



The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. *Psalm 102:8*

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Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year (A) 13 September 2020

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COVID-19

- PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON THE NEXT PAGE ABOUT THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH.
- Fr Peter will continue to celebrate daily Mass without a congregation except for the new arrangements for Tuesdays and Sundays detailed on the next page. If you would like to attend Mass on the dates listed, please take particular notice of the 'booking-in' system. For those unable to attend Mass, Sunday Morning Mass will continue to be available on line each Sunday and can be viewed on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCLQ>
- A full list of churches across the diocese which have now re-opened for Individual Prayer and/or Mass is available on the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk
- 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.

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Sunday 13 September

Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year

Monday 14 September *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Tuesday 15 September *Our Lady of Sorrows*

Wednesday 16 September *SS Cornelius & Cyprian*

Thursday 17 September

Friday 18 September

Saturday 19 September

Sunday 20 September

Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

People of the Parish

Priest's Intention

Molly & John Pinchen (Diamond Wedding Anniversary)

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Joe Welsh (dec.)

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Weekday Readings at Mass w/b 14 September - Ordinary Time Week 24, Year 2

Special Collection: This Sunday 13 September there will be a collection for the Holy Places of Palestine

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Fr Sarves and Peter Andries 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).

PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH Presently, two Masses are being celebrated each week on Tuesdays and Sundays which parishioners are welcome to attend (please see ** below about 'booking in').

Forthcoming Masses:

Tuesday 15 September - Church will open at 6.00pm for 6.30pm Mass.

Sunday 20 September - Church will open at 9.30am for 10.00am Mass.

Tuesday 22 September - Church will open at 6.00pm for 6.30pm Mass.

Sunday 27 September - Church will open at 9.30am for 10.00am Mass.

When you come to church, please maintain social distancing (2 metres). A one-way system is in place, plus hand sanitisers at the entrance (Main Doors) and exit (Day Chapel). You are also required to wear a face covering. Once in church please be guided by the volunteer stewards. Because of these necessary changes, seating within church is now restricted and the number of parishioners who can safely attend each Mass is 42 plus - we have the flexibility of 'plus' because families may sit together, up to a maximum of six per family.

****IMPORTANT In order to ensure that all those attending Mass have a seat and can be safely accommodated inside the church, we have introducing a dedicated telephone 'booking in' system - the telephone number is 07388 814715 and you will be able to contact this number Monday - Wednesday, 11am - 6pm. To maintain a fair system, you are asked to book your place in advance on a weekly basis via this telephone number.** When booking you will be asked for the date of the Mass you wish to attend, your name, telephone number and the number in your party. For test and trace purposes, these details will be retained for 21 days, then securely destroyed.

N.B. Please remember that, until further notice, the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holyday of Obligation and to fulfil Easter Duties is suspended.

FOOD APPEAL UPDATE & THANK YOU! ANOTHER BUSY WEEK! We are only able to continue with this outreach because of the amazing generosity of parishioners - you are stars! Please prioritise the significant 'gaps' in the following areas - pasta sauces, UHT milk, cereal, tinned rice, custard, fruit, soup, baked beans, potatoes, meat (corned beef etc), crisps, deodorant & toilet rolls. Any other items such as - pasta, fruit squash, feminine hygiene, treats (sweets please!) etc gratefully received. **THANKS** to all the parish - we couldn't continue distribution without you. This coming week we are bagging the food on Thursday morning at 10am as usual. **Drop off points - for food donations remain the same. PLEASE REMEMBER YOU CAN NOW DROP OFF DONATIONS AT CHURCH WHEN YOU COME ALONG FOR MASS!**

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.



IN MEMORY OF FR SARVES who sadly and unexpectedly passed away on Sunday 6 September. The *Gift for Life* Group and specifically Teresa and Geoff Green who are parishioners and personal friends of Fr Sarves would like to pay tribute to Fr Sarves who established Balamma Satram and inspired Mary Skaag

to begin the charity to support this amazing project. Together they have achieved their goals and this is his legacy:

Establishing a secure home for the destitute older people who in most cases have been abandoned by their families. Caring for widows who have been thrown out of their homes and provided work within the Village.

Providing sponsorship programmes for 30 children from primary school age up to graduation from university.

Reaching out to provide pastoral, social and educational support regardless of their religion. To this end Father had the foresight to insist that the church roof should have 3 symbols denoting Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. This has proved to be a significant factor in the prevention anti-religious attacks in other areas where priests and religious sisters have been attacked and persecuted because of their Christian beliefs.

In January 2016, two teenage sisters from our parish who were so inspired after hearing of the work of Fr Sarves and the annual Sunday Mass Appeal, approached Mary to ask if could they visit the Village and volunteer as part of their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The girls returned from India having experienced a profound positive effect on their faith which they attribute to the humility of Fr Sarves. We will always remember Fr Sarves who was an unassuming humble and devout man and who was passionate about the people of the Village and its cause but also a compassionate man who achieved great things in the name of Jesus and Our Lady. Father, may you rest in peace.

www.sharingourlove.org.uk

QUIZZES & ACTIVITY SHEETS WEEK 22! Enjoy & Good Luck! (All answers are posted the following week). Previous sheets and answers can be found on the parish website, so if you've never looked before you can have a catch up - just look under the link for the relative 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 by email or telephone.

PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC Many thanks to all our parishioners who have been making contributions through individual donations, planned giving envelopes and standing orders or bank transfers.

As you will appreciate, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, our parish income has fallen quite dramatically over the last few months (down 52% for the period April - July) as parishioners have been unable to make their regular weekly contributions in the usual way. In light of this, if you would like to set up a standing order for your regular contributions, or to make a one-off contribution, please make arrangements with your bank. The Parish account details you will need to do this are:

DHN Gateshead Our Lady and St Philip Neri

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 21167936

Reference for standing orders: 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 Gift for Life envelopes you can always put them through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery or bring them with you if you are coming to Immaculate Heart Church for Mass or to drop off items for the Food Appeal. Thank you.

PEERTALK MENTAL HEALTH We're pleased to inform you that our *PeerTalk* peer support group in Gateshead, for people facing depression, anxiety or similar distress, will restart on Monday 21 September, 7pm at Bensham Grove Community Centre, Sidney Grove, Bensham, NE8 2XD. It's free and there's no need to book. For further information please tel. 07719 562 617 or visit our website www.peertalk.org.uk

EVENTS AT MINSTERACRES *Gratitude, Prophecy & Hope* A weekend reflecting on our encounters with gratitude, prophesy and hope. 2020 has presented all of us with new experiences and opportunities to reflect on our lives. With reference to the Lives of some of the Passionist saints, we will explore how these perennial themes have been and are present in our lives. Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September, Friday 2 to Sunday 4 October or Friday 20 to Sunday 22 November. There is a suggested donation of £140. For further information and bookings please tel. 01434 673248 or visit our website at www.minsteracres.org or email info@minsteracres.org



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION IN AID OF GIFT FOR LIFE 2021 CALENDAR Here is an exciting opportunity for all you budding photographers out there - of whatever age. Photographs are invited under the theme of "The Beautiful North East of England"

and (your chance for fame) 12 images will feature in a calendar to be sold in aid of *Gift for Life*. For full details see the competition guidelines on our parish website [here](#). But don't hang around – entries required by Friday 9 October.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE A Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life will be led by Bishop Marcus Stock (Diocese of Leeds). The Shrine is offering a 'virtual' Pilgrimage taking place on Sunday 27 September 2020. It is a day of prayer and reparation for the sanctity of life. Our society has attacked the Church's deep-rooted teachings on these issues for a very long time. Devotions will be streamed throughout the day, beginning with the Mass at 12.00 noon. Full details are [available on the website](#) including the programme for the day. To access the pilgrimage, you can watch via YouTube on [Walsingham Catholic TV](#) or at the [Basilica live-stream](#). We encourage all throughout the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle to take part where you can.

Prayers during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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

Sing to me in the silence.
May I hear the gentle sound of peace envelope me like
the unending rhythm of the harp in the still air,
Soothe from me with those sounds tears and loss.
Open up the hidden me which dwells within the mask
of shadows.
Touch me with the gentleness of love born of trust and
hope.
Help me to embrace the adventure of the unknown
Step forward and gain peace.

Jen Jones

First Reading*Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 102:1-4. 9-12. R/ v.8*

***R/ The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

Second Reading*Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*1 Sam 3:9; John 6:68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 18:21-35*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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.