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Cf. Isaiah 58:7.8

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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Sunday 9 February 2020

Fifth Sunday of the Year

Year A

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 8 February

Vigil Mass

5.30pm

St Philip Neri

People of the Parish

Sunday 9 February

9.30am

St Mary

John & Elizabeth Arnold (dec.)

Fifth Sunday of the Year (A)

11.00am

Immaculate Heart

Private Intention

Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice

Weekday Mass Readings - Ordinary Time Week 5 (Year 2)

Monday 10 February *St Scholastica*

9.15am

Immaculate Heart

Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 11 February *Our Lady of Lourdes*

9.30am

Immaculate Heart

Teresa Rossi (dec.)

Wednesday 12 February

12noon

Immaculate Heart

Requiem Mass - Kenneth Tunstall RIP

Thursday 13 February

9.30am

St Mary

Deceased of the Archbold & Baker Families

Friday 14 February *SS Cyril & Methodius*

10.00am

St Mary

Harry & Sheila Attrill (65th Wedd Ann.)

Saturday 15 February

Vigil Mass

5.30pm

St Philip Neri

People of the Parish

Sunday 16 February

9.30am

St Mary

Joe & Bernard Oxley (dec.)

Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)

11.00am

Immaculate Heart

John Wigham (ann.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm

Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 9.10am - 9.25am Friday 9.40am - 9.55am at St Mary



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am on Friday at St Mary

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 Kenneth Tunstall, Marion McCluskey and Mary Coyne who died recently. Kenneth's body will be received into Immaculate Heart Church at 5pm on Tuesday 11 February and Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 12 February at 12 noon at Immaculate Heart Church followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Marion McCluskey will be celebrated on Thursday 20 February at 10.00am at Immaculate Heart Church followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Mary Coyne will be celebrated on Tuesday 25 February at 11am at St Mary's Church, followed by burial at West Road Cemetery. May they rest in peace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT IMMACULATE HEART Children's Liturgy at Immaculate Heart normally runs every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the 11am Mass at Immaculate Heart. The next few dates are: 16 February, 1 & 15 March. Many thanks - Wendy, Margaret & Lilian.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST MARY'S The Children's Liturgy during Sunday 9.30am Mass will recommence from Sunday 1 March on a fortnightly basis as we look to expand our team to help with the smooth running and delivering of the Children's Liturgy. Our aim is that once we have a more substantial team of volunteers, we can return to our previous weekly format. With that in mind, we are appealing for any interested volunteers who wish to join our current team – you would not necessarily be expected to deliver Children's Liturgy, but there are equally important tasks which need doing, such as taking a register, and supervising and supporting the children (N.B. all volunteers are required to have a DBS before assisting with Children's Liturgy). Also, following advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Department, parents and carers are asked not to accompany their children to the Children's Liturgies and children who attend should be of an age where they are able to attend pre-school, i.e. age three upwards. If anybody would like to know more, please contact a member of the Children's Liturgy team, Mary McMillan, or Fr Peter.

Next dates for Children's Liturgy at St Mary's:
Sunday 1 March
Sunday 15 March

GIFT FOR LIFE The next meeting of the *Gift for Life* Group takes place on Thursday 27 February at 6.30pm at St Mary's Primary School in Whickham. This meeting will include an input from the Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project about their work. All are welcome.

THE NORTHERN CROSS February edition is now on sale price £1.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT Please come to our Family Quiz Night on Saturday 22 February at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lobley Hill from 6.30 to 9.30pm. There will be a quiz guaranteed to tickle your brain cells and all the thrill and excitement a raffle and bingo can offer, with snacks and refreshments to refuel throughout the night. Tickets are only £1 - children 11 and under go free - and will be available from all our three churches after weekend Masses leading up to the event, or get your ticket on the door. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for those who wish to buy them beforehand with the raffle being drawn on the night. Donations of prizes gratefully accepted. All proceeds will go to *Gift for Life*. We look forward to seeing you there!

NOVEMBER PPC MINUTES & AGENDA are now available in the PPC folder at the back of each church for all parishioners to view. Once the minutes of each PPC meeting are approved and passed (at the following meeting) they are then printed for your availability in each church. February's PPC meeting was on Wednesday 5 February at Immaculate Heart and all parishioners' items were raised and discussed - it was felt by all to be a very productive evening. The minutes of this meeting will of course be available after the next meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday 22 April. However, please feel free to ask your church rep. about any issues you asked to be raised and discussed.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK This day was initiated in 1992, by Pope St. John Paul II, to encourage the Church to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was the impetus for his designation of the day. The day coincides with the commemoration of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, when we pray especially for all who are sick. Pope Francis message for this Day can be found on the Vatican website:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/message/s/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20200103_giornata-malato.html

You are invited to join the Hospitalité of the Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage for the Celebration of Mass on the Feast of the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on Tuesday 11 February at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Refreshments available after Mass.

CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

A regional event will take place in St Peter's Church, Low Fell, on Sunday 23 February at 3.00pm followed by refreshments. Join us for a time of listening, prayer and reflection to raise awareness of the issues facing those who live in poverty in our area. There will be a range of speakers including those from Gateshead Council and local projects. All are welcome to support this important event.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK The next talk will be held on Saturday 29 February at 12.30pm at Holy Name, Jesmond, NE2 3JX. Eamon Duffy, Emeritus Professor of the History of Christianity at the University of Cambridge, will present on John Henry Newman, England's newest saint, canonised by Pope Francis in October 2019. Duffy's new book is the perfect introduction to Newman's life and legacy. Bishop Robert Byrne CO will introduce Professor Duffy. Copies of the book will be on sale afterwards during a reception in the Hall. Tickets are free and are available via Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/john-henry-newman-a-very-brief-history-with-professor-eamon-duffy-tickets-91545955417

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Head of Communications

The Diocese is looking for an experienced and enthusiastic individual to take responsibility for shaping and delivering its Communication Strategy. The appointed person will lead on Diocesan communications activities and be passionate about the positive impact the Church can make. Full-time. 12 month contract with the potential for the role to become permanent.

Finance Assistant at St Joseph's, Sunderland (based at St Anne's, Sunderland)

3 hours per week. Closing date for applications is 21 February 2020.

Parish Secretary at St Matthew's, Jarrow

10 hours per week. Closing date for applications is 18 February 2020.

Parish Secretary at Our Lady and St Cuthbert's, Berwick

6 hours per week. Closing date for applications is 17 February 2020.

For further information and details of how to apply, please visit the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk or tel. 0191 243 3301.

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 13 February 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 58:7-10*

Thus says the Lord:
Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clinched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 111:4-9. R/ v.4*

**Response: The good man is a light in the darkness
for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news:
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear:
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relaying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 8:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 5:13-16*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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