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cf. Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

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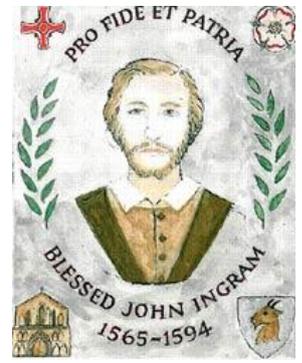
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28 February 2021

Second 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 28 February Second Sunday of Lent (B)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 1 March <i>St David</i>		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 2 March		Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (dec.)
Wednesday 3 March		Elizabeth Jukes (dec.)
Thursday 4 March		Cecilia McCusker (dec.)
Friday 5 March <i>World Day of Prayer</i>		Eileen Flynn (dec.)
Saturday 6 March		Priest's Intention
Sunday 7 March Third Sunday of Lent (B)	10.00am	People of the Parish

Readings at Mass 1 - 6 March: Lent Week 2

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Fr Tom Cunningham who has died recently. May he 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 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 make our way through 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 47. This week there's a St David's Day word search, a mindfulness colouring sheet plus a family tallest quiz and flag quiz for all ages. 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. Bishop Robert has recorded a short message of encouragement for this Lent's CAFOD appeal which you can watch it [here](#).

UPDATE: FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK AND THE DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT

The Refugee Project, which we've supported for a number of years (tinned tomatoes, sugar & rice), has now 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.

Currently we are WELL stocked with - Cereal, tinned soup, tinned rice pudding, teabags, lentils, chickpeas, kidney bean, tinned vegetables & feminine hygiene.

Please could you focus upon donating: UHT milk, tinned tuna, corned beef, meat balls, custard, fruit and treats for the children.

We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: coffee, mayonnaise, biscuits, ketchup, sugar, baked beans & hot dogs - 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

LENT MASSES – PRAYER INITIATIVE Cardinal Bagnasco, President of the Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe, has asked each of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe to have a dedicated Mass for those who have suffered in any way, and especially for those who have died, because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The designated date for England and Wales is Tuesday 2 March 2021. Bishop Robert will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday at 12.05pm and which can be viewed [here](#). Cardinal Nichols, as President of our Bishops' Conference, will celebrate Mass on Tuesday at Westminster Cathedral which will be live-streamed on the Westminster Cathedral Website and can be accessed [here](#).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021 The annual World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) is on Friday 5 March. An online Worship Service and other resources have been prepared by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and can be viewed on their website www.ctbi.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.

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.

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

Take my fear and pain. Help me to move forward.
Take my anger and disappointment and help me find
peace and resolution.

Take my confusion and bring me reason and hope,
to be calm and still refreshed like the tree
following a summer storm.

Hold me in your healing arms
so that I may find shelter and rest.
Bring light and hope into my darkness.

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Prayer during the Pandemic

God of all hope we call on you today.
We pray for those who are living in fear:
Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions
to them.
May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.
For those people who are worried about attending
worship.
For those needing to make decisions in order to care for
other
For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to
attend.
Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that
Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to
us in Jesus Christ.
Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you. Amen.

*The Revd Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist
Conference*

First Reading*Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said, 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt-offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 115:10. 15-19. R/ Ps 114:9*

***R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.***

1. I trusted, even when I said:
I am sorely afflicted.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Second Reading*Romans 8:31-34*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel*Mark 9:2-10*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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.