



Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

From The Easter Sequence

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Wickham
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston

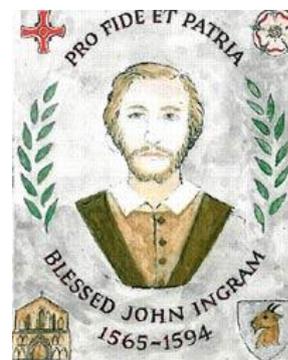
Parish Priest Canon Peter Leighton

Parish Telephone 0191 460 4274

Parish E-mail stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

Parish Website www.theparish.org.uk

Diocesan Website www.rcdhn.org.uk



The John Ingram Partnership
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

4 April 2021

Easter Sunday

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 - Thursday 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/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 4 April Easter Day	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday in the Easter Octave 5 April		Priest's Intention
Tuesday in the Easter Octave 6 April		Rose Cowan (dec.)
Wednesday in the Easter Octave 7 April		Mary Hunt (dec.)
Thursday in the Easter Octave 8 April		In Thanksgiving (Bill & Shiela Hutchins)
Friday in the Easter Octave 9 April		Priest's Intention
Saturday in the Easter Octave 10 April		Priest's Intention
Sunday 11 April Second Sunday of Easter	10.00am	People of the Parish
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>		

Readings at Mass 5 -10 April: Easter Octave

Fr Peter wishes you and your families all the joys and blessings of Easter Day and the Easter Season.

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)

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 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](#).

A COLLECTION FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE (N.B.F.) will be taken at Mass next Sunday 11 April. Please be generous in supporting this collection.

ACTIVITIES SHEETS WEEK 52 Can't believe we've been doing these sheets for a whole year now. Hopefully you've enjoyed doing them. We've got a bumper Easter collection for you this week as we're taking next week off, but these should keep you busy till then. There are various Easter quizzes, puzzles, word searches etc for all the family as well as a mindfulness colouring sheet, number and word puzzles and a scavenger hunt. We've also included this week's answer sheet separately too so you won't have to wait to check your answers. 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. Enjoy! Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

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.

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

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) if you would like to discuss the course further.

DIOCESAN ANTI-RACISM WORKING GROUP Bishop Robert has commissioned a working group to raise awareness of racism, from micro-racial aggression to the fatal consequences of major racism. The group was established following the death of George Floyd and the rise of the Black Lives Matter protest, when a parishioner approached the Diocese with a request that some action be taken. At the request of Bishop Robert, the parishioner was put into contact with Fr. Adrian Tuckwell, the Episcopal Vicar for Caritas, who contacted members of the Pastoral Forum and, with the blessing of the Diocese, created the Anti-Racism Working Group. On 26 January the Diocese held a launch anti-racism webinar titled *Racism: A Challenge for our Diocese* which aimed to raise awareness of racism and its consequences. More than 60 people attended the event. If you would like to read more about the background, the webinar and how you can get involved, please [click here](#).

NORTHERN CROSS NEEDS YOU! *Northern Cross* relies entirely on revenue from newspaper sales, annual subscriptions and advertising to continue publishing. We now face significant financial difficulties - like many businesses - as we are unable to sell the print edition in churches. **We encourage you to help us by taking out an annual online subscription, at £20, or an annual print subscription at £36 where the Northern Cross is delivered direct to your door (including post and packing).** You can pay by bank transfer online - please email: admin@northerncross.org.uk for the details. When asked for a reference, please use your name, to allow us to verify your payment, then email editor@northerncross.org.uk. To pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to 'Northern Cross' and post them to: Subscriptions Dept, Northern Cross, c/o WM Fortune & Son, Collingwood House, Church Square, Hartlepool, TS24 7EN. Thank you.

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 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: UHT Milk, cereal, long grain rice, tinned tuna, peas, rice pudding, fruit, custard, meat balls & cooking oil. 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 Easter Sunday

In our brokenness you hold us, affirm us
and enable us to become whole.

It is comfort not condemnation
which allows us to move forward.

Without love we could remain in our broken state,
stuck, afraid.

From love comes hope, a candle flame of light which can
ignite into a fire and be released.

Enabled we can share that light with others,
companions in their and our brokenness;
chipped but not crushed

we can share the burdens, bring compassion,
hold them and together move forward
into the sweet light of new awakenings.

The advent wreath set within the hewn wood
is reawakened by the light of Easter dawn.

It had seen the scars of broken dreams,
of vanished promises, hopes unfulfilled.

Yet now the wood begins
to sprout forth gentle shoots of green.

It is transformed from within
to show the journey can be resumed,
we can emerge once more into the light,
glow with radiance of new birth, begin again.

Jen Jones © Revised 2021

You are the resurrection

How wonderful, Lord Jesus, you came back

You suffered death but conquered it

You laid in the tomb but on the third day

You rose again

O joyful day, Lord Jesus, when you returned

You are the resurrection, our hope and our life

O glorious and victorious Redeemer

Help us not to be afraid of death

For we must pass through it to see you face to face

And on the last day we will rise again

For you said so

Let us rejoice and praise you

Our Blessed and triumphant Lord

On this happy, joyful feast. Amen.

Diana Ng-Sutherland/CAFOD

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23 R/v.24*

*Response: This day was made by the Lord;
We rejoice and are glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
His right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
3. The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

**Second Reading***Colossians 3:1-4*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*1 Corinthians 5:7-8***Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Reading*Mark 16:1-8*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

The Gospel of the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

Scripture Readings from *The Jerusalem Bible* © 1966 by Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd and Doubleday and Company Ltd.
Responsorial Psalm from *The Psalms: A New Translation* © 1963 The Grail (England) published by HarperCollins.

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.

CHRIST YESTERDAY & TODAY