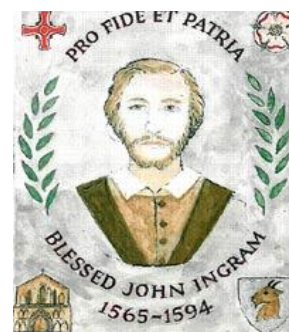


From the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'.

Matthew 17:5

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, is available in the Parish Office this week
Wednesday 10am – 3pm, Thursday & Friday 10am – 2pm
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Sunday 8 March 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

Year A

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 7 March

Vigil Mass

Sunday 8 March

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Gerard Cailey (dec.)
9.30am	St Mary	People of the Parish
11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Anderson (ann.)

Weekday Mass Readings: Season of Lent, Week 2

Monday 9 March	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	<i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday 10 March	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mrs Joan Briggs (dec.)
Wednesday 11 March	<u>9.30am</u>	St Philip Neri	Private Intention
Thursday 12 March	9.30am	St Mary	Deceased of the Boyd & Brown Families
	<u>12.15pm</u>	St Philip Neri	Funeral Service - James Dwyer RIP
Friday 13 March	10.00am	St Mary	<i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i>
	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 14 March			
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 15 March	9.30 am	St Mary	William, Joe & Bernard Oxley (ann.)
Third Sunday of Lent (A)	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Teresa Rossi (dec.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm Tuesday 9.10am - 9.25am at Immaculate Heart



Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am on Wednesday at St Philip Neri

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 273 3903).

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Until further notice, the following precautions will be taken in church:

- The distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds is suspended.
- Holy Communion (i.e. the Sacred Host) is to be received in the hand only.
- Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are to wash their hands in sanitised gel before and after they distribute Holy Communion.
- The Sign of Peace is suspended.
- Holy Water stoups are to be emptied.
- Everyone is asked to maintain good personal hygiene, especially at Mass and parish gatherings.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers James Dwyer who died recently. The Funeral Service for James will be at St Philip Neri Church on Thursday 12 March at 12.15pm followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

'WALK WITH ME' LENTEN BOOKLETS which give a daily meditation for each day of Lent are available at the back of church price £1.

THE NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY at St Mary's (9.30am) and Immaculate Heart (11.00am) will be on Sunday 15 March.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year are now available at the back of each church. If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving or standing order and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email stmmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274. If you have access to internet banking, you can, if you wish, set up a new standing order online. The details required to do this are:
Payee: DHN Gateshead: Our Lady and St Philip Neri
Sort code: 40-34-45, Account number: 21167936
Reference: insert your own name; commencing: e.g. 6th of each month; frequency: each month, quarterly or annually.

POSSIBLE PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2021 For anyone who would like to come along and discuss possibilities (to include Palazzola) a meeting will be held on Thursday 12 March at Immaculate Heart Church at 7pm.

CANCELLATION OF HCPT LOURDES PILGRIMAGE With profound regret the decision has been taken by HCPT's board of trustees that HCPT will not be proceeding with its 2020 Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This decision was taken after a detailed evaluation of the situation surrounding the evolving COVID 19 epidemic, and consideration of likely trends over the next few months. Particular account was also taken of announcements made last week by French authorities with regard to the risks of gathering in large numbers and also concerns about the potential risk of any requirement for a period of isolation in France should an outbreak of the virus occur in the Lourdes area. The members of HCPT Group 41 would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those in our parish who have contributed to our fundraising efforts this year and give the reassurance that all donations made towards the cost of the 2020 Pilgrimage will now be carried forward towards the cost of our 2021 Pilgrimage instead. For further information about this or any other aspects of Group 41's work, please call Mark Salmon on 0191 488 0475.

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 stmmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020 This year's pilgrimage will depart from Newcastle on Friday 31 July and return from Lourdes on Friday 7 August. For further information please visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage website www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk The very latest news can also be found on the Pilgrimage Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Hexham-and-Newcastle-Pilgrimage-to-Lourdes-336209086492189/> The Pilgrimage Contact is Fr Peter Stott at St Robert of Newminster Presbytery, Oldgate, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1QF. Tel. 01670 513410.

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 stmmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 12 March 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.



THE SEASON OF LENT 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

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

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS Deacon Peter Jones will lead a series of three Lenten Reflections which will conclude with a Lenten Liturgy in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling at 4.30pm on the following Sundays: 15, 22 and 29 March. All parishioners from our Partnership and beyond would be welcome to attend.

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

ST PHILIP NERI SCHOOL LENTEN EVENTS

N.B. All events are in school apart from the Stations of the Cross on 1 & 2 April which will be in St Philip Neri Church.

Monday 9 March

Mini Vinnies will launch the Almsgiving *Silver Cross Creation*. Children will bring silver coins into school to create artistic class crosses linked to Jesus' experience through Holy Week.

Monday 30 March 8.30am & 3.30pm & Wednesday 1 April 8.30am & 11.00am

Year of the Word Prayer Stations Families and parishioners are welcome to attend. Opportunities to spend time at our Prayer Stations with scripture, activities and reflections in the hall. There will be a PowerPoint showing Jesus' journey through Lent and quiet Taizé music.

The following **Class Liturgies** will take place at 9.15am. Parents and parishioners are welcome to attend.

Date	Class	Theme
Wednesday 18 th March 9.15am	EYFS & Year 1	Palm Sunday
Thursday 19 th March 9.15am	Year 2 & 3	Last Supper & Washing of the Feet
Tuesday 24 th March 9.15am	Year 4 & 5	Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday 26 th March 9.15am	Year 6	Crucifixion & Resurrection of Jesus

Stations of the Cross (N.B. in St Philip Neri Church) Parents and parishioners are welcome to attend. Pupils will produce their own Stations of the Cross booklet which will be used for the Stations on the dates below:

Wednesday 1 April 2.30pm Years 2,3 & 4 Thursday 2 April 10.15am Years 5 & 6

First Reading*Genesis 12:1-4*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

Shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R/ v.22*

**Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading*II Timothy 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel*Matthew 17:1-9*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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