



Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. He was with the wild beasts and the angels looked after him.

cf. Mark 1: 12,13

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

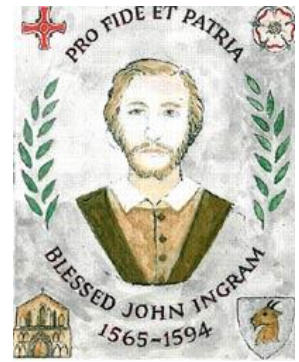
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

21 February 2021

First Sunday of Lent

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/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFLO 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 - If you wish to attend, please 'book-in' (see over page)

Sunday 21 February First Sunday of Lent (B)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 22 February <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 23 February		George Manning (ann.)
Wednesday 24 February		Rose Cowan (dec.)
Thursday 25 February		Maureen Straughan (dec.)
Friday 26 February <i>CAFOD Lent Fast Day</i>		Terry Burke (ann.)
Saturday 27 February		Priest's Intention
Sunday 28 February Second Sunday of Lent (B)	10.00am	People of the Parish

Readings at Mass 22 - 27 February: Lent Week 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 coming to 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 can contact this number Monday - Wednesday, 11am - 6pm. Please note 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](#)

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 Vicariate for Faith & Mission has worked with clergy and laity to produce daily reflections that offer support to help you reflect on the Scripture Readings for daily Mass during Lent.

If you would like to view, read, download or print the Lenten Daily Reflections they are now available at

www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/prayerlentenresources.php

Whilst we acknowledge that 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. The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team (YMT) has also produced daily 'Wait a Minute - It's Lent' video reflections, which are available to watch on their [YouTube channel](#).

For those without internet access copies of these lockdown prayer resources can be provided - please telephone 07375 934713 providing your name and address so that the resources can be posted out to you for free.

ACTIVITIES SHEETS WEEK 46 This week there's a word search, a bookend word quiz and a mindfulness colouring sheet plus, for the children, a scavenger hunt and castle activity sheet. 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.



LENT FAST DAY APPEAL 2021 Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. If you would like to help Abdella and vulnerable communities around the world to access clean water and to provide other vital support, you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/lent or by telephoning 0300 100 0089. CAFOD envelopes are also available if you are attending Sunday morning Mass. For more information about this year's Lenten appeal together with reflections and prayers for Lent, please visit the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk

UPDATE: FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK AND THE DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT Fortunately the present government ruling allows us to continue with this much needed support. Also, 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. 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 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 - rice pudding, tuna, meat balls, fruit, sweetcorn, potatoes & soup, sugar, toothpaste, toilet roll, cleaning spray, washing up liquid, laundry powder, fruit squash, 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.

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

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.

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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.



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 – any parishioner interested in getting involved can get in touch using the above e-mail address. Thank you.

FRATELLI TUTTI (ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS) is the title of Pope Francis' Encyclical on 'Fraternity and Social Friendship' which he published in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic last October. One of our diocesan priests, Fr Chris Hughes, has recently written an article in the International Catholic Weekly *The Tablet* reflecting on Pope Francis' vision expressed in *Fratelli Tutti* and the ongoing relationship between Tyne & Wear Citizens and the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. If you would like to read the article in full please click here.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Transform my despair into the light of rebirth in hope.

Take from me my fears and warm me
with your healing love.

Fears are cold and empty, bring to me the warmth of
renewal which when it wraps around
can restore and bring me life.

May I be filled with hope not a sense of emptiness.

Bring me please healing and strength.

Hold me and those I love in your care that we may find
rest and enfolded in your arms may we find peace.

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CAFOD Lent Fast Day Prayer: Come to the water

Loving God, we hear your call

to all who thirst

for a brighter future:

Come to the water.

Pour out your Spirit upon us

and lead us to walk

alongside one another.

Let a desire for change

well up within us.

May we overflow with

compassion and love.

And as a stream

wears away stone,

may we reshape

our world together

to reflect your kingdom

of hope for all.

Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 24:4-9. R/cf. v.10

***R/ Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
for those who keep your covenant.***

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels of the Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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.