

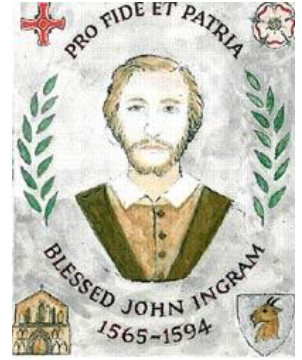
THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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



'Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.'  
Mark 13:35

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

29 November 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Year B

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

- PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON THE NEXT PAGE ABOUT THE RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH Fr Peter will continue to celebrate daily Mass without a congregation except for the arrangements for Sundays and Wednesdays beginning next Sunday 6 December and 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 online each Sunday and can be viewed on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLO>
- A full list of churches across the diocese which will be open for Individual Prayer/Mass will be 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](http://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.

**Sunday 29 November First Sunday of Advent Year B**

Monday 30 November *St Andrew*

Tuesday 1 December

Wednesday 2 December

Thursday 3 December *St Francis Xavier*

Friday 4 December

Saturday 5 December

**Sunday 6 December Second Sunday of Advent Year B 10.00am**

People of the Parish

Priest's Intention

Maria Hasting (dec.)

Billy Mills (dec.)

Lily Coxon (dec.)

Bernard & Joe Oxley (dec.)

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*Weekday Readings at Mass w/b 30 November - Advent Week 1*

*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.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please remember in your prayers Lily Coxon who died recently. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Teresa Kelly, 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 3903).*

**RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH** As the National Lockdown comes to an end on Wednesday 2 December, Catholic churches will be permitted to re-open for public Acts of Worship. Consequently, from next Sunday 6 December, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will be open at 9.30am for Mass at 10.00am on Sundays and from Wednesday 9 December at 9.00am for Mass at 9.30am on Wednesdays. Also, as next Tuesday 8 December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there will be an additional Mass at 9.30am.

In order to ensure that all those attending Mass can have a seat and be safely accommodated inside the church, there is 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.

For those attending church, the wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this. When travelling to and from 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, please 'book in' by ringing 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 time and 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](#)**

**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 St Mary's Hall cost £3.50 for a pack of eight or 50p each. To order, please email [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) or phone 07896 096747. Tell your friends!

**ADVENT ALMS APPEAL 2020** A message from the Chief Executive of St Cuthbert's Care: *This year, due to the very trying ongoing circumstances, St Cuthbert's Care has been invited to deliver an online Advent Appeal via the Diocesan website. If you would like to support our charity's work, the diocesan link can be accessed through [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk). I am mindful of the financial pressures the pandemic has placed on many, so please, only support us if you feel able to do so. Thank you.*

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES IN IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH AND VIRTUAL MEMORIAL CANDLE** If you would like a candle to be lit during the Christmas Season in memory of your deceased loved ones and for them to be remembered in a virtual online memorial presentation on our parish website, Facebook page and on YouTube, **please print the name(s) of your loved one(s) on an envelope together with your own name and contact details (in case any clarification is required) and include your donation.** You can drop off your envelopes through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery or when you come to Immaculate Heart Church for Mass or at the addresses mentioned in the Food Appeal article. **Please hand in your envelopes by Wednesday 16 December.** Candles will be available for you to take home early 2021.

**BRILLIANT NEWS! - THE 'VIRTUAL 'ANGEL TREE** The Angel Tree can accept toys for children this year! As some of you may be aware Brigitte Jones was disappointed when her usual contact informed her that, due to the current pandemic, he would be unable to accept any donated toys for those children who otherwise wouldn't receive a gift. Many parishioners also expressed their disappointment. The parish discovered that The Salvation Army is still happy to accept toys. Lt. Tony Kakande, minister in Gateshead, was contacted readily agreed to be the recipient of the gifts from this year's Angel Tree. Donations are easier than ever this year - The Salvation Army request that all gifts should left unwrapped so buy a new unused toy and hand it in! You can donate your gift in one of the following ways -

- at Immaculate Heart Church, Lobley Hill when it's opened
- at all three food bank drop off points
- alternatively, you can take your gift directly to The Salvation Army Centre in Gateshead Tuesday to Friday between 9.30 - 2.30pm.

Some may struggle to manage any of the available options (no transport, isolating etc) please email Katie Wilkinson at [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com) or telephone 07837 386 760 and arrangements can be made for collection of your donation. Angel Tree Gifts will be delivered to The Salvation Army by 14 December. Sadly many more families are struggling in Gateshead this year and the need is greater than ever!

**RED MISSION BOX HOLDERS - MISSIO CALENDARS 2021** 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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) and we will get one to you.

**FOOD APPEAL UPDATE & THANK YOU!** We are only able to continue this worthwhile outreach because of your amazing generosity. Fortunately 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, sugar, coffee, crisps, tinned produce such as potatoes, vegetables (peas, carrots, sweetcorn etc), soup, hot dogs, meat (corned beef, Pek, Mince etc), cooking sauces, squash, mayonnaise, jam and tampons. Not forgetting some treats for the children please!**

**Any other items such as biscuits, tinned tomatoes, cereal, pasta, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding biscuits, ketchup 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/Mass.

**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 - WEEK 34 Two Advent Calendars for you here** starting on Tuesday 1 December plus a song quiz, a mind-bender quiz and mindfulness colouring. This begins our bumper Advent activities so if you've not looked before then please look now. There's something different every week. Find 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 individual week's newsletter. Enjoy!

**ADVENT RESOURCES FROM THE VICARIATE FOR FAITH AND MISSION** Advent is when the Church re-sets the calendar of our remembering and celebrates the saving work of Christ. Of course, this Advent is more challenging due to the pandemic. A set of resources has been created by clergy and laity from across the Diocese and is offered as a life-buoy, remedy and prayer book for the days ahead.

The resources will include: daily video prayer reflections, weekly Advent packs, weekly Advent videos and signposts to the many rich resources that are available online.

Are you thinking about running a prayer group during Advent? Find out how we can support you with access to various resources, training and safeguarding for prayer group leaders. Coming soon... an offering from the Diocesan Church Music Association.

To access these materials, please visit our [Advent Resources Page](#) - more will be added as they are made available. Do feel free to share and print out these resources for those without internet access.



#### **GIFT FOR LIFE CALENDAR 2021**

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 emailing [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) or tel. 07951 046717 for delivery from 27 November.

#### **Prayer for Advent: Hope in a Dark Time**

In this time of darkness,  
We choose to look toward the Light.  
In this time when so many are suffering,  
We choose faith, not despair,  
We choose the work of compassionate justice.  
As we move together,  
Hungry for transformation, for hope, Our steps themselves  
Transform us, nourish us.  
We are on constant pilgrimage,  
Moving to the heart of things,  
Reaching beyond what any one of us  
Can accomplish ourselves.  
The brightness of the Incarnation  
Guides us as we continue,  
With the promise of the Prince of Peace  
As the bright star in these dark nights.  
*Jane Deren, Education for Justice*

#### **Jen's Weekly Prayer**

The filigree of darkened branches are illuminated by a  
silvered light.  
Their beauty in their resting time remains constant,  
majestic against an almost translucent sky.  
An exquisite example of nature's wonderful healing loving  
gifts.  
We can recapture the warmth of love from each other in  
our times of loneliness, pain and doubt, by recalling that  
warmth in touch of a hand, the smile or word which  
brought hope, comfort, light and reassurance.  
Love grows and spreads as it is freely given.  
May we bring our gifts of enlightened love to those we  
meet on our journeys and spread that silvered branch of  
hope and peace by our actions, words and smiles.  
Gifts to one another in peace, joy and love.  
*Jen Jones © November 2020*

**First Reading***Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R/ v.4*

**R/ God of hosts, bring us back;**

**let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

**Second Reading***I Corinthians 1:3-9*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Psalm 84:8*

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 13:33-37*

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: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**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**