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Matthew 2:1-2

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The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the office this week Tuesday & Friday 10am - 2pm, Wednesday 10am - 12noon and Thursday 10am - 4pm in the Parish Office, St Mary's Presbytery, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL ☎ 0191 460 4274 ✉ stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

Sunday 6 January 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 5 January

Vigil Mass

5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
9.30am	St Mary	Edna & Wilf Murray (ann.)
11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased of the McCusker Family

Sunday 6 January

The Epiphany of the Lord

Weekday Readings: Monday - Friday after Epiphany

Monday 7 January

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

Tuesday 8 January

6.30am Immaculate Heart Philip Arkless (dec.)

Wednesday 9 January

10.00am St Philip Neri Private Intention

Thursday 10 January

9.30am St Mary Edith Eagle (ann.)

Friday 11 January

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

Saturday 12 January *St Benet Biscop*

Vigil Mass

5.30pm **St Philip Neri** People of the Parish

Sunday 13 January

The Baptism of the Lord

9.30am **St Mary** Audrey Taylor (dec.)

11.00am **Immaculate Heart** Private Intention

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 6.10pm - 6.25pm

Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 9.30am at St Philip Neri

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pauline Mulholland, Liz McKenna, Peter McLoughlin, Astrid Muse (Gower).

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.

SENIOR MOMENTS The first Senior Moments of 2019 will be held on Wednesday 6 February and we look forward to seeing you all then! We would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed New Year.

ADVENT ALMS The total raised across our three churches for Advent Alms was £493.56. Thank you for your generosity.

RED MISSION BOXES collection is now due in each of our three churches. Please could all monies be paid in by Sunday 20 January. Thank you.

GIFT FOR LIFE MEETING Thank you for your prayers and on-going support for *Gift for Life*. The next meeting of the *Gift for Life* Group takes place at St Mary's Primary School on Thursday 17 January at 6.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

THE MERCY PROJECT The Mercy Project @ St Mary's Cathedral is the Cathedral's new Outreach project that seeks to support all those who are vulnerable and lonely in our communities. We are at a very exciting stage in our development and are looking to start our work in January. But to do that we need your help. We are looking for volunteers who can offer any skills or time they may have. There will be an opening evening for everyone to come along and see the Hub and find out more information on Wednesday 9 January from 6-8pm. If you are interested in volunteering or would just like some more information, you can get in touch via Joe.Kirwin@TheMercyProject.org.uk or tel. 07904 881430.

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

GATESHEAD PEER SUPPORT GROUP for anyone facing depression or a related mental health condition now runs weekly in Whickham at Whickham Library, 9 St Mary's Green, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE16 4DN every Thursday evening from 7pm. It's free and offers a safe space to offload, to be heard and to receive support to help work through difficult times. No need to book or be referred. For further details please visit www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENINGS This year the Holocaust Memorial Evening will be held twice. The first evening will be held on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 7.00pm at St. Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7PE. A second evening will be held on Thursday 31 January 2019 from 7.00pm at St. Michael's Catholic Academy, Beamish Road, Billingham TS23 3DX. Booking for each event is essential. To secure your place, please register online at www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/departement-for-interreligious-relations-18212870869

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies 1) Health and Safety Officer, required to co-ordinate all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese, ensuring that all Diocesan properties and activities conducted in and around them are safe and without risk as far as reasonably practicable. Based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date for applications is 11 January. 2) Administrator, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley, 16 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications is 15 January. 3) Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications is 16 January. 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

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 January at the latest.**

First Reading*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13. R/ cf. v.11***Response:**

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

- O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.
- In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.
- The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.
- For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Second Reading*Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by
God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by
a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the

mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed
through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was
unknown to any men in past generations; it means that
pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are
parts of the same body, and that the same promise has
been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have
come to do the Lord homage. **Alleluia!**

Gospel*Matthew 2:1-12*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during
the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to
Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the
Jews?' they asked, 'We saw his star as it rose and have
come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this
he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem.
He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of
the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was
to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for
this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah

You are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my
people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to
see him privately. He asked them to the exact date on
which the star had appeared, and sent them on to
Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said
'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I
too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to
what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front
of them was the star they had seen rising; it went
forward and halted over the place where the child was.
The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going
int the house they saw the child with his mother Mary,
and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then,
opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold
and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a
dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their
own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.
You who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.