



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore thee.... I believe all the Son of God has spoken; than truths own word there is no truer token.

St Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)
Transl. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Year A 14 June 2020

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, can be contacted by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 07891 162205 and is available Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 2pm

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/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLQ>
- 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 14 June <i>The Body and Blood of Christ</i>	People of the Parish
Monday 15 June	Peter McLoughlin (dec.)
Tuesday 16 June	Patricia Lewis (dec.)
Wednesday 17 June	The Turnbull Family
Thursday 18 June	Deceased of Doran Family
Friday 19 June <i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Priest's Intention
Saturday 20 June <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	Begley McCabe Families (ann.)
Sunday 21 June <i>Twelfth Sunday of the Year (A)</i>	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings at Mass w/b 15 June - Ordinary Time Week 11 Year 2

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

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Michael Garbutt who died recently. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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 As you will have heard, the Government has now indicated that churches in England can be opened for individual prayer from 15 June. To read Cardinal Vincent Nichols's statement on this development, please click [here](#).

Bishop Robert and the Diocese are planning for the re-opening in the first instance of five 'pilot' churches across the Diocese, with more to follow in due course. The five 'pilot' churches to be opened very soon will be:
St Aidan's, Ashington
St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
St Patrick's, Consett
St Mary's, Sunderland
St Joseph's, Hartlepool
For further information and details of when these churches will be re-opening, please visit www.rcdhn.org.uk

Please note, before any of our churches are 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 'pilot' 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.

BBC RADIO 4 SUNDAY WORSHIP will broadcast Mass, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in Westminster Cathedral, this Sunday 14 June at 8.10am. As an accessible radio broadcast, this is good news for the Catholic community. Please share news of this broadcast with any isolated parishioners who may not have access to the internet and therefore have been unable to attend Mass on-line. For more information please click [here](#).

FOOD APPEAL UPDATE & THANK YOU!



We have 'gaps' in the following areas, if you can please concentrate on these items - UHT Milk, Coffee, sugar, cooking oil, tomato purée, biscuits, tinned mince/stewed beef, baked beans, rice pudding, tinned fruit, pasta and long grained rice. Huge thanks to all who have contributed and to those parishioners who have given very 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 your kindness the money (£150) has bought vital essentials for struggling families - amazing!

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. This week's donations were sorted, bagged (18 large bags in total) then distributed on Thursday 11 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 certainly benefit from this. 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, Whickam (mobile 07837 386 760) if no one is home you can leave donations in the back garden.

Immaculate Heart, Thursday 18 June at 10.30am - 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 DO NOT 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.

A DIOCESAN DAY OF SCRIPTURE will take place (on-line) on Friday 19 June as part of our 2020 *Year of the Word* celebrations. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has declared 2020 to be a year of special focus on the Bible. This marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation, *Verbum Domini*, (*The Word of the Lord*) and the 1600 years since the death of Saint Jerome who translated the Bible into Latin. **The Day starts at 10.00am on Friday 19 June 2020** where our Diocesan Scripture Champion, Canon Christopher Jackson, will lead us in prayer. For the full programme please click [here](#).

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.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES We've a sheet to really get your minds in gear this week, as well as a word search, mindfulness colouring and a hidden challenge for the children but adults are welcome to have a go too. Some are tricky! Good Luck! Hope you're enjoying 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 if you send them to the parish email address.

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 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.

Poems please Calling on all our creative parishioners. Do you ever write the odd verse or two? Always wondered if you could? Well now's the time to have a go. They don't even need to rhyme. Have you learnt a new skill or revisited an old one? Has other people's kindness touched you? Have you enjoyed the new community feel or banged your pans on a Thursday evening. Please send in any positive poems or reflections about this lockdown time to cheer us all on and these will then be collated together on to an activity page to share with the parish.

Important Please also include consent to print your name on the bottom of your work, as the author, so that we can give you the full credit you deserve (i.e. "I do/do not give permission for my name to appear as author of my submission in the newsletter/activity link.") - without your consent they will be posted as 'anonymous'. Simply email any Celebrations, Fun Activities or Poems to the Parish Office email address stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk We're looking forward to reading them all.

REFLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Fr Adrian Dixon has produced a short reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Feast of Corpus Christi, the usual time when ministers renew their commitment. To hear the reflection, please click [here](#).

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. With other organizations still closed, we are going to be one of the first places back open within Newcastle. 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

Holy Spirit, awake us with your bright light.
Show us how to send forth the joy of your love,
To those we meet and those we are yet to meet.
Brighten our days with the vibrant colour of springtime.
Show us how to find within ourselves the courage
To risk the dance of unknown challenges.
Grant us your healing love that we may grow,
In strength, joy and peace.
(Jen Jones)

First Reading*Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 147:12-15. 19-20. R/v.12***R/ O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!**

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.
2. He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Second Reading*I Corinthians 10:16-17*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 6:51-52*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel*John 6:51-58*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood

lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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.