

## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill  
St Mary ▪ Wickham  
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston



Come, Holy Spirit, searching fire,  
Whose flame all evil burns away.  
With light and love come down to us  
In silence and in peace to stay.

*Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal*

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### Pentecost Sunday (Year A) 31 May 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/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLO>
- 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](http://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](http://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:**

<b>Sunday 31 May Pentecost Sunday</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 1 June <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	Christine Taylor (ann.)
Tuesday 2 June	Private Intention
Wednesday 3 June <i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>	Our Senior Moments Guests & Volunteers
Thursday 4 June <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	Fr Greg Bugayak (dec.)
Friday 5 June <i>St Boniface</i>	Private Intention
Saturday 6 June	Marjorie Gray (dec.)
<b>Sunday 7 June The Most Holy Trinity</b>	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 Fr Greg Bugayak who died recently. Many of you will remember Fr Greg who was a regular annual visitor over many years to St Mary's Wickham when he was warmly welcomed by Fr Hickey and the parish family. He always brought a very special warmth, insight and humour to us all. Sadly, Fr Greg died suddenly, at the age of 53, in Warsaw on Sunday 17 May 2020. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

**REOPENING OF CHURCHES** At present, there is **no change** in the Government regulations which means that all churches and other places of worship remain closed and public acts of worship are forbidden. The Bishops of England & Wales are working with the Government to prepare for the gradual reopening of churches for private prayer, and later for public worship. Bishop Robert and the Diocese have begun planning for the reopening of some of our churches when that is approved by the Government, taking into account:

- The safety of parishioners, volunteers, staff and clergy to be the highest priority.
- A very small number of churches will be opened first as a pilot. The Bishop is consulting with the Chapter of Canons and Partnership Deans to decide which churches will open first.
- A full risk assessment will be carried out on each church by the Diocese to ensure health and safety.
- The Diocese will provide the necessary equipment for a deep clean of the churches, and for essential regular cleaning.
- Volunteers will be needed for church cleaning and as stewards to ensure social distancing when the church is open.
- Full compliance with Diocesan health and safety regulations and procedures will be required by clergy, employees and volunteers before a church is opened.

The Bishop has instructed that **no action** is to be taken until further guidance is received.

**PARISH FINANCES** Given the present situation, perhaps now might be the ideal time for more parishioners to consider making their regular financial contributions to the Parish by standing order. If you would like to transfer to this method of giving, or to make a one-off contribution, please make arrangements with your bank. The Parish account details that you will need are: *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.* Once again, thank you for your continuing generosity in supporting the mission and maintenance of our parish.

**MASS INTENTIONS** *A message from Julie Hindmarsh, Parish Secretary:* As you may already know, Fr Peter is still celebrating Mass each weekend and weekday. The Sunday Mass is offered for the People of the Parish but I just wanted to make sure you all knew that I am still taking Mass Intention requests for the Saturday and weekdays. I appreciate that it's difficult being unable to attend Mass that is being celebrated for a loved one but if you would like to request a Mass Intention and you have envelopes at home you can post these through the presbytery letterbox and Fr Peter will pass the message on to me or you can contact the Parish email address [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk). For Mass Intention donations, you can make these at a later date when I am back in the office or alternatively make a bank transfer using the bank details above in the **Parish Finances** notice. If you choose to make a bank transfer, please provide reference *Mass Intention* so I am able to link this to your Mass Intention request. Please keep in mind that if the request is for a living person, I will still need GDPR permission for that person's name to appear in the newsletter. Thank you.

**GIFT FOR LIFE ZOOM QUIZ – THANK YOU** Many thanks to everyone who participated in what proved to be a very enjoyable online quiz night last Sunday. As well as an opportunity for members of the parish to 'meet up', over £350 has now been raised for our *Gift for Life* projects which is a brilliant response. If you would like to add your contribution to the fund, please visit our Funding Page at <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/gift-for-life> – we are very grateful for *any* donation however small and this will go to supporting those who are struggling even more than usual due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. An alternative route for donations is directly into the Parish Bank Account, the details of which are as in the adjacent **Parish Finances** notice. Please use *Gift for Life* or *GfL* as your reference. Thank you so much.

**FOOD APPEAL UPDATE & THANK YOU!** We have 'gaps' in the following areas so if you can, please concentrate on these items - **UHT milk, fruit squash, tinned/carton custard, long grain rice, cereal & crisps**

Yet again, another huge thank you for your generous donations of food items - we are blessed to have such thoughtful and giving parishioners.

The donations were all sorted and distributed, on Thursday 28 May to families in our parish and a large donation of mixed items was taken to the central collection point - Corpus Christi - for wider distribution across the Partnership.

As you know the parish is planning upon continuing a weekly distribution, however, this can only be achieved with your ongoing generosity.

We are sure that many more people - parishioners, neighbours, low salaried, the elderly - may require support and would be benefit from some extra help. If you are aware of any such households, please contact the appeal via the parish telephone number 0191 460 4274 or mobile number 07837 386 760 then any necessary support can be given. Parishioners don't need to identify who requires the support, and privacy and dignity can be maintained by you acting as a 'go between'. Request a food donation on their behalf, and all that is required is the number in the household, then the bag will be delivered to your address for you to deliver to the family.

**Drop off points for food donations:**

**Dunston area** - John Pinchen, 316 Dunston Road, Dunston (leave in the porch).

**Lobley Hill area** - Maveen Pereira, 41, Beechwood Gardens, Lobley Hill, (leave in the porch).

**Whickham area** - Katie Wilkinson, 1 Mayfield, Whickham (mobile 07837 386 760) you can leave donations in the back garden - knock and simply leave your donations by the door.

**Immaculate Heart Church Thursday 4 June at 10.30am** - the church will be open to distribute food bags. If you want to drop food donations off then please leave at the church front door and give us a shout!

**A MESSAGE OF THANKS** We have received this note of thanks from Val Douglass, the Headteacher of St Philip Neri Primary School, thanking the Parish for the food donations: *'Fr Peter, On behalf of St Philip Neri School community I would like to personally thank you and your 'band of parishioners' who organized the collecting, sorting and distributing of food to some of our vulnerable families. These families have been genuinely struggling and they really do appreciate the generosity of those who contributed the food along with the hard work of those who coordinated the distribution. Thank you so much and bless you all.'*

**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** We hope you're enjoying the sunshine and our weekly activities which can all be found on the parish website (just under the link for that week's newsletter). In addition, if you would like to share anything you think may be of use to us all during lockdown we will do our best to include them. Please send them to the parish email address [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**ROSARY RALLY – PENTECOST SUNDAY 31 MAY 2020** In his letter for this month of May, Pope Francis writes: 'It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.' In response to Pope Francis' request, there has been an 8.00pm May Rosary Mission co-hosted by the London Rosary Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, Carfin Grotto in Scotland and Rosary on the Coast. As a culmination to this Rosary Mission, Mgr John Armitage, the Rector at the national Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has invited each Diocese to take part in a Rosary Relay on 31 May. Each Diocese has been asked to encourage their people to pray the Rosary either individually, or where possible in groups, during a designated hour. **The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle been asked to pray the Rosary at 4.00pm on Pentecost Sunday. We are all asked to pray the Rosary at this time. There will be live streaming from the Cathedral [here](#).**

### Prayers during the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### Prayer for Health Staff

Wondrous God, author of life, you fashioned us in your likeness and breathed into us the life which is your own.  
Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body.  
Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift and sustain them daily in your service, that their hands may bring to others the comfort of your healing touch.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Prayer for those Affected

Merciful God,  
come to the help of your people.  
Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community.  
Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Weekly Prayer

Hands smooth and soft, others worn and strong  
Some hands are gnarled and filled with pain, others delicate and frail,  
Others full of creative strength.  
Small and large, all colours, all shapes; joined without touching united over distance  
The power and the strength of family community,  
Reaching without touching, holding without seeing  
In strength, in love, in prayer, united, giving hope.

(Jen Jones 2003)

**Spiritual Communion** *There are times when people are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, such as during this present time of the Covid-19 pandemic. Even though some may not receive 'sacramental' Communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. The traditional idea of 'spiritual' Communion is an important one to remember and reaffirm. A deep spiritual communion is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Please say this prayer of Spiritual Communion (based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori):*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R/cf. v.30*

**R/ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of our riches.
2. You take back your, spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord.

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Jesus as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance  
give.

Come, thou Father of the  
poor,  
Come with treasures which  
endure;  
Come, thou light of all that  
live!

Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful  
gust,  
Dost refreshing peace  
bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort  
sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of  
thine,  
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength  
renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and  
will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts  
descend:

Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*John 20:19-23*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit,  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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