



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them.'

Apocalypse 21:3

*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, is available in the Parish Office this week **Tuesday - Thursday 10am - 2pm**
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Sunday 19 May 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 18 May			
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 May	9.30am	St Mary	Joseph Oxley (dec.)
Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (AC)

Weekday Readings: Fifth Week of Eastertide

Monday 20 May	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 21 May	<u>9.30am</u>	Immaculate Heart	Recipients of Prayer Shawls
Wednesday 22 May	10.00am	St Philip Neri	Ella & Jim Leighton (ann.)
Thursday 23 May	9.30am	St Mary	Tom Airey (ann.)
Friday 24 May	10.00am	St Mary	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>

Saturday 25 May *St Bede the Venerable*

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Kathleen Cailey (dec.)
Sunday 26 May	9.30am	St Mary	George & Margaret Porteous (ann.)
Sixth Sunday of Easter	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm



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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Friday at St Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Pat Flynn, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Liz McKenna, Peter McLoughlin, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Geoff Taylor, Susan Wall, Ken Webster.

If you or any 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 (Catholic Chaplain: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 265 5290).

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Joseph Borthwick (father of Jo Williams) who died recently and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church, Felling at 10am on Friday 24 May followed by Cremation at Saltwell Crematorium.

Fr Paul Hannon, Missionary of Africa RIP. There will be a Memorial Mass at 12.00 noon on Saturday 25 May at St Robert's Church, Cedar Road, Fenham, NE4 9PH followed by refreshments. Fr Paul's many friends are warmly invited to join members of his family in celebrating a life well lived in the service of Christ. May they rest in peace. Amen.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese – the collection realised £409.26.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is a Holyday of Obligation and will be celebrated on Thursday 30 May. Masses in the parish will be celebrated at the following times:

Wednesday 29 May 6.30pm Vigil Mass at Immaculate Heart

Thursday 30 May 9.30am Mass at St Mary

BEETLE DRIVE to be held on Friday 24 May at 6.30pm in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. A fun night with refreshments and a raffle. Tickets £4 each with funds raised going to **HCPT** and the **Gift for Life**. Tickets and raffle tickets on sale at the back of Church this Saturday after 5.30pm Mass at St Philip Neri, after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's, Whickham and after 11:00am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary. They can also be obtained by contacting Angela Bell ang.bell60@btinternet.com or Gillian Stanger-Crone gillian_stanger@sky.com or come along on the night and pay at the door. Everyone welcome.

THE NEXT PPC MEETING will take place this Wednesday 22 May at 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart.

As a reminder, the PPC representatives for each church are:

Immaculate Heart: Allan Bell, Christine Crawley, Wendy O'Reilly, Maveen Pereira

St Mary: Philip Cunningham, Janice Hall, Jen Jones, Tony Sacco

St Philip Neri: Denise Hebron, John Pinchen, Michael Waugh, Katie Wilkinson

GIFT FOR LIFE – AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE LIVES

Every now and then it is important to reflect on what we are doing and what else we could do. The latest meeting of the *Gift for Life* group did just that. Firstly we celebrated the amazing generosity of all those who already support our two main causes – the Little Sisters in Kenya and the Balamma Satram project in India. Our ambition this year is to donate £3,600 to each to support those in dire need of food, water, health and education. A recent e-mail from Kenya says it all – '*We thank God for all that Gift for Life is doing for the people of God and for humanity.*'

Of course, there is always more that can be done and the group is looking to increase funds so that other causes – whether at the other side of the street or the other side of the world – can be supported too. Please consider a one-off donation using the envelopes provided or through a regular standing order - and please consider Gift Aiding any contribution. Group members will be available after Masses on 25 and 26 May to provide envelopes and Standing Order Forms – and to answer any questions. Thank you so much for your on-going support and prayers – they are changing lives.



ST PHILIP NERI SVP CONFERENCE In 2018/19, due to the unwavering support of those people who donate at St Philip Neri Church, we were able to donate: £300 to Kerala flood disaster; £400 to our twinned communities in India and Sudan; £300 for youth voluntary work in Esenada, South America; £590 to the destitute in our local community; £150 to families within our school community and we have given hampers at Christmas to the needy (these were donated by a parishioner). **Thank you** for your generous support. For those who pay tax and wish to Gift Aid their donation, SVP envelopes are at the entrance of church. Every little helps! God Bless.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION On Friday 5 July Bishop Robert will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Blaydon. **Young people in school years 9 and 10, and their parents are invited to an information evening on Tuesday 21 May at 6.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Shibdon Road, Blaydon NE21 5AE.** At this meeting the preparation course will be outlined - the course will consist of 5 meetings lasting approximately an hour on Tuesday evenings through June and the first Tuesday in July. **Information leaflets including an Application & Parental Consent Form are now available at the back of each church.**

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS The Diocesan Liturgy Department has arranged a Day of Reflection entitled 'Serve the Lord with Gladness' and which is open to all ministries. Date and venue are:

Saturday 15 June at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, led by Veronica Murphy from the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Places are limited and booking is essential. If you would like to attend the day and to book a place, please contact the Department for Liturgy tel. 0191 243 3312 or email liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk

FACING DEPRESSION TOGETHER *PeerTalk* offers peer support to people living with depression through a national network of peer support groups. Meetings are held on Monday evenings at The Bensham Grove Community Centre, Gateshead at 7pm. For further information please visit: www.peertalk.org.uk or tel. 07719 562 617.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK - *There are no outsiders to his love* A Service will take place this Sunday 19 May at 3pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne, and will draw attention to the importance of caring for and those living with mental health and emotional issues. The service will involve music, dance, reading and teaching, intended to highlight the dignity of our brothers and sisters whose mental and emotional health causes them pain and a lack of peace. All are welcome.

EVENTS AT MINSTERACRES *Walking Retreats* Enjoy a walk of seven to ten miles through the beautiful countryside around Minsteracres, with time for prayer, reflection and sharing of the beauty of creation. You will need suitable walking boots and warm, weatherproof clothing. Please bring a packed lunch. This walking retreat will take place this Wednesday 22 May 10am to 5pm. There is a suggested donation of £10. For further information please visit

<http://www.minsteracres.org/retreats/walking-retreat-15/>

N.B. Sacred Calligraphy on Tuesday 21 May is now FULLY BOOKED

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA invites you to a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 8 June led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter for England & Wales. *A peaceful day of prayer and reflection. Join us to pray for seafarers and for everyone involved in our ministry and charity.* Celtic Prayers on the Beach 12 noon; Concelebrated Mass in St Mary the Virgin Church 3pm (N.B. Saturday 8 June Safe Crossing Times are 10:15am - 5:25pm). For further information please contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson tel. 07906 212 426 or Peter Barrigan tel. 07713 924 504. (Apostleship of the Sea is an agency of the Catholic Church working to support the spiritual and practical needs of seafarers.)

THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION 'Children of Abraham' – *Interfaith Topics*. This will be held on 13 and 14 July at The Bar Convent, York. The total cost is £70 (£35 per day, students half price) and includes lunches and refreshments. For further details and to book a place please contact www.jesuit.org.uk/living-theology-york-2019 email: tpj.egerton@virgin.net tel. 01642 645 732.

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 23 May 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.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 144:8-13. R/ cf. v.1*

**Response: I will bless your name for ever,
O God my king.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

Second Reading*Apocalypse 21:1-5*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you.'

Alleluia!

Gospel*John 13:31-35*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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