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Mark 7:34-35

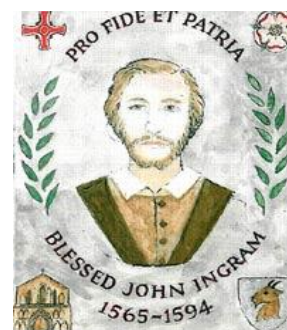
THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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Sunday 9 September 2018

Twenty Third Sunday of the Year

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 8 September *The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	John & Molly Pinchen (Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 9 September	9.30am	St Mary	John & Elizabeth Arnold (dec.)
Twenty Third Sunday of the Year	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Day of Special Prayer for Catholic Education

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 23, Year 2

Monday 10 September	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 11 September	6.30pm	<u>St Mary</u>	Mark Roberts (ann.)
Wednesday 12 September	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Private Intention
Thursday 13 September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Priest's Intention
Friday 14 September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	10.00am	St Mary	Priest's Intention

Saturday 15 September *Our Lady of Sorrows*

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 September	9.30am	St Mary	Bill Thoburn (dec.)
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Maria Foy (dec.)

Home Mission Sunday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm Friday at St Mary 9.40am - 9.55am

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



This Sunday we welcome into the Family of the Church Daniel Dixon, Ariyanna Dixon
 and Niccolo Enrico Kane who are being Baptised

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, Ray Deponio, Astrid Muse (Gower), Ann Camozzi, Lesley Gough, Susan Walker, Kai Thompson, Monica Meaney, Tammie Blair, Kathleen Buxton, Liz McKenna, Fr Jim Doherty, Geoff Taylor, Ken Webster, Winnie Easton, Joanne Maclean, Pat Flynn, Barney Hayes, Brigid Rankin, Joe Oxley, Helen Coulson, Samuel O'Reilly, Fr Paul Hannon, Joseph Borthwick, Cecilia McCusker, Jean Power, Mary and Bernard Carrick, Matty Bullock, William Barry.

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 Ann Smith who died recently and whose Funeral Service will take place at Saltwell Cemetery Chapel on Friday 14 September 2018 at 1pm followed by burial. May she rest in peace. Amen.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION This Sunday 9 September is a Day of Special Prayer for those involved in Education. A retiring collection will be taken at all Masses to support the work of the Catholic Education Service of England and Wales.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY Next Sunday 16 September is Home Mission Sunday. The focus of this Home Mission Sunday is to pose the question Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?'. Resources are available at each church to help to reflect on this question. A retiring collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend.

FATHER MICHAEL McKENNA Fr Michael will be leaving us next weekend to move to St Joseph's Home in Newcastle. As we bid him farewell and wish him every happiness in his new home, there will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving this Tuesday 11 September at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church followed by "a bit of a do" in the Parish Hall.** There are envelopes available at the back of all three churches if you would like to contribute to the presentation gift for Fr Michael - **please return envelopes by the end of Masses this Saturday Sunday 8/9 September.** Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held this Tuesday 11 September at 1.30pm in the Weekday Chapel at Immaculate Heart Church. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or if you are interested in what we hope to do with this ministry, please come along. All are welcome. For further information please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

GARDENING SUPPORT Have you a little time to spare and are interested in, or would like to do a very small amount of gardening? We are looking for your help. There are three very small areas close to the entrance of St Mary's church requiring some care and attention. If you could help in any way please contact Jen Jones tel. 0756 378 8602. Your help to make these areas attractive once again would be gratefully appreciated.

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION will take place at St Mary's Parish Centre, Hencotes, Hexham NE46 2EB on Saturday 6 October and will be led by Rev. Deacon Martin Bell. The day will start with Mass at 10.00am, followed by tea & coffee. The Day of Recollection itself will start at 11.00am, and will end with 30 minutes of Exposition and Benediction from 3.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. If you wish to attend, please forward your name and contact details to the Parish Secretary at Saint Mary's, Hexham, tel. 01434 603119 or email@stmaryshexham.plus.com before Wednesday 3 October.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Why not come along to St Mary's Cathedral RCIA group for a friendly introduction to the Catholic Faith? The new Journey of Faith programme begins on Tuesday 18 September 2018 and continues each Tuesday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Cloister Café. Alternatively, The John Ingram Partnership will also be running a programme which will commence early October. The first session will be held at St Patrick's Church in Felling at which time a decision will be made about the location of future meetings. Further information including start date will follow. If you are interested in either of these programmes please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart for further information, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2018/2019 If your child will be in Year 4 (or above) from September 2018 and they are not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2019, please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart as soon as possible, tel. 0191 460 4274 or e-mail stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk providing your name, address, tel. no. and email address. Thank you.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING - IN PURSUIT Following a period of research and exploration, YMT are launching a Discipleship Programme beginning with a Residential weekend at the Youth Village on 29 and 30 September. Applications are invited from young people 16 years to 21 years who wish to grow in faith and learn to lead. This will be an interactive, relevant programme for young people in our diocese. Supported by the Partnerships, young people will have the opportunity to share with others, listen to informed speakers and apply a real sense of discipleship in practical ways. For further information please contact Phillip Salkeld tel. 01207 592244 email inpursuit@ymt.org or visit the IN PURSUIT Facebook page: www.hnyouthtoolkit.org.uk/inpursuit

DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE is being held on Saturday 15 September at Sacred Heart High School, Fenham from 10.00am to 3.30pm. This one day event is for anyone involved in Partnership development including those in key areas of ministry within their parishes who are looking to be inspired, supported and equipped for the task of moving forward as a Church. There will be an inspiring key note input from David Wells who is known for his down to earth approach and he will offer us a forward thinking vision of the opportunity that Partnerships provide. There will also be a variety of workshops to allow you to connect with others in the Diocese who are taking a lead in the key areas of Partnership development. Booking is required. For further information and to book your place, please contact Amy McDonagh tel. 0191 243 3316 or email. adult.formation@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 13 September at the latest.**

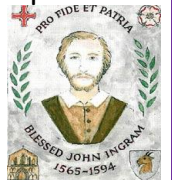
John Ingram Partnership
"Tea at the Hall"
Sunday 23 September
3.00pm - 5.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Whickham



Wouldn't it be wonderful if all 13 churches, within our partnership could come together with our talented 'Mary Berrys' providing an amazing spread of cakes and savouries?

You will find two lists at the back of church - one for the afternoon tea requirements (cakes and savouries) and one for attendance - this will help with the final arrangements. All the sandwiches will be made at St Mary's for ease. However, if baking is not your 'cup of tea' or you fancy just turning up then a donation towards the cost of the drinks and sundries would be most welcome - a box will be at the back of church.

This afternoon family social event will include some live music, toys for the children, lovely food, plus an opportunity for a good chat. Of course the 'cherry on the cake' for this wonderful Church family occasion would be a glorious sunny day - so even if you can't come along, offer some prayers please!



Partnership Prayer



Risen Christ,
from your abundant grace,
pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.
As we build on the deep foundations of faith
laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands,
by Aidan and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede,
may our Partnerships continue the mission
of building your Kingdom on the earth:
to give living witness to your love,
and to your compassion and hope for our world.
We pray in trustful confidence
that your power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

First Reading*Isaiah 35:4-7*

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 145:7-10. R/v.1*

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading*James 2:1-5*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*cf. Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 7:31-37*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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