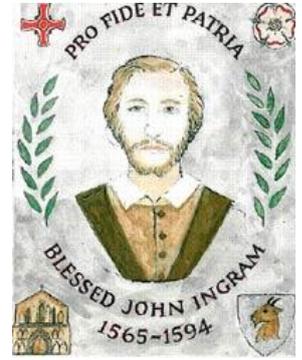




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*Mark 1:9. 11*

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**  
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The John Ingram Partnership  
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**10 January 2021**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**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*

- **THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH** During the National Lockdown and until further notice, Fr Peter will continue to celebrate Sunday Morning Mass with a congregation at 10.00am. All other Masses will be celebrated without a congregation. If you would like to attend Mass on Sunday, please take particular notice of the 'booking-in' system detailed on the next page. If you are unable to attend Mass in church, Sunday Morning Mass will be available to view on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLO>
- 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.

*Mass times listed below indicate Masses to be celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and for which you should 'book-in' (see over page)*

<b>Sunday 10 January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<i>End of the Christmas Season</i>		
Monday 11 January		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 12 January <i>St Benet Biscop</i>		Trish & May Primett (dec.)
Wednesday 12 January		Requiem Mass
Thursday 14 January		Joe & Bernard Oxley (ann.)
Friday 15 January		Priest's Intention
Saturday 16 January		Priest's Intention
<b>Sunday 17 January <i>Second Sunday of the Year (B)</i></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish

*Readings at Mass 11 - 16 January - Ordinary Time Week 1 Year 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.***

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Michael Christian Short and Fr David Milburn 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, 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).***

**SUNDAY MORNING 10.00am MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH**

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. Please be advised that this number does not accept text messaging and there is no facility to leave a message.

*For those who have booked-in and are attending Mass, the church will be opened half an hour before the published Mass time.*

***The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this. When travelling to and from church, and whilst in church, you must observe strict social distancing (2 metres) from anyone not in your household or support bubble and you must not mingle with anyone not in your household or support bubble before, during or after Mass.***

*A one-way system is in place in the church, plus hand sanitisers at the entrance (Main Doors) and exit (Day Chapel). Once in church please be guided by the volunteer stewards.*

*You will also 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.*

***Sunday Morning Mass will also be available online and can be viewed on our YouTube channel [here](#)***



**GIFT FOR LIFE PHOTOGRAPHIC CALENDARS**

Don't get too far into January without getting your hands on one (or more) of the few remaining *Gift for Life* Photographic Calendars. We are now able to offer these at the special price of £2 each which includes free personal delivery

to your door if required. Order yours now by email [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) or telephone 07951 046717.

**ACTIVITIES SHEETS** Week 40. Although we're in lockdown again, we're still here to cheer you up with activities to keep you busy, so why not take a look if you haven't before. This week we've got a word-search, an observation page for all ages, a tribonds challenge and a children's sheet. Enjoy! Although there weren't specific entries in the last 2 weeks newsletter itself, the sheets for 27 December & 3 January were still there under the newsletter link and are still available so there's loads to keep you occupied. All activities can be found on the parish website together with the previous week's answers (just under the link for that week's newsletter). Stay Positive. Stay Safe. We'll get through this together. And remember, if you need to talk, you can ring St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953.

**SUPPORT FOR PARISHIONERS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

A number of parishioners are offering support to other parishioners who are vulnerable or self-isolating. If you or a friend or relative would welcome a phone call, a bit of shopping, want the newsletter dropping through your letterbox etc. please phone 07570 045976. Your request will be passed to a trusted parishioner who will contact you to discuss your request. It would be helpful if those parishioners who have contact with others who are not able to access the newsletter online could alert them to this item. Thank you

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM US ALL AT THE FOOD BANK!**

A New Year sees us still continuing with this very necessary outreach work which can only continue with your much appreciated support. Fortunately, the government rules allow us to continue with this much needed work. The families were overwhelmed by your kindness over Christmas and they couldn't believe how thoughtful and generous you have been not just this Christmas but throughout the past year. We have received many cards of thanks expressing their gratitude. **Now back to the nitty gritty. We are very low in stock or have none of these items: pasta sauces, pasta (please note many supermarkets are restricting this to 3 packets per person) tinned products - rice pudding, fruit, tomatoes, tuna, sweetcorn, plus UHT milk, cereal, sugar, cooking oil, tomato puree, tampons and sanitary pads. We greatly welcome any other non-perishable items such as teabags, coffee, ketchup, baked beans, hot dogs, squash etc - all gratefully received.**

Every Thursday, volunteers are in church between 10-11am so parishioners can drop donations off then if they wish. If you are dropping off donations at church please don't enter the church, give a shout and leave any donations inside the open door. Thank you.

Please remember you can also drop off donations at church if you are coming along for Sunday 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.

**CALLED AND GIFTED** *God is calling you to a work of love.* Are you ready to discern your gifts? Starting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021. For further information please click [here](#) to view the online poster produced by the Vicariate of Faith and Mission. To apply for your place on this new programme please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk). Booking deadline is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)** Are you considering running CLOW online for your young parishioners? For further information please click [here](#) to view the online poster produced by the Vicariate of Faith and Mission. To register your interest, please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

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

Deep white golden light shot  
with radiant colours

Of intensity and depth transform the sky.

A tangible radiance reaches out across the space.

Warmth and infinite strength are the twin arms which  
enfold.

Their beauty transcends, bringing hope of new life.

You are present in that infinite source of light.

Visible, yet invisible, strengthening calming.

You are the promise of transcending hope to new  
awakenings bringing healing, bringing peace.

May we be open to the new light which is seen yet  
invisible

The precious opportunities for rebirth and the wisdom to  
use them wisely.

*Jen Jones © revised January 2021*

### **God's healing hand**

To our brothers and sisters who have contracted  
and are suffering due to the Coronavirus Disease,  
we pray that God's healing hand may rest upon you.

To medical doctors, nurses and the supporting staff  
who are in the frontline of the fight against COVID-1

may the Good Lord sustain you and inspire you

to render your life-saving services

with due care, love and compassion.

To all those who have lost their loved ones due to the  
Coronavirus outbreak, we convey our deepest sympathies.

We pray that their souls, through God's mercy,  
may rest in eternal peace.

We pray that God may grant all bereaved families his  
consolation and strengthen their faith and hope

in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

*Prayer adapted from the 2020 Easter Message of the  
Catholic Bishops of Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe*

**First Reading***Isaiah 55:1-11*

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Isaiah 12:2-6. R/v.3*

***R/ With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.***

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name.
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in year midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading***John 5:1-9*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***cf. John 1:29*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 1:7-11*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said: 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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.**