

STEPHEN



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*Acts of the Apostles 7:55-56*

**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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**Sunday 2 June 2019**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 1 June

**Vigil Mass**

**5.30pm**

**St Philip Neri**

Joe Welsh (dec.)

**Sunday 2 June**

**9.30am**

**St Mary**

People of the Parish

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**11.00am**

**Immaculate Heart**

Mary (Maureen) Fagan (dec.)

*World Communications Day*

*Weekday Readings: Seventh Week of Eastertide*

Monday 3 June *St Charles Lwanga & Companions*

9.15am

Immaculate Heart

*Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

Tuesday 4 June

10.00am

St Philip Neri

Requiem Mass – Michael Brunnock RIP

Wednesday 5 June *St Boniface*

10.00am

St Philip Neri

In Thanksgiving (MC)

Thursday 6 June

9.30am

St Mary

Veronica Ross (dec.)

Friday 7 June *St Robert of Newminster*

10.00am

*N.B.*

*No Service today*

Saturday 8 June

**Vigil Mass**

**5.30pm**

**St Philip Neri**

People of the Parish

**Sunday 9 June**

**9.30am**

**St Mary**

Michael & Bridie Begley (ann.)

**Pentecost Sunday**

**11.00am**

**Immaculate Heart**

Anthony Keating (dec.)

*Day of Special Prayer for the Church*

**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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Pat Flynn, Barney Hayes, 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 and Christina (Christine) Taylor who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Michael Brunnock will be celebrated on Tuesday 4 June at 10am at St Philip Neri Church followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for Christina Taylor will be celebrated on Friday 7 June at 10.30am at St Joseph's Church, Mill Lane, Gilesgate, Durham DH1 2JG followed by cremation at Durham Crematorium, South Road, Durham DH1 3TQ. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**THANK YOU** Jo Williams and family would like to thank everyone for their condolences, cards, Mass cards and support following the recent death of her Dad, Joseph Borthwick. All were greatly appreciated.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** is this Sunday 2 June and there will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Communications Office.

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.

**LAY TRAINING FUND** There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend 8/9 June to support the Diocesan Lay Training Fund which provides resources and formation for the development of lay ministries across the diocese.

**THE RECENT BEETLE DRIVE EVENING** raised a total of £523.50 which will be shared between HCPT and *Gift for Life*. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening.

**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.

**SENIOR MOMENTS** The next Senior Moments Lunch will be on Wednesday 5 June at 11.30am in St Mary's Church Hall. All are welcome.

**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE** The Parish Finance Committee met on 9 May to review the financial year 2018/19 and subsequently sign off the Diocesan Annual Returns and related appendices for submission by the 31 May deadline.

2018/19 proved to be another successful year with a surplus of £19,800 on parish and hall activities. This is down on the exceptional surplus of £32,000 last year but repair spend is £14,450 higher due, mainly, to the work on St Mary's church roof at a cost of £12,480.

Total funds across the parish current and deposit accounts stood at £264,000 at the end of March which includes £5,743 held on behalf of *Gift for Life*, £3,750 for Palazzola deposits and £1,226 for special collections to be paid after year-end.

It is encouraging to report that offertory collections were up by 2.3% to £71,495 while Gift Aid claims were up 4.9% at £14,423.

Once again we thank you for your ongoing generosity in supporting the mission and maintenance of our parish.

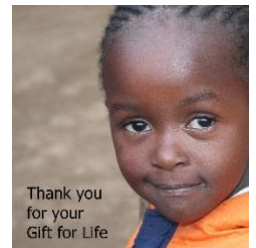
#### **GIFT FOR LIFE – AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE LIVES**

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 or through a regular standing order which are available at the back of each of our three churches - and if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding any contribution. Thank you so much for your on-going support and prayers - they are changing lives.

**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.

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** June edition is on sale this weekend price £1.



## COME KINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE

To celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the parishioners of St. Patrick's, Felling and St. Alban's, Pelaw invite you to join them for this Service of Prayer and Praise for Pentecost on Sunday, 9 June, 2019 at 4.30pm in St. Patrick's Church, Felling.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** invites you to a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne next 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.

**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. To book, please contact the Department for Liturgy tel. 0191 243 3312 or email [liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk)

**THE EVENT** is held monthly at St Joseph's Catholic Academy in Hebburn between 6pm - 7pm, 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 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.

**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.

**DEMENTIA CAFÉ AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL** A new Dementia Café has recently launched in Newcastle City centre. 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)

**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 6 June 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 7:55-60*

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 96:1-2. 6-7. 9. R/vv.1. 9*

**Response: The Lord is king,  
most high above all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
the many coastlands be glad.  
His throne is justice and right.
2. The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.  
All you spirits, worship him.
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all spirits.

**Second Reading***Apocalypse 22:12-14. 16-17. 20*

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free. The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 14:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***John 17:20-26*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father,

I pray not only for these,

but for those also

who through their words will believe in me.

May they all be one.

Father, may they be one in us,

As you are in me and I am in you,

so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave to me,

That they may be one as we are one.

With me in them and you in me,

may they be so completely one

that the world will realise that it was you who sent me

and that I have loved them as much as you love me.

Father,

I want those you have given me

to be with me where I am,

so that they may always see the glory

you have given me

because you loved me

before the foundation of the world.

Father, Righteous One,

the world has not known you,

but I have known you,

and these have known

that you have sent me.

I have made your name known to them

and will continue to make it known,

so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,

and so that I may be in them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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