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Mark 9:36-37

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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Sunday 23 September 2018

Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 22 September

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri Michael Almond (dec.)

Sunday 23 September

9.30am St Mary George and Margaret Porteous (dec.)

Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

11.00am Immaculate Heart People of the Parish

Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 25, Year 2

Monday 24 September *Our Lady of Walsingham*

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

Tuesday 25 September

6.30pm Immaculate Heart *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

Wednesday 26 September

10.00am St Philip Neri *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

Thursday 27 September *St Vincent de Paul*

9.30am St Mary *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

Friday 28 September

10.00am St Mary *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

Saturday 29 September *SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri Kathleen and Gerard Cailey (dec.)

Sunday 30 September

9.30am St Mary Albert Drummond (dec.)

Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

11.00am Immaculate Heart People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 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, 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, Ken Tunstall.

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.

XAVERIAN FATHERS MISSION APPEAL This weekend 22/23 September we welcome Fr Robert Sowa who will be celebrating all Masses and making an appeal on behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries - please be generous!

HOLY HOUR Following Bishop Séamus' recent Pastoral Letter, there will be a Holy Hour at Immaculate Heart church on Tuesday 9 October beginning with Mass at 6.30pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction at 7.30pm.

SENIOR MOMENTS The next Planning Meeting for volunteers, will be at St Mary's Hall on Monday 24 September at 1.30pm. For our guests, the next Senior Moments is on Wednesday 3 October.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Immaculate Heart of Mary will normally run on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month. In the run up to Advent the dates for children's liturgy will be 30 September, 21 October, 4 and 18 November. Advent dates will be confirmed later in the year. All children are welcome to join in and if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help run children's liturgy please ask Wendy or Beth. We would be very grateful for any help in this ministry. Thank you.

RED MISSION BOXES collection is now due in each of our three churches. Please could all monies be paid in by Sunday 14 October. Thank you.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS are now available at the back of church for those who are members of the Gift Aid scheme.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING On Friday 28 September, The Friends of St Mary's will be hosting and taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning with all donations going to Macmillan Cancer Support. Invitation is open to everyone, so please bring as many friends and family along and join us in the school hall from 9am to 10.30am for a cuppa and slice of cake. We would be very grateful to those who are able to lend their support by baking or buying a cake to sell on the day (there will also be an opportunity to buy a slice on the yard from 3pm); you can find plenty of ideas and inspiration at www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible on the day.

CANONISATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO To mark the occasion of the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome in October, Bishop Séamus will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 13 October at 11.00 am at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle - all are welcome to attend. Archbishop Romero was assassinated in 1980 while offering Mass in San Salvador. Embracing a simple lifestyle, he was a popular preacher and responded with real compassion to the plight of the poor.

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. The day will start with Mass at 10.00am. 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.

YOUTH SUNDAY PREPARATION An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at Cardinal Hume Catholic School on Sunday 7 October from 3pm to 5.15pm. This year's Youth Sunday is on 25 November, the Feast of Christ the King. The theme is JOY. 'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' Romans 12:12. This Youth Sunday we celebrate the truth that Jesus shows us we can have joy in Him. Joy because He has set us free to live the life we were created to live and joy even through the challenges of life. Each church is invited to be represented by adults and young people (Year 9 and above) and there will be an opportunity to plan together and to meet other groups in the same partnership. Music and other resources will be available. If you would like to attend please contact the parish secretary at Immaculate Heart, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk. For further information please contact the Youth Ministry Team on tel. 01207 592244 or email. admin@ymt.org.

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 began 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 on Tuesday 2 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 with the aim being to make it as convenient as possible for people to attend. 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

FLAME the National Catholic Youth Congress, takes place at Wembley Arena on 2 March 2019. Booking forms are out this month in partnerships and secondary schools and it is hoped that coaches will leave from pick-up points in every area. The cost will be £40 per person which includes coach travel and Wembley ticket. For further information please contact YMT on tel. 01207 592244 or email. admin@ymt.org

YOUTH MINISTRY MODULE All those who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two Saturdays 6 October and 3 November at the Emmaus Village. For further information or to book a place please email. education@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 27 September at the latest.**

Today is the Day!



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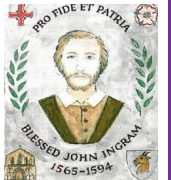
"Tea at the Hall"

Sunday 23 September

3.00pm - 5.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Whickham

The list for afternoon tea requirements and the one for attendance have been collected. However if you haven't added your name to the list, **it's not too late**, we would still love to see you and your family. Just think in years to come you can say you were at the John Ingram Partnership's first social occasion!

This afternoon's 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*Wisdom 2:12. 17-20*

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 53:3-6. 8. R/v.6*

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

Second Reading*James 3:16 – 4:3*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 8:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 9:30-37*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' they said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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