



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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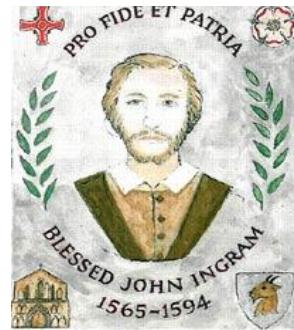
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

'Did not our hearts burn within us as he [Jesus] talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

Luke 24:32

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A) 26 April 2020

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CORONAVIRUS - IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Until further notice, all churches are to remain closed and public liturgies, including Mass, are not to be celebrated in our churches. Because of this exceptional situation, the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holyday of Obligation and to fulfil Easter Duties at this time is removed.
- Fr Peter will celebrate Mass without a congregation on Sundays for the People of the Parish and also on weekdays without a congregation as announced in the weekly parish newsletter (see below). Whilst parishioners cannot be physically present for these Masses, they can join in the celebration of Mass by making a Spiritual Communion while the Mass is being celebrated. N.B. Sunday Morning Mass at 9.00am is available each Sunday and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgaMFoHdfuCFLQ>
- Please note all parish meetings /gatherings are suspended until further notice.
- During this time of trial, our homes will now become the centre for daily prayer for many people. Home becomes a 'house church' and daily reflection on the readings for Mass and the Rosary would be two good sources of direction for prayer and reflection. Please see the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk for further information and resources.
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found at the following website: www.churchservices.tv
- As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the situation. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

Fr Peter will celebrate Mass without a congregation on Sunday and also on the following weekdays:

Third Sunday of Easter 26 April

Monday 27 April

Tuesday 28 April

Wednesday 29 April *St Catherine of Siena*

Thursday 30 April

Friday 1 May *St Joseph the Worker*

Saturday 2 May

Fourth Sunday of Easter 3 May (Good Shepherd Sunday)

People of the Parish

Priest's Intention

Mary McReavy (dec.)

Prayer Shawl Recipients

Marion McCluskey (dec.)

Private Intention

Mary Reay (ann.)

People of the Parish

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, St Cuthbert, St Philip Neri, Blessed John Ingram - pray for us

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Liz McKenna, 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).**

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Terence John Hartridge and Peter McLoughlin who died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

SUPPORT FOR PARISHIONERS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC A number of parishioners are offering support to other parishioners who are vulnerable or self-isolating. If you or a friend or relative would welcome a phone call, a bit of shopping, want the newsletter dropping through your letterbox etc. please phone 07570 045976. Your request will be passed to a trusted parishioner who will contact you to discuss your request. **It would be helpful if those parishioners who have contact with others who are not able to access the newsletter online could alert them to this item.** Thank you.

FUN ACTIVITIES In the online weekly newsletter we are now including various activities for example, a quiz, puzzle, word search or crossword etc. for you to enjoy – click [here](#) to view. Answers will be supplied at the bottom of each page or the following week. If you have any tried and tested recipes, craft, gardening, exercise, gardening tips etc. you would like to share with everyone we will do our best to include them if you send them to the parish email address stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

CELEBRATIONS As an additional way of communicating during these challenging times, if you or a member of your immediate family have an upcoming celebration that you would like to be mentioned in the newsletter please email this to the Parish email address stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk Please note that due to GDPR restrictions we can only print your own name or a person/child for whom you are parent/guardian. Anybody else will need to provide permission in the form of an email or telephone call.

PETITION FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Change.org is seeking signatories to a petition to the Prime Minister for a National Day of Prayer in the face of the Covid-19 crisis. For further information and to sign the petition please click [here](#)

THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER OF CANONS A message from Denise Hebron: *Some Good News.....In the parish newsletter on March 15th, an article explained that Bishop Robert has decided to re-establish the diocesan Chapter of Canons and Fr Peter (Parish Priest and Vicar General) will be one of the 10 diocesan priests who have been appointed as Canons. These 10 canons will help to enhance divine worship in the Cathedral, supporting the Mother Church of the Diocese, and also act as a confidential consultative body to the Bishop. Their installation was due to take place on April 26th, but, due to the pandemic, the installation has been postponed. Fr Peter, however has received notification that this position is official with immediate effect.*

I'm sure we want to offer Canon Peter our sincere congratulations on his new responsibilities, also our prayers to guide him and to give him the strength and persistence to fulfil this role. God Bless you Canon Peter.

You probably realise by now that Father Peter, is a modest, reserved man (with a sharp wit) who guides us, his parishioners, in an understated way. Therefore when asked how we should address him in future he has indicated that he continues to be happy to be called Fr Peter, unless of course you prefer to address him as Canon Peter Leighton, which is his official title. As he says, he can think of worse names that he could be called!

DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT The Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project has had to temporarily close its doors due to Covid-19 but we are now sending out 'digital vouchers' to the mobile phones of destitute asylum seekers. The vouchers allow recipients to purchase goods to the value of £30 in relevant supermarkets. This way of operating is expensive as we are not able to utilise food contributions from parishes – so please continue supporting the project financially, ideally by Bank transfer – HSBC DHN DESTITUTE ASYLUM FUND Sort code: 40-34-18 Account number: 52854058. Cheques payable to D.H&N DESTITUTE ASYLUM FUND can also be sent to: Justice and Peace Refugee Project c/o Fr Adrian Tuckwell, St Anne's Presbytery, Half Fields Road, Winlaton, NE21 5RW. Thank you.

EUROPEAN UNION CITIZENS All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at www.gov.uk/eusettledstatus Please bring this to the attention of friends, relatives and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.



Pope Francis – Prayer to Mary for Protection during the COVID-19 Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the sick.
At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.

You, salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at
Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this
moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love.
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our
sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection
Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O holy Mother of
God

Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test.
and deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: ‘Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: “I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.”

‘Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God’s right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15:1-2. 5. 7-11 R/v.11

Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.’
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Second Reading

I Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the

end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, ‘What matters are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.’ Then he said to them, ‘You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. ‘It is nearly evening’ they said ‘and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, ‘Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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