



Jesus said 'And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.'

Cf. Luke 21:27

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

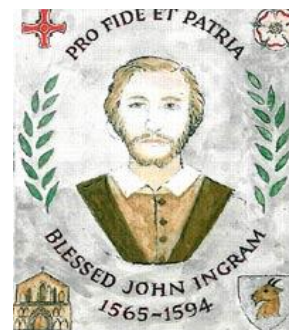
**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston**

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Sunday 2 December 2018

First Sunday of Advent

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 1 December

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri Leo Smith (ann.)

Sunday 2 December

9.30am St Mary Bernard Oxley (dec.)

First Sunday of Advent

11.00am Immaculate Heart People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Advent Week 1

Monday 3 December *St Francis Xavier*

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

Tuesday 4 December

6.30pm Immaculate Heart Cecilia McCusker (dec.)

Wednesday 5 December

10.00am St Philip Neri Private Intention

Thursday 6 December

9.30am St Mary Tom Airey (dec.)

Friday 7 December *St Ambrose*

10.00am St Mary Colin Reed (dec.)

Saturday 8 December *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12.30pm St Mary Senior Citizens' Mass

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday 9 December

9.30am St Mary Bernard Lyons (dec.)

Second Sunday of Advent

11.00am Immaculate Heart People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm

Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 6.10pm - 6.25pm 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pauline Mulholland, Liz McKenna, Peter McLoughlin, Astrid Muse (Gower).
(N. B. If you wish to include the names of anyone who is sick, please see GDPR notice over page.)

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 445 207.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE A big thank you to all who helped to support our Christmas Fayre last Saturday afternoon. The final total raised was a fantastic £2530!

SERVICE OF LIGHT We have received the following message from Revd Gareth Rowlands *“Many thanks for allowing St Bede’s to use St Mary’s this afternoon [i.e. last Sunday]. As always, the people of the parish pulled out all the stops in terms of welcome, hospitality and organisation! Please can you extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who assisted in any way.”*

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT GDPR In order to comply with the recent General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which now apply in the UK, we are having to make some changes to the weekly parish newsletter which is distributed in our churches and posted on the parish website. These changes affect names to be included in the list of those who are sick and in any Mass Intentions for living persons:

Sick List GDPR requires that the individuals whose names appear on the sick list have given their consent to their names appearing there. So, in future, the only names that can be displayed on the sick list are the names of those individuals who have explicitly given their consent. N.B. in the case of a minor, a parent/guardian should give consent and in the case of adults who are unable to make decisions for themselves, a close relative or someone who has a health and welfare lasting power of attorney should do so. Consent forms for the names of those to be included on the sick list are available at the back of each church and/or on the parish website - www.theparish.org.uk - please return the forms via the Sunday collection baskets or by email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

Mass Intentions If the Mass Intention is for a **living person**, the same requirements as listed above apply. The Parish Mass Intention Envelopes which are available in each church will have a consent form to sign on the back of each envelope – please complete this if the Mass intention is for a living person whose name will appear in the newsletter/on the parish website.

SENIOR MOMENTS The Senior Moments Christmas Celebration is on Wednesday 5 December at 11.30am. Join us for festive fun and by popular request, Karen is back to demonstrate some seasonal floral decorations. Also, there will be carols sung by children from St Mary’s School from 11.30am to 11.45am. This promises to be a wonderful occasion, so if you feel like it, wear something festive!!!

ST PHILIP NERI SVP CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018 is available at St Philip Neri Church, please take one. Thank You for your unfailing support, without which we could not continue with our work.

ADVENT WALK WITH ME PRAYER BOOKLETS which give daily scripture readings and a reflection for each day of Advent are now available at the back of each church priced £1.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES AT OUR THREE CHURCHES (Carols will be sung 30 minutes before the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses)		
Monday 24 December Christmas Eve	5.30pm	Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lobley Hill
	7.30pm	Mass at St Philip Neri, Dunston
Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day	9.30am	Mass at St Mary, Whickham

ANGEL TREE APPEAL Angel Trees are in each of our three churches - please take a label from a tree and buy a present suitable for the child detailed on that label. If you are unable to shop but would like to buy a gift please give the money to Brigitte Jones who has kindly offered to purchase the present. Please bring gifts to church by Sunday 16 December. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES If you would like a candle to be lit during the Christmas season in memory of your deceased loved ones, please write their name(s) on one of the envelopes at the back of our three churches, and include your donation. Please complete and return your envelopes by Sunday 20 December and don’t forget to indicate in which church you would like the candle to be lit.

ADVENT DATES FOR CHILDREN’S LITURGY at Immaculate Heart are 2 December and 16 December. In the New Year, Children’s Liturgy will resume normally every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE There will be an Advent Reconciliation Service with the opportunity for individual confession at Saint Mary and Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, Stella on Wednesday 12 December at 6.30pm. All welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY The next meeting will be held this Tuesday 4 December 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. We would welcome names of people in our Parish who might benefit from receiving a prayer shawl. For further information please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY Our Christmas Party this year is **next Saturday 8 December with Mass at 12.30pm followed by Lunch at 1.00pm**. There are lists at the back of each Church - please put your name on if you would like to come so we know how many people are coming. If you have any problems please contact either Elizabeth Martin tel. 0191 488 4752 or Cath Salmon tel. 0191 488 5476. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTMAS PARTY Our annual Christmas party will take place in St Mary's Church Hall **next Sunday 9 December from 2pm to 4.15pm**. There will be games, a disco, food and a special visit from Santa. If your child/children would like to attend, please collect a form after Mass from one of the Children's Liturgy Team. For further information please contact Jo Proctor tel. 0781 446 6278.

GIFT FOR LIFE Thank you for your prayers and on-going support for *Gift for Life*. Donations can be made using the Standing Order form provided in the leaflet issued last weekend – and still available in each church - or via online banking using the account information on the Standing Order form. Alternatively, you can use *Gift for Life* envelopes (available shortly) and placing these in the offertory collection. Gift Aid forms are also available for tax-payers.

THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2019 is now available to purchase at the back of church price £3 each.

THE NORTHERN CROSS The December edition of The Northern Cross is on sale this weekend price £1.

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

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD We have received a letter from CAFOD in which they say *"Thank you to all parishioners for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £468.26."* The letter included an excerpt from someone living in one of the villages benefitting from our support: *"When it [i.e. the borehole to provide clean water] was mended, life changed, the spread of diseases stopped. Even sickness was reduced. Even malaria. We can basically get water whenever we want and can bathe, cook, water the animals and wash clothes whenever we want. It felt good that water is very near. At least now, though we are hungry, we have water."* Thank you for your continued support.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION In honour of Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, St Mary's Parish, Hexham invites you to join them for a Torchlight Marian Procession on Friday 7 December at 7pm to be led by Father Christopher Warren. Please meet at the bandstand in the park adjacent to Hexham Abbey to pray the Rosary and sing hymns in honour of Our Lady to process with candles towards St Mary's for a homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A collection will be taken in aid of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Nurses' Fund. Refreshments will be available. For further information please contact St Mary's Parish Office tel. 01434 603 119 or email email@stmaryshexham.plus.com

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES St Alban's Church, Pelaw and St Patrick's Church, Felling are organising a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 10 to 15 October, 2019 with Tangney Tours. Flying from Newcastle to Toulouse (via Amsterdam) with a coach transfer from Toulouse to Lourdes. Full board and accommodation in the 4-star Hotel Méditerranée. The price of £635 is based on sharing a room. An additional supplement is payable for a single room. For further information please contact St Patrick's Church, Felling tel. 0191 495 2277 or email. felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk

DIOCESAN VACANCY Senior Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. The successful candidate will be experienced in office management and general administration and will manage the full Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking process. Closing date for applications is 10 December. For further information and details of how to apply please visit website www.rcdhn.org.uk or tel. 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@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 6 December at the latest.**

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*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

See, the days are coming - It is the Lord who speaks -
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the
House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,

Who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved

And Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R/v.1*

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

Second Reading*1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and
make you love one another and the whole human race
as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your
hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight
of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes
with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the
Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind
of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants,
as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it.
You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on
the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Psalm 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 21:25-28. 34-36*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun
and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony,
bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves;
men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world,
for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they
will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power
and great glory. When these things begin to take place,
stand erect, hold your heads high, because your
liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with
debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and
that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For
it will come down on every living man on the face of the
earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength
to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with
confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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