



'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.' *John 10:14-15*

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Wickham
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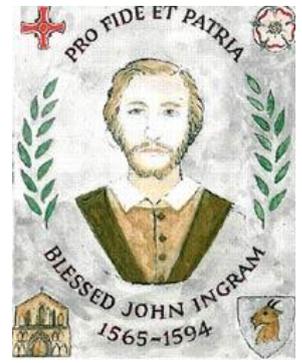
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The John Ingram Partnership
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

25 April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, can be contacted this week by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 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. 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 <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgMFOHdfuCFLO> 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 25 April Fourth Sunday of Easter	10.00am	People of the Parish
<i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>		
Monday 26 April		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 27 April		William & Grace McPhee (ann.)
Wednesday 28 April		Wilf Corrigan (ann.)
Thursday 29 April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>		Fr John Taggart (dec.)
Friday 30 April		Requiem Mass - Jacqueline Carabine RIP
Saturday 1 May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>		Priest's Intention
Sunday 2 May Fifth Sunday of Easter	10.00am	People of the Parish

Readings at Mass 26 April - 1 May: Fourth Week of Eastertide

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Jacqueline Carabine who died recently. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Joseph Howstan, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Barbara Stephenson, Geoff Taylor, Anthony Turner.

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

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 open 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](#).

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ANNUAL APPEAL This Sunday 25 April there will be a special collection to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor and to raise funds for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle. There will be envelopes available for your donations. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please complete details on the envelope.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION (NORTHERN BRETHERN FUND) There are currently some 50 retired priests living in the Diocese, and more due to retire over the summer after years of faithful and dedicated ministry to the people of God in the North East. There is collection basket at the back of Immaculate Heart Church or you can post any donations through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery (please mark your envelope **NBF**). Please make any cheques payable to *Northern Brethren Fund*. The Fund will remain open until 2 May.

FUN ACTIVITIES SHEETS WEEK 55 Here's a few activities to enjoy sitting in the sunshine this week. We've a pseudonym quiz, a Suko challenge page, and the regular mindfulness colouring sheet together with two 'Rock' activities for the children so do take a peek. 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. Good Luck!



GIFT FOR LIFE Cameras at the ready! Following the success of the 2021 *Gift for Life* Calendar, we are already planning the 2022 version and thought that all you budding photographers would appreciate an early warning. The theme this time is ***The Changing Seasons*** and

full details of the competition are set out [here](#) on the parish website. You don't need to submit any entries until September but please get out with your camera during the year to support our fundraising. It would be great to have more of our young people involved this time too. Spread the word! The *Gift for Life* group continues to meet monthly by Zoom with our next meeting on 22nd April at 7pm. If you would like to attend or find out more, please contact us via giftforlife20@gmail.com

RED MISSION BOXES 2020: THANK YOU! In 2020, our community of Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish raised a total of £3635.91 through our red boxes and donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by Covid-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at missio.org.uk

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a **Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12 noon**. This will be both an open Mass and live streamed. Under the Government's roadmap for reopening England, restrictions, on numbers to be confirmed, are likely to remain applicable. However, we intend to issue an open invitation via the Diocesan website and appropriate social media. The invitation will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2021 but is open to engaged couples preparing for marriage, those who were married in the months prior to lockdown and since our last Mass in 2019 and all married couples. We include too those widowed and bereaved who were unable to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes prior to their deaths. In these unprecedented times we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships. We wish all to know that none is forgotten and that the Sacramental life, despite Covid, is very much alive and prayed for. We will live stream the Mass as we recognise that many may feel uneasy about attending in person and for all others who may exceed the limit.

Due to the limited capacity and in keeping with the current COVID restrictions, anyone wishing to attend the Mass MUST BOOK in advance by contacting the Cathedral Office on 0191 232 6953 or emailing office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered.

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 stmariesphilip@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: teabags, lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans & feminine hygiene. **Please could you focus upon donating: cereal, tinned tomatoes, carrots, peas, sweet corn, custard, rice pudding, fruit, corned beef and sweets. We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: UHT milk, pasta sauce, squash, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, hot dogs, tuna, etc. - all gratefully received.**

Every Thursday volunteers are in church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off then if they wish. If you are dropping off donations at church, please don't enter the church, but 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 386760) 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.

BLESSED JOHN INGRAM As many of you will know, Blessed John Ingram (1565 - 1594), who is patron of our local Partnership, was a Reformation martyr who was executed on Gateshead High Street for ministering to the faithful of this region. During his ministry, he was assisted and sheltered by local aristocrats, but was eventually apprehended and convicted on a charge of high treason. We ask you to please pray for the canonisation of this dedicated and selfless martyr. An on-line petition has been set up to gain support for his cause. For the petition and more information on Blessed John Ingram, please [click here](#). You can also [read more](#) about him on the Diocesan website's *Northern Saints* pages.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Like a myriad of stars scattered across a purple blue sky, friendship and love spreads and is a visible and yet invisible like the stars when clouds cover them. We know that they are there even when we cannot see them.

Our knowledge is not diminished by the cloud just as separation cannot diminish the truth that even when we are not physically close to those we love and hold dear to us together we are as one separated yet united.

Love trust hope and joy all underpin the knowledge we share with each other.

Time and distance cannot shake the bonds which unit and strengthen.

May our continued love flourish grow and develop allowing that love to shine like stars in the night sky and glow with the warmth of summer light bringing laughter, comfort, strength and unity as we continue our journey together.

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In the care of our Good Shepherd

O God,
Shepherd of all your people,
deliver us from all troubles,
worries and cares that assail us,
that we may always do
what is pleasing in your sight,
and remain safe
in the care of our Good Shepherd,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Paul C. Straman, based on a prayer
from the Roman Breviary.*

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R/v.22*

*Response: **The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.***

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.

Second Reading*1 John 3:1-2*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading*John 10:11-18*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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.