



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 John Ingram Partnership  
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

God has set fire and water before you....  
 Man has life and death before him;  
 whichever a man likes better will be given  
 him.

*Ecclesiasticus 15:16-17*

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be on annual leave this week, returning to the Office on Tuesday 25 February.  
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**Sunday 16 February 2020**

**Sixth Sunday of the Year**

**Year A**

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 15 February			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 16 February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Joe & Bernard Oxley (dec.)
<b>Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	John Wigham (ann.)

*Weekday Mass Readings - Ordinary Time Week 6 (Year 2)*

Monday 17 February	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 18 February	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Wednesday 19 February	10.00am	St Philip Neri	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Thursday 20 February	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>	Requiem Mass – Marion McCluskey RIP
Friday 21 February	10.00am	St Mary	<i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>

Saturday 22 February <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Margaret & Christopher Daunt (dec.)
<b>Sunday 23 February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Priest's Intention
<b>Seventh Sunday of the Year (A)</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Mrs Alzira Soares (ann.)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm



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 Marion McCluskey, Mary Coyne and Isabell Graham who have died recently. 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. The Requiem Mass for Isabell Graham will be celebrated at 11.15am on Friday 6 March at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**THE SEASON OF LENT** begins this year on Ash Wednesday 26 February (Day of Fasting and Abstinence). Masses in the parish on Ash Wednesday (including the distribution of ashes) will be celebrated at the following times:

10.00am at St Philip Neri Church, Dunston

6.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church, Lobley Hill.

**A THANK YOU MESSAGE** Anne McPhee would like to thank parishioners for their cards, best wishes and prayers during her recent illness. She is now back home and recuperating well.

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT IMMACULATE HEART**

Children's Liturgy at Immaculate Heart normally runs every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT** Please come to our Family Quiz Night next 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!

**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.

**OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI FACEBOOK PAGE** As proposed at our recent PPC meeting, a suggestion was made to start up a new parish Facebook page. We are looking for initial volunteers who would be interested in helping to explore this idea further, and help with launching, planning & managing of the page. It was thought to be a great way to share, encourage, inform and to connect with members of our parish community and the wider community. We would need volunteers to help to share updates daily/weekly about our parish to help celebrate our parish and its achievements. We are looking for an initial indication of numbers (to perhaps form a team) to help get this initiative up and running (if enough people are interested). Feedback and ideas would be gratefully received at this stage. If you feel this is something you would be passionate about launching or helping to manage, please contact your church rep or speak to Wendy O'Reilly (Immaculate Heart Church) or contact the Parish Office, email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or tel. 0191 460 4274.

#### **CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

A regional event will take place in St Peter's Church, Low Fell, next 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 20 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***Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your power.  
He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.  
Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be given him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be godless,  
he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R/v.1***Response: They are happy who follow God's law!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!  
They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts.
2. You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes.
3. Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word  
Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law.
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart.

**Second Reading***1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of God; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation***1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel***Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37*

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: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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