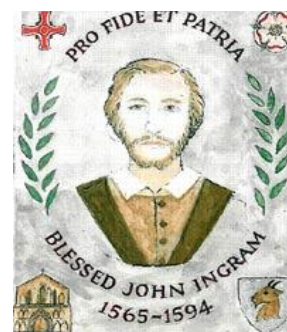




The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'
John 4:25-26

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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Sunday 15 March 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

Year A

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 14 March

Vigil Mass

5.30pm

St Philip Neri

People of the Parish

Sunday 15 March

9.30am

St Mary

William, Joe & Bernard Oxley (ann.)

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

11.00am

Immaculate Heart

Teresa Rossi (dec.)

Weekday Mass Readings: Season of Lent, Week 3

Monday 16 March

9.15am

Immaculate Heart

Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tuesday 17 March *St Patrick*

9.30am

Immaculate Heart

Marion McCluskey (dec.)

Wednesday 18 March

9.30am

St Philip Neri

Private Intention

Thursday 19 March *St Joseph*

9.30am

St Mary

Terry Burke (ann.)

Friday 20 March *St Cuthbert*

9.30am

St Mary

Phyllis Cunningham (ann.)

6.30pm

St Philip Neri

Stations of the Cross

Saturday 21 March

Vigil Mass

5.30pm

St Philip Neri

Margaret Haley (dec.)

Sunday 22 March

9.30am

St Mary

Muriel Duff (dec.)

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

11.00am

Immaculate Heart

People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm

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



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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am 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 Michael (Mick) Dinning who died recently. The Funeral Service will be at Mountsett Crematorium at 2.00pm on Wednesday 18 March. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at St Mary's (9.30am) and Immaculate Heart (11.00am) this Sunday 15 March. The next Children's Liturgy at Immaculate Heart (11.00am) will be 5 & 19 April, 3 & 17 May, 7 & 21 June.

THE RED MISSION BOXES collection is now due in each of our three churches. Please could all monies be paid in by Sunday 5 April. Thank you.

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 stmarysphilip@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.

BLACK RECLINER CHAIR as new. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Martin tel. 07866 985218.

YEAR OF THE WORD ROADSHOW at Ushaw College, Saturday 9 - Sunday 10 May. ***The Year of the God Who Speaks*** is a wonderful opportunity for us as a diocese to grow in Christ. He speaks to us throughout the Scriptures as he spoke with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. As they listened to him their hearts burned within them; this was the power that impelled them from their fear and isolation to go to all the world with the good news that Christ is risen. The same can happen here and now if we will open ourselves to his life in the Word and the Eucharist. Please encourage people to come to the Roadshow to be inspired by the Bible - and as you see from the programme there's something for everyone.

THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER OF CANONS Bishop Robert has decided to re-establish the diocesan Chapter of Canons. Its major roles will be to enhance divine worship in the Cathedral, supporting the Mother Church of the Diocese and, as the College of Consultors, to act as a confidential consultative body to the Bishop. The Bishop has appointed the following diocesan priests as the new Canons of the Cathedral Chapter: Fr. Michael Brown, Fr. Michael Campion, Fr. John Cooper, Fr. Michael Griffiths, Fr. Christopher Jackson, Fr. Peter Leighton, Fr. Michael McCoy, Fr. Ian Patterson, Fr. Martin Stempczyk, Fr. Dennis Tindall.

Bishop Robert has also appointed Fr. Paul Douthwaite as an honorary Canon. Canon Alec Barrass and Canon Robert Spence, having reached retirement age, will continue as honorary Canons.

The new Canons will be installed at Evening Prayer in St Mary's Cathedral at 3.00pm on Sunday 26 April.

LOURDES HOSPITALITÉ FUNDRAISER The Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Hospitalité presents *Diggin' the Dancing Queen*, a 'nearly' ABBA show on Friday 27 March at Gateshead Fell Cricket Club, Low Fell. All are warmly invited to join in the evening's entertainment and fundraising activities. All monies raised go towards the Hospitalité funds. Door and the bar open at 7.30pm. Fancy dress optional! Tickets cost £5 adults, £3 for Lourdes youth, children - free. For tickets please call 07896 581835.

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 19 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 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)

11.00am Walk of Witness. Starting at Fellside Methodist church. Ends with refreshments at St Mary's RC Church

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 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

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said, 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9. R/ v.8

**Response: O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts.'**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. John 4:42.15

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world;
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you give this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come - in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything,' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.