



'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

*Mark 11:9-10*

## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill

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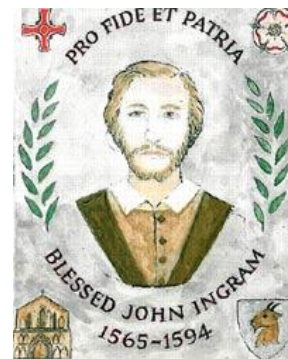
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**28 March 2021**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Year B**

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- **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 (apart from the exceptions for Holy week - please see below and over page). Remember that in the present circumstances, you are under no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays of Obligation. If you intend to come to church on Sunday or on Holy Thursday or Good Friday, please follow 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/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgamFoHdfuCFQ) and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/](http://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](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 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.

***Sunday & Holy Thursday Masses & the Good Friday 3pm Service listed below will be celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. \*\*\* To book in for these, please see over page.\*\*\****

<b>Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Monday of Holy Week 29 March		Phyllis Cunningham (ann.)
Tuesday of Holy Week 30 March		Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (ann.)
Wednesday of Holy Week 31 March		Maureen Straughan (dec.)
<b>Holy Thursday 1 April Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Good Friday 2 April Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	-
<b>Holy Saturday 3 April</b>		-
<b>Sunday 4 April Easter Day</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish

*Readings at Mass 29 March - 3 April: Holy Week*

***If you wish to contribute to the traditional Palm Sunday Collection for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places), please use the purple planned giving envelope (or mark an envelope 'Holy Places') and either bring it to Mass or post it through Immaculate Heart Presbytery front door. Thank you.***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, 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).***

**\*\*\* HOLY WEEK \*\*\*** In addition to the regular 10.00am Sunday Masses, there will also be the following public celebrations at Immaculate Heart Church during Holy Week:

- Holy Thursday 1 April Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30pm
- Good Friday 2 April Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

If you wish to attend either of these, please 'book in' as indicated below.

If you would like to view the celebration of the Easter Vigil at St Mary's Cathedral at 7pm on Holy Saturday evening (3 April), please visit the Cathedral website [www.stmaryscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stmaryscathedral.org.uk)

**SUNDAY MORNING 10.00am MASS + HOLY WEEK AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH** In order to ensure that all those coming to church can have a seat and be safely accommodated, 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.*

*There is also 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. 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](#).***

**ACTIVITIES SHEETS WEEK 51** For Holy Week we've included a sheet on the Easter Triduum and the Stations of the Cross, which can be used as either a focus in your Easter preparations, as a meditation colouring, or both, so have a look. There's also a Car Logo quiz, a Word Pyramid Puzzle and a Spot the Difference. Finally, in celebration of the fact that from Monday, SIX people or TWO households can meet outside or in a private garden together, there's a Garden Mindfulness Colouring sheet and Garden word search. 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.) You'll find all previous sheets there too. Stay Safe.

**LAUDATO SI' GARDENING GROUP** A small group has been established in the Diocese to reflect on Pope Francis' encyclical [Laudato Si'](#) and to consider practical ways in which we can use our land assets for the common good. The group is meeting monthly (via Zoom at the moment) and sharing ideas and plans on how we can use home and church gardens to help restore nature by encouraging wildlife and improving biodiversity. As spring arrives the group hopes to be able to start working outside and possibly visit Minsteracres when lockdown is lifted. More information from Clare Myers at [clare.myersmyers@btinternet.com](mailto:clare.myersmyers@btinternet.com)

**LAUDATO SI' ANIMATORS' COURSE APRIL 2021** This course is being organised by the Global Catholic Climate Movement. Over the last year it has been attended by thousands of people across the world who are passionate about [Laudato Si'](#) and answering Pope Francis' call to hear the cry of the earth and the poor. *Laudato Si'* Animators are local leaders who strive to live its principles in their own lives while inspiring and motivating others in their communities to the document to life. The next Animators' (online) course begins on 14 April and runs for 6 weeks with a commitment of 2-3 hours each week. For more information and to register please visit: <https://laudatosianimators.org/> or contact Chris Myers ([chrisj.myers57@gmail.com](mailto:chrisj.myers57@gmail.com)) if you would like to discuss the course further.

**LENTEN RESOURCES** Reflecting on our calling to 'Go and make disciples', the Vicariate for Faith & Mission has produced 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/prayerlentreasures.php](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/prayerlentreasures.php)

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.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** for the new Financial Year are now available at the back of Immaculate of Mary Church. If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or tel. 0191 460 4274.

**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. 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 & REFUGEE PROJECT!** 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: tinned soup, teabags, lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans & feminine hygiene. **Please could you focus upon donating: cereal, pasta sauce, long grain rice, tinned sweetcorn, carrots, tomatoes, baked beans, potatoes, laundry powder/tablets/liquid, cleaning spray, shampoo and crisps.** We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: hot chocolate, biscuits, sugar, pasta, fruit squash, toilet rolls, hot dogs 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 church for 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.

**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.

### **Jen's Prayer for Palm Sunday**

Light spreads hope/renewal like a shaft of pale sun  
following the grey rain.

Solace and hope are its twin arms which enfold and  
protect.

It imbues strength and awakens life.

We can be lost in that hinterland of grey, afraid of looking  
onwards and accepting the challenges of an open road.

Our lives bring many paths, many grey or sun dappled  
times.

We can dwell only in the greying mists or wander off and  
find sun filled roads of opportunity and gift.

We have the power, the choice may we reach out use our  
wisdom and seek to make use of our individual special  
talents or watch them disappear like the sun at the end of  
twilight.

Help us to be ready to accept our challenges of light, to  
shine in the sun and not remain hidden in the greying  
shadowing mists.

Walk with us so that we may have the courage to accept  
the hands which guide us on our journey and may we  
grow in love hope and peace; renewed empowered and  
strengthened by your eternal love.

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### **Another Palm Sunday Prayer**

Gracious God,

you have heard the cries of your suffering people.

You have sent Jesus to us  
to be our Redeemer and brother.

Open our eyes to see the immensity of your love for us  
and the wonder of what you have done for us.

Give us the courage to be your hands and heart  
for those who are in pain.

Give us the wisdom to speak out  
for justice and righteousness.

May your will be done in us today and always.

Amen.

from [\*Morning and Evening Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy\*](#)

**Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem****Gospel Reading***Mark 11:1-10*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly."' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**First Reading***Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 129. R/v.7*

**Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones.
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

**Second Reading***Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:  
Christ was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark***Mark 15: 1-39*

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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.**