

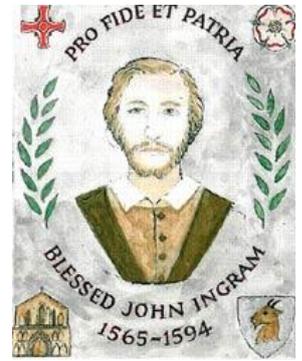


The Lord sits as King forever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Psalm 28:10-11

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Wickham
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston

Parish Priest Fr Peter Leighton 0191 460 4274
Parish E-mail stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk
Parish Website www.theparish.org.uk
Diocesan Website www.rcdhn.org.uk



The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

22 November 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

Year A

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

- Until further notice, from 5 November, Fr Peter will celebrate daily Mass without a congregation.
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be open for private individual prayer on Sundays during November between 10.00am - 11.00am (please note you do not need to 'book in' for this) - further details on next page.
- Sunday Morning Mass will continue to be available on line each Sunday from 9.00am and can be viewed on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLO>
- A full list of churches across the diocese which are now open for Individual Prayer is available on the diocesan website <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/>
- 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. 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.

During the national lockdown, Fr Peter will celebrate Mass without a congregation

Sunday 22 November Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Day of Special Prayer for Youth

Monday 23 November

Tuesday 24 November *St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*

Wednesday 25 November

Thursday 26 November

Friday 27 November

Saturday 28 November

Sunday 29 November First Sunday of Advent Year B

People of the Parish

Peggy Boyce (dec.)

Pauline Archbold (dec.)

MacKay and Lowden Families

Tom Airey (dec.)

Priest's Intention

Priest's Intention

People of the Parish

Weekday Readings at Mass w/b 23 November - Ordinary Time Week 34, 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, Barbara Stephenson, 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).

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN IN ENGLAND From Thursday 5 November - Wednesday 2 December, Catholic churches will only be permitted to allow people to enter for private individual prayer and funerals.

Whilst there is no public celebration of Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be open for individual prayer on Sundays throughout November, 10am - 11am. N.B. you do not need to 'book in' for this.

For those attending for individual prayer, the wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this. When travelling to church, please observe strict social distancing from anyone not in your household and when you come into 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). Once in church please be guided by the volunteer stewards. Also, you will see a poster on display with Immaculate Heart's QR code which 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.

PROPOSED CHRISTMAS MASSES AT IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH Government regulations permitting, we are planning to have two Parish Christmas Masses at Immaculate Heart Church - 7.00pm on Christmas Eve 24 December and 9.30am on Christmas Day 25 December. **Booking in for either of these Masses is essential.** To gauge how many parishioners will want to attend these Masses and how we can safely accommodate numbers, booking will commence this Monday 23 November. To 'book in' please ring 07388 814715, Monday - Wednesday, 11am - 6pm. Please be advised this number does not accept text messaging. When booking in, 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. Please note there will also be Christmas Mass available on our YouTube channel.

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 individual prayer. Thank you.

RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS – MISSIO CALENDARS have arrived and we have been delivering them across the Parish. If you have not received yours yet and would like one, please get in touch with the Parish Office tel. 0191 460 4274 email. stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk and we will get one to you.

STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE IICSA REPORT The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) has recently [published its investigation report](#) into the Catholic Church in England and Wales (www.iicsa.org.uk). Bishop Robert and the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle fully support the [Statement on Safeguarding](#) from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales published on 20 November (www.cbcew.org.uk).

YOUTH SUNDAY This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is also Youth Sunday, a day of special prayer for young people. It is also an opportunity to donate to our diocesan Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) to support their work amongst our young people. Like all of us, YMT has faced challenges in reaching out due to restrictions. However, they have been communicating with our young people through social media and by creating resources for our schools and parishes:

www.ymt.org www.youtube.com/user/life2dfull

If you would like to donate, please send cheques to Youth Ministry Trust, Emmaus Youth Village, Pemberton Road, Consett DH8 9BA or make a BACS payment - Bank: HSBS, account name: Youth Ministry Trust, account no. 21172654, sort code 40-34-45. Alternatively, if you are coming to Immaculate Heart Church for individual prayer this Sunday, there are YMT envelopes available for your donations. Thank you.

BRILLIANT NEWS! THE 'VIRTUAL' ANGEL TREE - THE ANGEL TREE CAN ACCEPT TOYS FOR CHILDREN THIS YEAR! As some may be aware, Brigitte Jones was very disappointed to discover that due to the current pandemic our parishioners would not be able to donate any toys for children who otherwise wouldn't receive a gift at Christmas. Brigitte's usual contact informed her that this year they are unable to accept gift donations because of COVID restrictions. Many parishioners have also expressed their disappointment with this news. However, those eager to donate gifts have kindly offered to help the parish foodbank and have been very generously donating toys for all the children with 28 gifts pledged to date! This week the parish discovered The Salvation Army in Gateshead are still accepting toys for children this year. Many of you will be delighted with this information as each year you donate more and more gifts. Therefore, if you wish to continue this beautiful annual tradition please just buy a toy (The Salvation Army ask that the gifts are left unwrapped). Lt. Tony Kakande, minister at Gateshead, was delighted to learn that our parishioners wished to support their annual appeal this year.

There are a number of available options for you to hand in your donation -

- at Immaculate Heart Church, Lobley Hill (when you attend for private prayer or to drop off food donations) or
- at the foodbank drop off points listed on next page or
- alternatively, you can take your gift directly to The Salvation Army Centre, Tennyson Court, Sunderland Road, Gateshead NE8 3EY, Tuesday to Friday between 9.30am - 2.30pm.

Some parishioners may find it a struggle to manage any of the options (no transport, isolating etc) so please email Katie Wilkinson at teachkate1@gmail.com or telephone 07837 386 760 to arrange for someone to collect your donation.

All your Angel Tree Gifts will be delivered to The Salvation Army, Gateshead by 14 December. As always you'll be as generous this year as every year, unfortunately there are many more families struggling in Gateshead this year than usual. THANK YOU!

FOOD APPEAL UPDATE & THANK YOU! We are only able to continue this worthwhile outreach because of your amazing generosity. Fortunately, even though a second lockdown begins, the Government rules allow us to continue with this much needed outreach. You are all stars - THANK YOU!

We are running out or have none of these items - long grain rice, milk, tinned potatoes, vegetables, hot dogs, meat, cooking sauces, crisps, antiperspirant, laundry powder, washing up liquid, shampoo (2in1), toothpaste, toothbrushes and tampons. Not forgetting some treats for the children please! Any other items such as tinned tomatoes, fruit, custard, rice pudding biscuits, mayonnaise, ketchup also gratefully received.

The drop off arrangements remain the same for Thursdays - someone will be at the church between 10.00am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off then if they wish (please don't enter the church but give a shout and leave any donations inside the open door). You can also drop off donations if you are coming to church for individual prayer.

Drop off points - for food donations remain the same.

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.

ACTIVITY SHEETS FOR ALL - WEEK 33 This week we've a double word-search for all the family plus some amazing optical illusions to get your head around as well as a TV quiz. Look now for them all under the parish newsletter link on the website. (All answers are posted the following week). Previous sheets and answers can also be found there under the link for each previous week's newsletter. If you would also like to share anything you think may be of interest here too, then please just send them to the parish email address.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD NOW AVAILABLE The Parish Christmas Card which was on sale last year in aid of *Gift for Life* is back! The high quality cards depicting the beautiful stained glass window in the hall at St Mary's cost £3.50 for a pack of eight or 50p each. To order, please email giftforlife20@gmail.com or phone 07896 096747. Tell your friends!

CLERGY TRAINING FUND If you have a set of planned giving envelopes and you wish to contribute to this year's Clergy Training Fund Appeal, please use the purple planned giving envelope dated 25 October. Alternatively, if you are coming to church for individual prayer, there are some pink Clergy Training Fund envelopes which you can also use. Any cheques should be made payable to 'Clergy Training Fund' and if you are a UK taxpayer please consider gift-aiding your donation. The Fund will remain open for contributions until next Sunday 29 November. Thank you.



GIFT FOR LIFE CALENDAR Your chance to obtain your very own copy of the 'limited edition' 2021 *Gift for Life* Calendar is here! For each month of next year you will be able to admire the photographic skills of a fellow parishioner (or perhaps even yourself). All this comes for the amazing price of only £4 which includes free personal delivery to your door if required. Great for Christmas gifts – and all profits go to our *Gift for Life* Fund. Order your A4 Calendars now by email. giftforlife20@gmail.com or tel. 07951 046717 for delivery from 27 November.

A Prayer during the Pandemic

Loving God,
If we are ill, strengthen us.
If we are tired, fortify our spirits.
If we are anxious, help us to consider the lilies of the field
and the birds of the air.
Help us not to stockpile treasures from supermarkets in
the barns of our larders.
Don't let fear cause us to overlook the needs of others
more vulnerable than ourselves.
Fix our eyes on your story and our hearts on your grace.
Help us always to hold fast to the good,
See the good in others,
And remember there is just one world, one hope,
One everlasting love, with baskets of bread for everyone.
In Jesus we make our prayer,
The one who suffered, died and was raised to new life,
In whom we trust these days and all days, Amen.
The Revd Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The sapling requires support as it struggles with the
unknown of growing.
As it grows it is encouraged by the warmth of the sun, the
gentle watering of the rain and the tender loving care of
the gardener.
They watch as it begins to bloom and flourish eagerly
awaiting the next step along the journey.
We can be likened to that sapling as we reflect upon our
journey of accompaniment,
Of our young saplings as they grow and flourish into the
independent nurturing young people they can become.
Their gifts are the blossom which blooms and brings joy to
those who share this journey of development.
With wisdom from the Holy Spirit, may they know and feel
that they are nurtured,
Loved and cherished and be enabled to become the best
that they can be.
Encouraged by love, may their giftedness flourish, shade
shelter and support others by their love.
Jen Jones (C). November 2020

First Reading*Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 127:1-5. R/ v.1*

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
my head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second Reading*I Corinthians 15:20-26. 28*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Mark 11:10*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 25:31-46*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Readings from *The Jerusalem Bible* © 1966 by Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd and Doubleday and Company Ltd. Used with permission. Responsorial Psalm from *The Psalms: A New Translation* © 1963 The Grail (England) published by HarperCollins. Used with permission. Reproduced under Calamus Licence no. 2371.

Act of Spiritual Communion

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