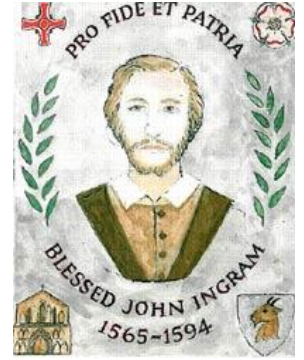




THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind You must love your neighbour as yourself. Matthew 22:37. 39

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (A) 25 October 2020

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, can be contacted this week by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 07891 162205 on Thursday & Friday, 10am - 2pm

- 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 arrangements for Tuesdays and Sundays detailed on the next page.
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.
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.

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Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, and Details of Mass. Includes entries for Sunday 25 October, Monday 26 October, Tuesday 27 October, Wednesday 28 October, Thursday 29 October, Friday 30 October, Saturday 31 October, Sunday 1 November, and Monday 2 November.

Weekday Readings at Mass w/b 26 October - Ordinary Time Week 30, Year 2.

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

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 If you would like to attend Mass at Immaculate Heart Church, please see **** below about 'booking in'**.

Forthcoming Masses:

Tuesday 27 October - Church will open at 6.00pm for 6.30pm Mass.

Sunday 1 November (All Saints) - Church will open at 9.30am for 10.00am Mass.

Monday 2 November (All Souls) - Church will open at 9.30am for 10.00am Mass.

Tuesday 3 November - Church will open at 6.00pm for 6.30pm 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. The number of parishioners who can safely attend each Mass is 42 plus - we have the flexibility of 'plus' because members of the same household or support bubble may sit together.

****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. Please be advised that unfortunately, this number does not accept text messaging.**

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. When you come into church, you will see a poster on display with Immaculate Heart's QR code. This can be scanned using the NHS COVID-19 App if you have downloaded it onto your mobile phone. Please feel free to scan this code but note contact details will also still be requested, manually noted and safely stored for 21 days.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of *Missio* and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to www.missio.org.uk If you wish to give a single gift or set up a Direct Debit, please call 020 7821 9755 (during office hours). Alternatively, you can send a cheque (payable to *Missio*) to: *Missio*, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU. If you are UK taxpayer, please consider gift-aiding your donation. Thank you.

RED MISSION BOXES We are unable to empty red mission boxes at present either in homes or at church. If you wish you can put the contents of your box into a labelled envelope and place it in the collection basket if you are coming to Immaculate Heart Church for Mass.

THE PARISH HALF-YEARLY FINANCIAL RETURNS for the six months April - September 2020 are now completed and it is pleasing to report that total funds have increased from £286,096 to £293,558. Of this figure £290,682 belongs to the Parish with £2,618 being held for *Gift for Life* and £258 for special collections. Not surprisingly, offertory collections of £18,486 are some 42% down on last year's figure of £32,395 as we suffer from the effects of Covid-19 and the closure of the churches.

However, the impact is not as severe as it would have been a few years ago when all offertory monies were collected in the form of cash and we are grateful to those parishioners who have recently switched their contributions to bank transfer. Perhaps now is the time for even more to make their contributions via this method. 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.

To help mitigate against the decline in income the Diocese has temporarily stopped charging the quarterly levy and we are also seeing savings in repairs, utilities and church requisites. So, all in all we remain in a reasonably strong position and should be thankful that past and present prudence means we are in better financial shape than many other less fortunate parishes. Thank you.

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY Rosary Whirlwind British Isles is taking place throughout October with a nightly online Rosary at 8pm led from a different Marian Shrine, Cathedral or Parish - our parish is now shown on the map! We are part of a group of 2 to 300 people saying rosary at home at 8pm each night. The power behind such prayer is amazing! The month ends with the great All Saints Eve Rosary Rally on 31 October - we are awaiting our Diocesan time slot. For more information please visit www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ONLINE Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, and the recommendations that meeting with people outside of your household must be kept to a minimum, the Diocesan Vicariate for Faith & Mission is seeking to establish catechist community networks to offer support in engaging with formation online. Several resources will become available for this over the coming months, and the Vicariate is available for any questions that arise. It is hoped that we can journey alongside each other at this difficult time, sharing ideas and creating resources where there may be gaps. We would like to invite catechists to attend one of the online sessions at 7pm on Wednesday 21 October (Confirmations) and Thursday 22 October (First Holy Communion). New and experienced catechists are all welcome to come, share and find out more about sacramental preparation online. To register to attend one of the meetings or if you would like more information, please email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

FOOD APPEAL UPDATE We are only able to continue this worthwhile outreach because of your amazing generosity. Unfortunately, as the R number increases and new restrictions are again impacting upon the future of people's jobs, it is even more important that we can continue and maintain this support - you are all stars, thank you!

We are running out of the following items - milk, tinned custard, fruit, potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, peas, tuna, cooking sauces, crisps, kitchen rolls, feminine hygiene & washing (laundry) powder. Any other items such as - long grain rice, tinned tomatoes, meat, soup, deodorant, biscuits etc gratefully received. Please note currently we have plenty pasta and cereal.

The organisation and arrangement for packing and distribution of food have now altered because it is very important that as local and national Covid-19 restrictions increase we don't mix with others. **However, the arrangements remain the same for Thursdays - someone will be at the church between 10 - 10.30am so parishioners can still drop donations off at church if they wish.** If you are dropping off donations at church, please don't enter the church but give a shout and leave any donations inside the open door.

Drop off points for food donations remain the same (see below) and remember you can now also 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 386760) leave donations in the back garden.

BUMPER PACK OF HALF TERM ACTIVITY SHEETS FOR ALL WEEK 29 There's something for everyone this week from word-searches to word puzzles, scavenger hunts to makes (and for all the crafters out there, the pumpkin can be adapted to make your own Christmas bauble so take a look). Enjoy and have a great half term! (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 still 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.

ARE YOU WILLING TO LISTEN IN UNCERTAIN TIMES? The Diocese is sponsoring a six-week on-line training course in Listening Skills. Some parishioners may be experiencing mental health issues such as anxiety, low mood, loss and bereavement. family concerns etc. On the training course you will learn effective listening skills to offer support and if necessary "signpost" people to other sources of help. The course begins on Tuesday 10 November. For further details on the course please contact Oonagh Atkinson on 0191 389 1188. For a booking form and application for Lay Training Funding (as appropriate), please contact The Vicariate for Faith & Mission at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3316.

A THOUGHTFUL GIFT FOR YOU! One of our parishioners has been a busy bee again! So popular were the last batch of **pocket prayer quilts**, she has lovingly and prayerfully created some more. Each quilt is about 1 inch square of material and contains a small crucifix (handmade this time!). They are available for anyone to take on a first come first served basis as there are only 23. Each quilt is in an individual envelope, packed on Tuesday 19 October, and ready to collect at Mass this weekend. As you come into Immaculate Heart Church, please take an envelope from the basket at the entrance. Katie Wilkinson writes: *At the very start of lockdown, a friend made a pocket prayer quilt for me and I found it to be a great source of comfort both at the time and since. I carry it every day and during any 'unsure moments' I simply feel the quilt and the crucifix inside and immediately know that God is with me by my side.*

MINSTERACRES RETREAT - Quiet Day led by Sr Rosarie Spence. An opportunity to step aside, listen to God in scripture and enjoy the peace and tranquillity at Minsteracres. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. This retreat is being held on Wednesday 18 November from 10am to 4pm. There is a suggested donation of £15. For further information please visit the Minsteracres website:

<http://www.minsteracres.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Sr-Rosarie-sq-resized.jpg>

Our Lady of the Rosary

Pleas add this prayer to your daily rosary

Immaculate Heart of Mary
strength, light, protection and hope,
in you we renew ourselves,
to you we consecrate ourselves
so that we are witnesses
now and always
of the triumph of your Immaculate Heart
in all humanity. Amen.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

In the dark mists of pain and fear we need to find you,
When we are desolate from clouded and swirling
doubts,
We cannot find the deep and healing place which
shelters you within.
You seem lost to us, we cannot see you.
Help us find the channel of your light to bring us back to
reason and to peace.
With you we can be strengthened and see that
challenges do not always mean adversity.
Give us the wisdom to find insight and clarity to
illuminate our darkness.
May the grey mists of fear be replaced by streams of
sunlight.
Guide us to those who will show us your love and
restore our strength.

Jen Jones October 2007

First Reading*Exodus 22:20-26*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 17:2-4. 47. 51. R/v.2*

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Second Reading*1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example of all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*cf. Acts of the Apostles 16:14*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 22:34-40*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the prophets also.'

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.