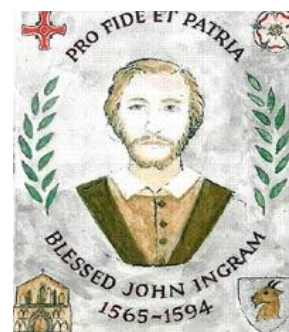




THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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Sunday 8 December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Year A

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 7 December *St Ambrose*

Vigil Mass

5.30pm

St Philip Neri

Peggy Boyce (100th Birthday)

Sunday 8 December

9.30am

St Mary

Mary (Maureen) Fagan (dec.)

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

11.00am

Immaculate Heart

People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Advent Week 2

Monday 9 December *Immaculate Conception*

9.15am

Immaculate Heart

Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 10 December

9.30am

Immaculate Heart

Private Intention (MTC)

Wednesday 11 December

10.00am

St Philip Neri

Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Thursday 12 December

9.30am

St Mary

Wilfred McConnell (dec.)

Friday 13 December *St Lucy*

10.00am

St Mary

Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Saturday 14 December *St John of the Cross*

12 noon

St Mary

Senior Citizens' Mass

Vigil Mass

5.30pm

St Philip Neri

Private Intention (CS)

Sunday 15 December

9.30am

St Mary

Edward & Mary O'Rourke (ann.)

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

11.00am

Immaculate Heart

People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm



This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church

Jack Hindmarch, Aaron Joseph Kalnins, David Osasenaga Osadolor and Bryan Efemwen Osadolor

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

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 Joyce Watson and Marjorie Gray who died recently. The Funeral Service for Joyce will be at Saltwell Crematorium on Thursday 12 December at 11.15am. May they rest in peace. Amen.

ADVENT ALMS Next Weekend 14/15 December there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for Advent Alms. We have received this message from St Cuthbert's Care *"This Advent, we ask that you consider supporting our Red Van. Over the last two years, our Red Van has delivered thousands of food parcels, good quality clothing and toys to some of the most needy families and individuals in our Diocese. Your Advent Alms will help us to keep this essential service on the road. Thank you."*

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

IMMACULATE HEART CHRISTMAS FAYRE We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed in anyway to the success of last week's Christmas Fayre. All three churches combined well in selling the Christmas Draw raffle tickets, the wine bag appeal received tremendous support, the cake stall was a splendid display, and all stall holders worked their socks off on what was one of the busiest days we can remember. This all resulted in a fantastic final total of £3010.00 - amazing - well done one and all!

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 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 Wednesday 18 December** and don't forget to indicate in which church you would like the candle to be lit.

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

THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2020 is now on sale at the back of church price £3.00.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD A high quality Christmas card, with a design based on the beautiful stained-glass window in the Church Hall at St Mary's, is now on sale. A pack of 8 cards costs £3.50 with profits from sales going to *Gift for Life* and parish initiatives.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES AT IMMACULATE HEART DURING ADVENT Children's Liturgy at Immaculate Heart will be taking place at the 11.00am Mass every Sunday during Advent. The remaining dates are: 8, 15 and 22 December. We look forward to preparing for this exciting time and sharing this special time with the children of our parish. Many thanks for your support - Wendy, Margaret & Lilian.

ADVENT LITURGIES A very warm invitation, from both our schools, has been extended to all our parishioners to attend these special events and help us prepare ourselves to receive Our Lord with open minds and hearts on Christmas Day.

St Philip Neri Primary School

Date	Time	Event and Venue
Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 December	10am	KS1 Nativity in School (two performances)
Friday 13 December	1.30pm	Early Years Nativity in School
Monday 16 December	10am & 2pm	KS2 Carols by candlelight & Tableau Concert in St Philip Neri Church
Wednesday 18 December	10am	Whole School Mass in St Philip Neri Church

St Mary's Primary School

Date	Time	Event and Venue
Friday 13 December	10am	Early Years Nativity in School
Tuesday 17 December	2.30pm	Carols by Candlelight in St Mary's Church
Friday 20 December	9.30am	Whole School Mass in St Mary's Church followed by refreshments in the School Hall

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY Our Christmas Party this year is next Saturday 14 December beginning with Mass at 12.00 noon followed by Lunch at 12.30pm. 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 *****last day to sign up is this Sunday 8 December***** If you have any problems please contact either Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760 or Cath Salmon tel. 0191 488 5476. Thank you.

ANGEL TREE APPEAL A message from Brigitte Jones *"On the Feast of Christ The King (23/24 November), the Angel Trees appeared in our three churches. Most of you will know that the labels that are hung on the trees bear the name of a child at risk of not receiving a Christmas present. I ask that those of you who can afford it will take a label, buy a gift and return it to one of our three churches by next Sunday 8 December. If anyone wants to buy a gift but is unable to shop, please give the money to me and I will shop for you. Any money given that is over and above the amount needed for gifts will be used to make up food parcels for the most needy families. Please return all gifts by this Sunday 8 December 2019. Please also remember to involve your own children whenever possible."*

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Bishop Robert will preside at Mass in the Cathedral this Monday 9 December at 12 noon, celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patron of the Diocese) - All are welcome.

AN ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE will be held at St Anne's, Winlaton this Thursday 12 December 7pm (with opportunity for individual confession).

A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT will be held at St Mary's Cathedral, presided over by Bishop Robert on **Saturday, 21 December at 10.30am** (with opportunity for individual confession).

THE YEAR OF THE WORD: "The God Who Speaks" was launched last Sunday 1 December, the First Sunday of Advent. This year is devoted to raising the profile of Scripture amongst Catholics in England and Wales. For information about what has been planned so far please visit the special page on our Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/yow%20god%20who%20speaks/godwhospeakscontacts.php>

LETTER OF THANKS FROM CAFOD We have received a letter of thanks to all parishioners for the recent generous donation of £472.70. Here is an excerpt from the letter *"Thanks to your donations, our local engineers installed a solar powered borehole. School attendance has now greatly improved, and the school has a running water system. A heartfelt thank you from Headmaster Moru who captured the difference water makes: 'They say water is life, they say if you have water, a human being can do anything they want. I believe this is true, my pupils can do anything they want.'. The children are overjoyed by the changes in their school, showing us the water points, hygiene project and even the plants they are now able to grow."*

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 5 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.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading*Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R/ cf. v.7*

**Response: In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. May his name be blessed for ever.
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

Second Reading*Romans 15:4-9*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following

the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Luke 3:4. 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 3:1-12*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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