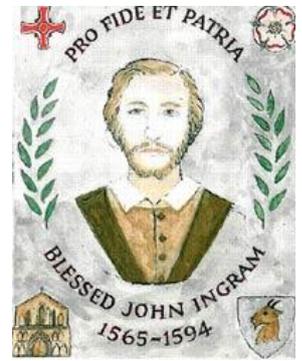




Jesus said to the leper 'Be cured!' and the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.
Cf. Mark 1:41-42

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

14 February 2021

Sixth Sunday of the Year

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, is on annual leave this week, returning on Tuesday 23 February 2021

- 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/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFuLQ 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).

N.B. Mass on Ash Wednesday will be available from 9.00am on our Parish YouTube channel www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFuLQ and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ - The Parish of Our Lady & St Philip Neri.

Sunday 14 February Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 15 February		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 16 February		Veronica Grainger (dec.)
Wednesday 17 February <i>Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)</i>		Priest's Intention
Thursday 18 February		Margaret & Christopher Daunt (ann.)
Friday 19 February		John & Elizabeth Arnold (dec.)
Saturday 20 February		Priest's Intention
Sunday 21 February First Sunday of Lent (B)	10.00am	People of the Parish

*Readings at Mass 15, 16 February: Ordinary Time Week 6 Year 1,
17 - 20 February: Ash Wednesday and Thursday, Friday, Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Winifred Patricia Hopkins who has died recently. May she rest in peace.

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 (and Ash Wednesday Mass) will be available online and can be viewed on our YouTube channel [here](#)

LENTEN ALMS APPEAL We have received this letter of thanks from Moira Ashman, Chief Executive, St Cuthbert's Care I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness throughout the pandemic - it has been truly heart-warming. Parish support makes all the difference, allowing us to go that extra mile in ensuring we provide outstanding care and peace of mind to families and loved ones. If you are able to do so, please may I ask that you consider supporting our work once more. Thank you. For more information, please visit www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk

LENTEN RESOURCES This year as we enter Lent, we are considering what it means to be Missionary Disciples. Reflecting on our calling to 'Go and make disciples', the Diocesan Vicariate for Faith & Mission has worked with clergy and laity to produce daily reflections that offer support as you reflect on the readings for the day.

The Lenten Daily Reflections are now available at <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/prayerlentresources.php> to view, read, download and print. Whilst we acknowledge many of our parishioners enjoy the printed versions of the daily reflections, this year we are also offering the daily reflections by email – one sent per day – for anyone who would like to receive them digitally. Please subscribe [here](#) to register for daily reflections by email starting from Ash Wednesday. YMT has also produced 'Wait a Minute – It's Lent' videos, which will be available to watch on their [YouTube channel](#) starting Ash Wednesday.

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 AND THE REFUGEE PROJECT Fortunately the present government ruling allows us to continue with this much needed support and we have great news - the Refugee Project 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 on next page). Following a discussion with the project coordinator, it has been decided that rather than begin a separate appeal for the project, the Food Bank will incorporate this much needed delivery of food. **We've adjusted the food suggestions to include some new items to cater for the refugees' dietary requirements i.e. kidney beans, lentils & chickpeas.**

Please note if you're not able to 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 (tuna, meat balls, custard, fruit, all vegetables), chickpeas, kidney beans, sweetcorn, peas, carrots, potatoes & soup, plus dried lentils, sugar, toothpaste, toilet roll, cleaning spray, washing up liquid, laundry powder, fruit squash, tampons and sanitary pads.

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 386 760) 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 45 Loads happening this week with Valentine's Day and Lent, kicking off with Pancake Day on Tuesday. We've prepared for you a Valentine's quiz, Hidden challenge and two 'makes', a Family Logic challenge plus Shrove Tuesday fun games including a pancake recipe and a Mindfulness Colouring sheet. Enjoy! All activities can be found on the parish website together with the previous week's answers. 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.

DEPARTMENT FOR 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 for 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

Open bright, alive, filled with joy
These are gifts which set us free.

Free to move forward to begin again or continue on our
set journey.

We are welcomed to share these these gifts freely given to
us by you.

Help us to bring ourselves and others our giftedness and
love.

May we see in our world which surrounds us it's ever
enfolding beauty; the life and extraordinary gifts of others
and know that your love is forever ours to share and
enjoy. Filling us with peace and hope.

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We cry out to you

God of all,
we cry out to you for help.
In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protect us, Lord, and be with us
especially those of us most vulnerable
during this coronavirus crisis.

Move us to reach out in love
to our neighbours near and far.
So that the humble may be exalted,
the hungry filled with good things.

Grant us the courage
not to rush back to our old ways,
but to rebuild our world together,
creating foundations of justice,
with equality and peace for all.
Amen.

Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

First Reading*Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 31:1-2. 5. 11. R/v7*

R/ You are my refuge, O Lord;

you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.
- But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

Second Reading*I Corinthians 10:31-11:1*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 1:40-45*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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.