

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill

St Mary ▪ Whickham

St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston



ST PAUL 'I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith.'

2 Timothy 4:7

ST PETER Jesus said, 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.'

Matthew 16:18

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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COVID-19

- PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON THE NEXT PAGE ABOUT THE RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES.
- 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 have 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:

Sunday 28 June SS Peter & Paul, Apostles

Monday 29 June

Tuesday 30 June

Wednesday 1 July

Thursday 2 July

Friday 3 July *St Thomas*

Saturday 4 July

Sunday 5 July

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)

People of the Parish

Priest's Intention

Patrick (Paddy) O'Neill (liv.)

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Joyce Britton (dec.)

Jim & Maureen Punton (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

People of the Parish

Weekday Readings at Mass w/b 29 June - Ordinary Time Week 13 Year 2

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)

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

The first five churches that have opened across the diocese are:

St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne: Open daily from 1.00pm – 4.00pm (including Saturday and Sunday) plus 9.30am – 11.15am on Saturday and Sunday only.

St. Mary's Church, Sunderland: Open from 10.00am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday.

St. Aidan's Church, Ashington: Open regularly from 1.00pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Last entry will be 3.30pm.

St. Patrick's Church, Consett: Open Monday to Saturday 11.00am to 2.00pm and Sunday 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

St Joseph's, Church, Hartlepool: Open Wednesday 11.00am to 12.30pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12.30pm and 4.00pm to 5.30pm.

Other churches will be re-opening soon - for further information about these re-openings, please visit www.rcdhn.org.uk

Please note, before any of our churches can be re-opened, the following points should be borne in mind:

- The safety of parishioners, volunteers, staff and clergy is to be of the highest priority.
- As indicated, a very small number of churches will be opened first. The Bishop, in consultation with his Episcopal Council and Partnership Deans, will decide which other churches will subsequently re-open and when.
- Before any church re-opens, a full risk assessment will be carried out on each church by the Diocese to ensure health and safety protocols are in place.
- 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 re-opened.

PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS Given the present situation, perhaps you might consider making your 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.*

Alternatively, if you have Planned Giving Envelopes, you can put them through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery. Thank you.

FOOD APPEAL UPDATE & THANK YOU! Another busy week which means we have 'gaps' in the following areas, if you could please concentrate on these items it would be greatly appreciated - UHT Milk, tinned tomatoes, potatoes, custard, breakfast cereal, and pasta sauces. A huge thank you to all and also to a few parishioners for their generous monetary donations - some of our parishioners have been shielding or isolating but even during this difficult time they think of others. Many thanks for more money received this week which has bought vital essentials for struggling families.

As you know the parish would really like to continue with this necessary weekly distribution, however, this can only be achieved with your ongoing generosity. To all parishioners, local neighbours, family and friends a huge thank you for this continued commitment and support. The parish couldn't continue distribution without you, we are truly blessed to have such thoughtful, kind and giving people in our lives.

This week's donations were sorted, bagged (18 large bags in total) then distributed on Thursday 25 June to families in our parish, plus a large donation of mixed items was taken to the central collection point - Corpus Christi - for wider distribution across the Partnership.

We are sure that many more people, parishioners, neighbours, low salaried, the elderly, may require support and would benefit from some extra support. If you are aware of any such households then please contact the appeal, via the parish telephone or mobile number below, and any necessary support can be offered. Parishioners don't need to identify who requires the support, privacy and dignity can be maintained by you acting as a 'go between'. Request a food donation on their behalf, 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 - please feel free to take an empty bag, for a refill, at these points!

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) if no one is home you can leave donations in the back garden.

Immaculate Heart - Thursday 2 July at 10am - the church is open to pack and distribute food bags, if this is a more convenient 'drop off' for you then please leave donations at the church front door and give us a shout! **PLEASE DON'T ENTER THE CHURCH AS AT THIS TIME NUMBERS NEED TO BE CONTROLLED**

ST MARY'S WALLED GARDEN Our small enthusiastic team of volunteers had been working hard and some significant progress had been made. Sadly, during lockdown, it has been impossible to work on this project and many of the plants which were ready to be transferred to the garden have been lost. We are making a plea for any surplus established cuttings or if you are dividing larger plants and would be willing to donate any surplus items they will be used to help to establish a beautiful border to be enjoyed throughout the seasons. If you are able to help, please contact Jen Jones 07563 788602. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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.

ACTIVITIES SHEETS - More interesting things for you this week including a Family Riddle Page for all and a detailed Colouring Sheet. Good Luck! Hope you're enjoying our weekly activities which can all be found on the parish website (just under the link for that weeks 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 if you send them to the parish email address stmarysphiilp@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 (see above). Please note that due to GDPR we can only print your own name or a person/child for whom you are parent/guardian. Anybody else will need to provide permission by email or telephone.

ST VINCENT'S SUPPORT CENTRE From Monday 8 June St Vincent's Support Centre, Newcastle has been open offering a free hot meal and drink to those in need. We will be open Monday - Thursday between 11am - 2pm and as well as providing hot food we will also be available to offer help and advice to anyone seeking our support. This week we have transformed our main hall into an easy access food bank. We also have clothing, toiletries and baby items available. It's a completely different way of working for us and for our service users but the main thing is we can be there to offer them a hot meal and support if needed. We have set up an online Vinnies *Just Giving* Page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vinnie-s-cafe3> If you have any questions, please feel free to call us on 07453 615139. Any cheque donations should be made payable to *St Vincent de Paul Society*. Thank You.

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.

Jen's weekly prayer

Love is the water of the soil of life,
It is the very breathe of live,
nurtured it becomes a gentle torrent,
Pouring forth on boulder, rock,
smooth stone and tranquil bank.
The stones and rocks remain but touched,
Changed by the gentle healing of this life force.
Help us dear Spirit to recognise this precious gift
From those who share our lives.
Enable us to drink deeply and return it in the giving and receiving
May we share in the healing and enriching and in turn reach out,
To others and ourselves enfolded in your silken love.
(Jen Jones)

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 33:2-9. R/ v.5. Alt. R/ v.8*

R/ From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Second Reading*II Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith;

all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 16:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 16:13-19*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.