



## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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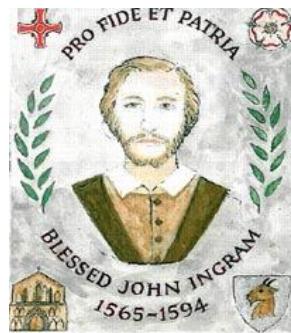
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Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who are overburdened, and I will give you rest. ....Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

*Matthew 11:28.30*

The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

## Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (A) 5 July 2020

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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/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](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:*

Sunday 5 July Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	People of the Parish
Monday 6 July	Kathleen Cailey (2 <sup>nd</sup> ann.)
Tuesday 7 July	Deceased Members of Wallace Family
Wednesday 8 July	Kate (dec.)
Thursday 9 July	Laura Corrigan (dec.)
Friday 10 July	Priest's Intention
Saturday 11 July St Benedict	Bob Andison & Fred Robson (dec.)
Sunday 12 July	People of the Parish

*Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)*

*Weekday Readings at Mass w/b 6 July - Ordinary Time Week 14 Year 2*

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please remember in your prayers Fr Michael Hickey and Joseph Ross (brother-in-law of Frances Payne) who have died recently. May they 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 273 390).**

## **RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### **A message from Fr Peter:**

As I'm sure you know, the gradual re-opening of churches for individual prayer is now underway across the diocese. Providing a safe and secure space for prayer and worship is our utmost priority at this time, and you could have a part to play in this.

**You will be pleased to know that we are now making the necessary arrangements for the re-opening of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for Individual Prayer - planned opening times from Tuesday 7 July will be: Tuesdays 5.00pm - 7.00pm and Saturdays 10.00am - 12 noon.** To ensure that we can do this in a safe and timely manner, we will require assistance from those of our parishioners who may be able to offer a little of their time to act as volunteer stewards at Immaculate Heart.

The Diocese has produced guidance for the re-opening of churches and full training will be given. Please note the following important information:

- If you are in the [clinically extremely vulnerable group](#), you must not volunteer at this time.
- If you are in the [clinically vulnerable group](#) you could be at a higher risk of severe illness from Covid-19.

For more information please [read page 3 of the diocesan handbook for the reopening of churches](#) which includes links to HM Government guidance.

If you are interested in volunteering, please provide your full name and contact details either by email to [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or telephone Katie Wilkinson on 07837 386760 or the Parish Office during office hours (Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 2pm) on 0191 460 4274. Thank you.

A full list of churches that are now re-opened for Individual Prayer (and, in a few cases, for Mass) is available on the diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**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 of CAFOD envelopes you can put them through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery.** Thank you.

**ST MARY'S WALLED GARDEN** An enormous thank you to everyone for the many donations of plants which will greatly enhance the borders of the walled garden at St Mary's. Our small but dedicated group of volunteers have worked extremely hard transplanting tending and watering them. If you have a little time to spare and would like to assist in the work of the garden, your help and support would be greatly appreciated. Obviously social distancing would have to be observed therefore we would like to propose the idea of rota to help water, plant/weed and add your expertise to the project. If you are available and interested in assisting with this task, please contact Jen Jones 07563 788602. Thank you. once again for your help interest and support to make this unique area a place for everyone to enjoy.

**FOOD APPEAL UPDATE & THANK YOU!** Another busy week which means we have 'gaps' in the following areas - UHT Milk, custard, cleaning sprays, washing up liquid and pasta sauces. Another huge thank you, yet again, to all for your generous food and monetary donations. Some of our parishioners have been shielding or isolating but even during this difficult time they think of others. Also any thanks for more money received this week which has bought vital essentials for struggling families and the elderly - 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. 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 2 July to families and elderly 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, Whickam (mobile 07837 386 760) if no one is home you can leave donations in the back garden.

**Immaculate Heart - Thursday 9 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 DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH AS AT THIS TIME NUMBERS NEED TO BE CONTROLLED.**

## **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** We're celebrating the re-opening of the *Chic* Hair Salon in Lobley Hill (formerly run by the late Marion McCluskey) with a *salon word search* this week. There's mindfulness Colouring, a North East Places brain teaser and children's activity 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 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 (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.

**DIOCESAN VACANCY** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy, **Department for Education, Administrator (maternity cover)**. For further information and details of how to apply please visit website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact tel. 0191 243 3301.

## **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**

Spread your healing arms around us Show us that we can live within the strength of your spirit. Bring us forth from the valley of darkness and pain Cast away the cloak of war8 was, which engulfs us. Dear Spirit through your great healing powers Help us to walk and move in a greater understanding and calmness May we be freed from our despair, fear, pain and be able to Rejoice in the strength, which you give us in love. We ask you this through Christ our Lord, Amen.  
(Jen Jones 2003)

**First Reading**

The Lord says this:  
 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
 Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
 See now, your king comes to you;  
 he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
 humble and riding on a donkey.  
 He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
 and horses from Jerusalem;  
 the bow of war will be banished.  
 He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
 His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
 from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R/ v.1*

*R/ I will bless your name forever,  
 O God my king.*

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
 I will bless your name for ever.  
 I will bless you day after day  
 and praise your name for ever.
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
 slow to anger, abounding in love.  
 How good is the Lord to all,  
 compassionate to all his creatures.
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
 and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
 They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
 and declare your might, O God.
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
 and loving in all his deeds.  
 The Lord supports all who fall  
 and raises all who are bowed down.

**Second Reading**

*Romans 8:9. 11-13*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Zechariah 9:9-10*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Cf. Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel**

*Matthew 11:25-30*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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.**