

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Wickham
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you
lenient to all. *Wisdom 12:16*

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (A) 19 July 2020

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, can be contacted by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk
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COVID-19

- PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON THE NEXT PAGE ABOUT THE RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES (incl. IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH).
- 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 19 July Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	People of the Parish
Monday 20 July	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 21 July	Father Michael Hickey (dec.)
Wednesday 22 July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Joe Welsh (dec.)
Thursday 23 July <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	George and Mary Turnbull (65 th Wedding Anniversary)
Friday 24 July <i>The Martyrs of the Diocese</i>	Deceased Members of the Kelly Family (dec.)
Saturday 25 July <i>St James</i>	Priest's Intention
Sunday 26 July	People of the Parish
Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	

Weekday Readings at Mass w/b 20 July - Ordinary Time Week 16 Year 2

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 273 390).

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES *A message from Fr Peter:*

As I'm sure you know, the gradual re-opening of churches for individual prayer (and in some cases, the celebration of Mass) is now underway across the diocese. Providing a safe and secure space for prayer and worship is our utmost priority at this time, and I should like to thank those parishioners who have volunteered to be stewards during church opening times.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is now opening for Individual Prayer at the following times: Tuesdays 5.00pm - 7.00pm and Saturdays 10.00am - 12 noon. Please follow the guidance of the stewards whilst you are in church.

The Diocese has produced guidance for the re-opening of churches - 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.

A full list of churches that are now re-opened for Individual Prayer (and, in some cases, for Mass) is available on the diocesan website 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 or CAFOD envelopes you can put them through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS Please remember you can continue to request Mass Intentions during this time. The Sunday Mass is offered for the People of the Parish but Julie is still taking Mass Intention requests for Saturday and weekday Masses. Please keep in mind that if the request is for a living person, we will still need GDPR permission for that person's name to appear in the newsletter. Mass intentions can be requested by email, telephone or by posting the Mass Intention envelope through the letter box at Immaculate Heart presbytery. Thank you.

FOOD APPEAL UPDATE & THANK YOU Wow, another busy week! As you know we now have double the amount of families as we're supporting 'The Beehive' in Dunston which has identified 8 families requiring extra support, plus 8 more in our parish and an older parishioner who is shielding. So, we again have significant 'gaps' in most areas - please prioritise: **ALL tinned vegetables & potatoes, tinned meats, tinned tuna, tinned fruit, rice pudding and feminine hygiene products, along with other items such as - soup, tea, sugar, jam, crisps, tomato ketchup, tomato purée, biscuits and treats.**

THANK YOU to all the parish as we couldn't continue distribution without you. We are truly blessed to have such thoughtful, kind and giving people in our lives. Also, a huge thank you for the large cash donations from both SVP groups in our parish, you're amazing!

Drop off points - for food donations remain the same PLUS you can now drop off donations at church when you come along for private prayer or every Thursday morning at 10am 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) leave donations in the back garden.

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.

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.

ACTIVITY SHEETS It's week 15 now! Hope you're all still enjoying our activity sheets. We've got a Number Quiz for you this week amongst many other things (all answers are posted the following week). Why not give them a go? All previous sheets and answers can be found on the parish website, so if you've never looked before you can have catch up. (Just under the link for that week's newsletter). Good Luck!

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 in Newcastle is now 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 VACANCIES:

Department for Education, Administrator (maternity cover) – full-time. Closing date 19 July.

Justice and Peace Refugee Project Co-ordinator based in Newcastle. 18 hours per week. 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date 23 July.

Property Surveyor based in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Full-time. Two year fixed term contract. Closing date 23 July.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit www.rcdhn.org.uk or tel. 0191 243 3301.

INVITATION TO TENDER The Diocese is looking to work with an experienced IT solutions provider on its latest project, '**Digital Transformation of the Roman Catholic Church in North East England: Office 365 Migration project for the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle.**' Download our tender document [here](#), and please submit your tender proposals by 12 noon on Friday 7 August 2020. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact our Head of Communications, Iain Riddell by [email](#).

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

Empty spaces filled with violent silences.
Pain so deep no hand can comfort.
Our wounds feel raw continually opening.
There is no touch, no word at the time to comfort, or ease.
It is only when we relinquish something of ourselves, part of our very being,
And take a risk of trusting the outstretched hand of a stranger/friend that we begin to understand your presence.
You are not hidden away.
You are the Spirit within those we encounter;
Those who offer nothing but the priceless gift of themselves, to share the silence or hear the words we give them.
Help us to have the courage to risk losing something of ourselves and let go of the pain, troubles, fears which besiege our being.
May we recognise your healing light in the friends we know and those we have yet to meet, it is a light which brings comfort, hope, strength and love.
May our challenge be to acknowledge the giftedness within ourselves, those gifts which are known and those lain hidden from ourselves and others,
Holding us in gentler soothing silence.

JJ 2020

First Reading*Wisdom 12:13. 16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R/v.5*

R/ O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Second Reading*Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Cf. Ephesians 1:17.18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 13:24-43*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed

darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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.