



Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Entrance Antiphon for Mass of All Saints

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

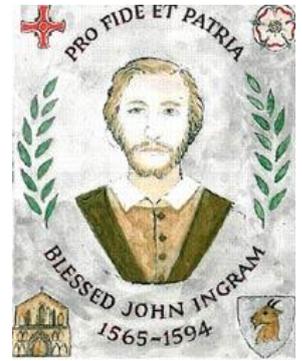
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St Mary ▪ Wickham
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

1 November 2020

All Saints

Year A

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, can be contacted this week by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 07891 162205 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10am - 2pm and will be available in the Parish Office on Wednesday 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 Sunday 8 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 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.

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Sunday 1 November All Saints	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 2 November All Souls	10.00am	For the Faithful Departed
Tuesday 3 November	6.30pm	Lawrence Regan (dec.)
Wednesday 4 November St Charles Borromeo		Private Intention (MA)
Thursday 5 November		Margaret & William Crilley (ann.)
Friday 6 November		Joe Welsh (dec.)
Saturday 7 November St Willibrord		Deceased Members and Friends of the Cunningham Family
Sunday 8 November Thirty Second Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday		People of the Parish

Weekday Readings at Mass w/b 2 November - Ordinary Time Week 31, 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, Mary Carrick, 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. The Government has published its [New National Restrictions Guidance on its website](#). Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop McMahon, the President and Vice-President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, have issued a statement following the Prime Minister's announcement on 31 October 2020 – to read it please click [here](#)

Whilst there is no public celebration of Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be open for private individual prayer on Sunday 8 November, 10am - 11am (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.

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 UK taxpayer please consider gift-aiding your donation. The Fund will remain open for contributions until Sunday 29 November. 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 individual prayer. Thank you.

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!

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 individual prayer 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.

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. 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. 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 some items - mayonnaise, squash, oil, ketchup, tomato purée, tea, coffee, cleaning products, milk, tinned custard, fruit, potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, peas, cooking sauces, crisps, kitchen rolls, feminine hygiene, & washing (laundry) powder. Not forgetting some treats for the children! Any other items such as - long grain rice, tinned tomatoes, meat, soup, deodorant, biscuits etc gratefully received. N.B. Currently, we have lots of pasta and cereal!

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 30 There's something for everyone this week including a memory lane quiz, who's the US President picture quiz, and bonfire night themed activities. Enjoy. (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 Prayer during the Pandemic

Lord Jesus, when you walked with us on earth, you spread your healing power. We place in your loving care all who are affected by Coronavirus. Keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved, protect those who care for us. We lift our prayer to you Lord, and trust in your infinite mercy, as we wait for the daybreak. Amen.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Have I allowed the dark cloud of doubt and fear to rob me of light.

Have I forgotten to see the swaying leaves.

The dancing stream which glows with life.

What have I allowed myself to become.

An unseeing face afraid to look forward.

Pain etches, but it need not destroy.

There is life, there is hope, it is around us, surrounding us.

May we be filled with life that may transform the fear and pain.

Help us to see the setting sun light up the darkening sky with rainbow light.

It is a light so bright, yet painted softly like a gentle caress.

You are the hand which spreads forth the light.

It is a light which brings hope, colour, beauty, stretching forward eternal.

The colours change merge light suffuses the sky and we watch it glow.

It is a rainbow which is not this time an arc but still a covenant, a message.

We can take this promise and engage with you our hands to share the promise;

Or watch it fade and again see only darkness.

Help us to keep reaching, keep holding out our hand to you and others.

May we be transformed by the promise and keep the widened beauty deep within us.

Jen Jones 2004

First Reading*Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 23:1-6. R/cf. v.6*

R/ Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second Reading*1 John 3:1-3*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refuse to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 11:28*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 5:1-12*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown to them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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.