



'He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.'

Mark 1:34

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

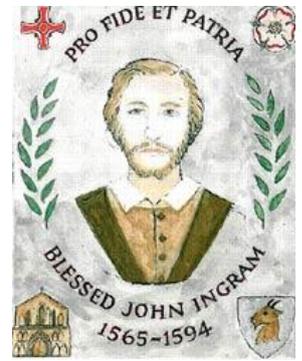
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

7 February 2021

Fifth Sunday of the Year

Year B

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

- **THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH** During the National Lockdown, and with the support of our volunteer stewards and cleaners, Fr Peter is continuing to celebrate Sunday Morning Mass with a congregation at 10.00am. All other Masses will be celebrated without a congregation. Please remember that in the present circumstances, you are under no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays of Obligation. If you intend 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 continue to be available to view on our Parish YouTube channel www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLQ and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ - The Parish of Our Lady & St Philip Neri.
- 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 pandemic. 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, if you wish to attend, you should 'book-in' (see over page)

Sunday 7 February Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 8 February		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 9 February		John & Elizabeth Arnold (dec.)
Wednesday 10 February <i>St Scholastica</i>		Deceased of Corrigan & Rossi Families (dec.)
Thursday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick)</i>		In Thanksgiving (AC)
Friday 12 February		Private Intention (AC)
Saturday 13 February		Priest's Intention
Sunday 14 February Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.00am	People of the Parish

Readings at Mass 8 - 13 February - Ordinary Time Week 5 Year 1

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. At all times, when travelling to and from church, and whilst in church, you must observe strict social distancing (i.e. 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](#)

PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS DURING THE

PANDEMIC Many thanks to all our parishioners who have continued to make contributions through individual donations, planned-giving envelopes and standing orders or bank transfers. As you will appreciate, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, our parish income has fallen quite dramatically as parishioners have been unable to make their regular weekly contributions in the usual way. In light of this, 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 Sunday Mass or to drop off items for the Food Appeal. Thank you.

UPDATE: FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK PLUS WE ARE NOW INCORPORATING THE DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT

Fortunately the present government ruling allows us to continue with this much needed support and we have great news! The Refugee Project, which we've supported for a number of years (tinned tomatoes, sugar & rice), has reopened and is accepting food donations once again (for more information, see **REFUGEE PROJECT** notice below). Following a discussion with the project coordinator, it has been decided that, rather than begin a separate appeal for the Refugee Project, the Food Bank will incorporate this much needed delivery of food to the project. Please note there a couple of new suggested food additions to cater for the refugees' requirements such as - kidney beans, lentils & chickpeas.

Please note if you're not able or would rather not shop for the Food Bank, we're happy to accept a cash donation to shop on your behalf. We are very low in stock or have none of these items: UHT milk, tinned products i.e. tuna, meat balls, custard, fruit, all tinned vegetables i.e. chickpeas, kidney beans, sweetcorn, peas, carrots, potatoes & soup, dried lentils; also, fruit squash, sugar, toothpaste, toilet roll, cleaning spray, washing up liquid, laundry powder, tampons and sanitary pads. We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as teabags, coffee, mayonnaise, biscuits, ketchup, baked beans, hot dogs, and treats for the kids etc. - all gratefully received.

Every Thursday, volunteers are in church between 9.30am - 10.30am so you can drop donations off then. 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. You can also bring donations if you are coming to Sunday morning Mass. Thank you.

Drop off points for donations of food or cash 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 386760) leave donations in the back garden.

REFUGEE PROJECT Prior to the initial National Lockdown last year, you may remember that our parish contributed to the Diocesan Refugee Project. Each of our three churches collected either tinned tomatoes, sugar or dried rice. Unfortunately, in March 2020 these donations had to stop. Thankfully, at the beginning January 2021, the Refugee Project restarted this valuable and essential support once again. The project has a new coordinator, Sara Harris, who contacted the parish at the end of 2020 enquiring if we would like to restart the contributions again. As the parish now has a Food Bank it makes sense that the contributions for the Refugee Project should be taken from these food donations and delivered monthly. Sara readily agreed with this suggestion and arrangement. The Food Bank continues to support 18 household and, from the first Thursday of each month, several food bags will be packed and delivered to the Refugee Project. To accommodate these new recipients the Food Bank will be adding some new items to the request list for donations such as chickpeas, kidney beans and lentils. Sara, the project coordinator, has asked that in this notice her thanks be passed on to all parishioners for their very welcomed support.



GIFT FOR LIFE A big thank you to everyone who purchased *Gift for Life* calendars and Christmas cards. Your generosity raised over £550 profit for some really needy causes - well done everyone! We still have a few calendars left which we are

happy to provide free of charge now. Just contact giftforlife20@hotmail.com or pick them up from the back of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

The *Gift for Life* Group continues to meet by Zoom on a monthly basis and would be delighted to welcome 'guests' or new members. **Our next two meetings are at 7pm on 18 February and 18 March** – any parishioner interested in getting involved can get in touch using the above e-mail address. Thank you.

ACTIVITIES SHEETS - Week 43 - This week we've got an *Own Brand* and a *Who Said What Qui* plus a *Mindfulness Colouring Sheet* and a *Capital City Family Quiz* sheet to share. Enjoy! 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.

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

A NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES Beginning on Tuesday 2 February, Fr Stephen Watson (Lourdes Pilgrimage Director) began to lead a Novena for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11 February. Fr Stephen is leading us daily in a few minutes of prayer which can be accessed via the 'Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes' Facebook page. Daily prayers will be shared at 8am and can be viewed at any time after that. You are invited to join in this time of prayer.

THE NORTH EAST CATHOLIC WRITERS` GUILD is running a literary competition for schoolchildren – the theme is: "Compose a hopeful prayer for this difficult time". Maximum 20 lines. The lines don't have to rhyme. Open to 8-10 year-olds. Please include your age, name, address and phone number and send to: Veronica Whitty, Secretary, Catholic Writers` Guild (NE), 51 Queen`s Crescent, Wallsend, NE28 8DW e-mail: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com. The deadline for entries is 8 April 2021. N.B. Entries are excluded from anyone related to any member of the Guild or related to anyone connected with the *Northern Cross*.

DEPARTMENT OF FAITH AND MISSION *Called and Gifted - God is calling you to a work of love.* Are you ready to discern your gifts? Starting Wednesday 24 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. Booking deadline is Friday 19th 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

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Sing to me in the silence.

May I hear the gentle sound of peace envelope me like the unending rhythm of the harp in the still air.

Soothe from me with those sounds fears and loss.

Open up the hidden me which dwells within the mask of shadows.

Touch me with your gentleness of love and fill me with hope and trust.

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From Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Prayer for the Sick, 11 February 2021 (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)

Dear brothers and sisters, the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.

To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope, and help us care for one another with fraternal love. To each and all, I cordially impart my blessing.

First Reading*Job 7:1-4. 6-7*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no
thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to
me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 146:1-6. R/v3*

R/ Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which
has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach
it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for
it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put
into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in
my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not
insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the
slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the
weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men
in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the
sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 8:17*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

He took our sicknesses away,
and carried our diseases for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 1:29-39*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John
straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's
mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him
about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand
and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to
wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him
all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils.
The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured
many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or
another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow
them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the
house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon
and his companions set out in search of him, and when they
found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He
answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country
towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I
came.' And he went all through galilee, preaching in their
synagogues and casting out devils.

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.**