



The temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Cf. Leviticus 19:1-2

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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Sunday 23 February 2020

Seventh Sunday of the Year

Year A

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 22 February *The Chair of St Peter*

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| Vigil Mass | 5.30pm | St Philip Neri | Margaret & Christopher Daunt (dec.) |
| Sunday 23 February | 9.30am | St Mary | Priest's Intention |
| Seventh Sunday of the Year (A) | 11.00am | Immaculate Heart | Mrs Alzira Soares (ann.) |

Weekday Mass Readings: Monday, Tuesday - Ordinary Time Week 7 (Year 2). From Wednesday - Season of Lent.

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| Monday 24 February | 9.15am | Immaculate Heart | <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i> |
| Tuesday 25 February | <u>11.00am</u> | <u>St Mary</u> | Requiem Mass – Mary Coyne RIP |

SEASON OF LENT

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| Ash Wednesday 26 February | 10.00am | St Philip Neri | Private Intention |
| (Day of Fasting and Abstinence) | 6.30pm | Immaculate Heart | Private Intention (MTC) |
| Thursday 27 February | <u>9.15am</u> | St Mary | William and Nancy Tate (dec.) |
| Friday 28 February | <u>9.30am</u> | St Mary | Tom Airey (dec.) |
| Saturday 29 February | | | |
| Vigil Mass | 5.30pm | St Philip Neri | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 1 March | 9.30am | St Mary | Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (ann.) |
| First Sunday of Lent (A) | 11.00am | Immaculate Heart | Joe Welsh (dec.) |

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm Friday 9.10am - 9.25am at St Mary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am on Friday at St Mary

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

Ayden William Selloga-Ball and Alfie David Lindsay

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 Mary Coyne and Isobell Graham who have died recently. 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 Isobell Graham will be celebrated on Friday 6 March at 11.15am at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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 dates are: 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 next 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3 March 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 event will be held on Wednesday 4 March from 11.30am. Included are a hot lunch, a quiz, bingo and seated Zumba!!! The more the merrier! The volunteers planning meeting will be held at St Mary's Church Hall on Monday 24 February at 1pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020 There will be two Services in our parish for the World Day of Prayer which this year has been prepared by the people of Zimbabwe highlighting the troubles faced by all who live there.

Whickham Churches - You are cordially invited to attend this year's Prayer Service **at Spoor Methodist Church on Friday 6 March at 1.30pm**. All will be warmly welcomed.

Dunston Churches - This year's World Day of Prayer for the community of Dunston will be held on **Friday 6 March in Dunston Hill Methodist Church at 2pm**. There will be refreshments served afterwards!

OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI FACEBOOK PAGE At the last 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 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 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, this 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 next 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

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 27 February at the latest**.



Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel

THE SEASON OF LENT begins this week and gives us all a wonderful opportunity through our Lenten prayer, fasting and alms-giving to be renewed and refreshed in preparation for the celebration of Easter, 'The Great Feast.' To help with this, **Walk with Me Lenten booklets**, which include a daily reflection, are now available to purchase at each church (price £1).

LENTEN AND EASTER TIMETABLE

Ash Wednesday 26 February (Day of Fasting and Abstinence) - There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday: **10am at St Philip Neri** and **6.30pm at Immaculate Heart** (both Masses will include the distribution of ashes). St Mary's School will be celebrating a Liturgy (including distribution of ashes) in St Mary's Church at 1.30pm.

Stations of the Cross will take place at 6.30pm on the following Fridays during Lent:

Friday 28 February at St Philip Neri

Friday 6 March at St Mary

Friday 13 March at Immaculate Heart

Friday 20 March at St Philip Neri

Friday 27 March at St Mary

Friday 3 April at Immaculate Heart

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 9 April

11.00am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Mary's

Good Friday 10 April (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Holy Saturday 11 April

7.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at St Philip Neri

Easter Sunday 12 April

10.00am Mass of Easter Morning at Immaculate Heart of Mary

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*Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord." '

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R/v.8*

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.

So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 5:38-48*

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 have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he cause his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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