GROUP 41 MASS OF THANKSGIVING HCPT Group 41's Mass of Thanksgiving for a successful Lourdes Pilgrimage will be celebrated next Saturday 12 May at 2pm at Immaculate Heart Church. All parishioners are very welcome. Tea and cake to follow Mass!

SAVE THE DAY - SAVE THE DAY - SAVE THE DAY!

The Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri invites you to a special evening on Friday 6 July 2018, 6.30pm onwards at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lobley Hill All parishioners are invited to a Special Mass of Celebration and Thankfulness for the successful creation of our new amalgamated Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri. Mass will also include the induction of Fr Peter as Parish Priest.

Following Mass, it is hoped that everyone will join together in a shared supper. We are erecting a marquee in the church grounds and hope as many parishioners as possible will enjoy this wonderful summer evening. We plan to include some music, entertainment for the children, and wonderful food (provided by the gifted cooks of the parish). All in all, an evening of happiness and joy.

More information will follow but please put this date in your diary now.

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.

We have arranged transport for anyone who would like to attend to help Fr Jeff celebrate this very special occasion, at a cost of £5 per person. Please add your name to one of the forms, which are at the entrance of each church by Sunday May 13th. Pick up and drop off points will be at all 3 churches. Please be aware that the cost is for a 53 seater bus, therefore, if all seats are not filled, there will be an increase in cost per person pro rata.

DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR ALL MINISTRIES *Serve the Lord with Gladness* will be held on Saturday 19 May 2018 at Ushaw College, Durham from 10.30am to 3.30pm **or** St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead on Saturday 2 June 2018 from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Registration and refreshments on both dates will be from 9.45am. Booking is essential as places are limited. The cost is £7.50 per person. Tea, coffee and a light lunch will be provided. To book, please use the forms at the back of church or contact the Department for Liturgy tel. 0191 243 3312 or email liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA *A peaceful day of prayer and reflection* on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. This will be held on Saturday 2 June 2018 and will be led by the Rt Rev. Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter for England and Wales. For further information please see the poster at the back of church or contact: Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson tel. 07906 212426 or Peter Barrigan tel. 07713 924504.

A MESSAGE 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 next Saturday 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*

ST PHILIP NERI CLEANER VACANCY The parish requires a part-time cleaner to be responsible for the cleaning of St Philip Neri Church - 1.5 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. For further information and an application form, please contact: Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle tel. 0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk An application pack is also available at www.rcdhn.org.uk The closing date for applications is 17 May.

OTHER DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies: 1) Parish Secretary, St. Mary and St. Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications 11 May. 2) Caretaker, The Holy Family, Darlington, 40 hours per month, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications 11 May. 3) Caretaker, St Cuthbert, Chester le Street, 20 hours per month, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications 13 May. For further information and details of how to apply please visit the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk or tel. 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

THE ANNUAL YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE with the theme of *Practical Steps for Parishes and Partnerships*, will take place on Saturday 12 May at Joseph's Catholic Academy, Mill Lane, Hebburn NE31 2ET from 10.30am to 3.45pm, coffee available from 10am. The Conference aims 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.** Conference fee is £10 and includes lunch (N.B. this will be paid for by the parish).

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

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL 2018 Saturday 23 June to Sunday 24 June 2018, Emmaus Youth Village, Consett This year's theme is 'Encounter' and there will be talks from Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE, Sr Judith Russi and Sara Bryson. The Festival will include prayer, liturgy, reflection, discussion and music. It is an opportunity for our whole Diocesan family to come together to celebrate and to be encouraged in our faith offering inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people and children. You are warmly invited to come and experience the festival as a parish group, as a family or as individuals. Everyone is welcome. Booking forms are now available either from the back of church or can be downloaded from the diocesan website at www.rcdhn.org.uk. For more information, please see the diocesan website, email festival@diocesehn.org.uk or contact the team on 01207 592244.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our first meeting will be held on Monday 14 May at 1.30pm in the Weekday Chapel at Immaculate Heart Church. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting (the patterns are easy!) or if you are interested in what we hope to do with this ministry, please come and join in. All are welcome. For further information please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

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 10 May at the latest.**

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97:1-4. R/ cf. v.2

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

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 his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.