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*Apocalypse 21:10*

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill**  
**St Mary ▪ Whickham**  
**St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston**

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*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, is on annual leave this week and will return to the office on Tuesday 4 June.*

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**Sunday 26 May 2019**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 25 May *St Bede the Venerable*

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

*Weekday Readings: Sixth Week of Eastertide*

Monday 27 May <i>St Augustine</i>	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 28 May	<u>9.30am</u>	Immaculate Heart	Wilf Corrigan (dec.)
Wednesday 29 May			
<b>Vigil Mass for The Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday 30 May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Joyce Carrick (ann.)
<b>The Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation)</b>			
Friday 31 May	10.00am	St Mary	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Saturday 1 June <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Joe Welsh (dec.)
<b>Sunday 2 June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Mary (Maureen) Fagan (dec.)
<i>World Communications Day</i>			

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm



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 Michael Brunnock who died recently and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 4 June at 10am at St Philip Neri Church followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** is a **Holyday of Obligation** and will be celebrated this 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.**

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** is next Sunday 2 June. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications, particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country.

The Communications Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The Office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.

**There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Communications Office.**

**SENIOR MOMENTS** The next planning meeting for volunteers will be held this Wednesday 29 May at 1.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall. The next Senior Moments Lunch will be on Wednesday 5 June at 11.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)** Copies of the Minutes and the Agenda from the meeting held in March 2019 plus new PPC Guidelines (formerly known as PPC Constitution and recently updated by the PPC) are now available in the black 'Agenda and Minutes' folders at the back of each of our three churches.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 June 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.

## **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.

**DEMENTIA CAFÉ AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL** A new Dementia Café in Newcastle City centre will launch this Tuesday 28 May. The Dementia Café will run every week on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon at **The Mercy Project, St Mary's Cathedral, Neville Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH**. This central location is easily accessible by public transport being on major bus routes and next to a metro line. The Mercy Project will also cover the costs for people who would like a taxi to bring them to the venue and return them home safely.

### **What does a Dementia Café do?**

A Dementia Café provides a safe and supportive place to:

- Discuss your own dementia diagnosis, or someone else's, and think about what it means for the future.
- Get answers and meet and learn from other people in similar situations.
- Keep active, make new friends and feel more confident.

For more information please contact tel. 07904 881430 or email [joe.kirwin@themeracyproject.org.uk](mailto:joe.kirwin@themeracyproject.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](http://www.peertalk.org.uk) or tel. 07719 562 617.

**MUSIC AND WORSHIP WITH MATT MAHER** Next Wednesday 29 May from 7.00pm - 9.00pm, St Mary's Cathedral is hosting an evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration led by eight-time Grammy nominee, Matt Maher. Matt is an International Christian music artist who has had success writing and recording songs like 'Lord I need You' 'Hold Us Together' and 'Because He Lives.'

One of the highlights of his ministry was leading three million young people in adoration as he knelt on stage with Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Rio in 2013.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICL5du0GAsU>

This will be a powerful and moving evening and entry is by ticket only <http://buytickets.at/cathedraltour>

Tickets will also be on sale on the door.

**THE EVENT** is held monthly at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Hebburn between 6.00 - 7.30pm, is free and open to all young people in years 5, 6, 7 and 8. We provide pizza and refreshments free of charge afterwards too so young people can get to know others from other schools across the Diocese. Parents, teachers, parishioners and clergy are also welcome. For further details or to book your place, please email [Andrew Young](mailto:Andrew.Young) or ring him on 07868 155298. Numbers are required for catering purposes. The next Event will be on Wednesday 19 June.

**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](mailto:liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk)

**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](http://www.jesuit.org.uk/living-theology-york-2019) email: [tpj.egerton@virgin.net](mailto:tpj.egerton@virgin.net) tel. 01642 645 732.

**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.)

**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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 30 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 15:1-2. 22-29*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 66:2-3. 5-6. 8 R/v.4*

**Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you.**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth.  
and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

**Second Reading***Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***John 14:23-29*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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