



With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him.

*Mark 6:2*

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

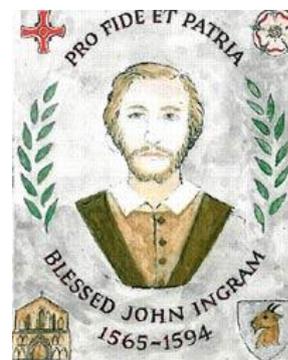
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**4 July 2021**

**The Fourteenth Sunday of the Year**

**Year B**

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- **THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT OUR THREE CHURCHES** Please see the notice on the next page about the resumption of Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses at St Philip Neri and St Mary's Churches from next weekend 10/11 July. 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, please follow the 'booking-in' system detailed on the next page.
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found via the Diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) and on the following website: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)
- As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during the 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.

*Where Mass times are listed below, Mass will be celebrated in the church indicated.*

*Where no time or church is listed, the Mass is not a public celebration.*

*If you wish to attend The Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses, please 'book-in' (see over page)*

<b>Sunday 4 July</b> <b>Fourteenth Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 5 July	-	-	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 6 July	9.45am	St Mary	Requiem Mass - Arthur Williams RIP
	5.00pm	St Mary	First Holy Communion Mass
Wednesday 7 July	-	-	Kathleen Cailey (ann.)
Thursday 8 July	-	-	Jacqueline Carabine (dec.)
Friday 9 July	-	-	Paul Elliott (dec.)
Saturday 10 July <i>St Thomas</i>			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Deceased of the McKay and Lowden Families
<b>Sunday 11 July</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year</b> <i>Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers</i>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Lawrence Regan (dec.)

*Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 14, Year 1*

***Please pray for the children from Years 4 and 5 at St Mary's School and St Philip Neri School who are celebrating their First Holy Communion at this time.***

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Arthur Williams and George Pratt who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Barbara Stephenson, Geoff Taylor, George & Simon Turnbull.

***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).***

## RESUMPTION OF MASSES AT ST MARY'S AND ST PHILIP NERI CHURCHES FROM 10/11 JULY

A message from Fr Peter:

*I am pleased to announce that from next weekend 10/11 July, St Mary's and St Philip Neri Churches will re-open for the public celebration of Mass. From next weekend, and until further notice, please note the times of Saturday Vigil/Sunday Masses in our three churches will be:*  
**Saturday 5.30pm at St Philip Neri Church**  
**Sunday 9.00am at St Mary's Church**  
**Sunday 10.30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**  
*Again, until further notice, please 'book in' if you intend to attend any of these Masses following the procedure outlined below.*

*I hope that the public celebration of some weekday Masses will also re-commence in the near future and they will be as announced in the weekly newsletter. You will not have to 'book in' for weekday Masses but you will need to sign in if you are attending a weekday Mass.*

*I should like to express my sincere gratitude to our volunteer stewards and our employed cleaners for their ongoing commitment in enabling our churches to be open and providing a safe environment for us to be able to worship together as a parish community.*

*If you would like to join our group of dedicated volunteer stewards, please contact Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760 or email [teachkate1@icloud.com](mailto:teachkate1@icloud.com)*

## BOOKING IN FOR THE SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

In order to ensure that all those coming to any of our three churches for Mass 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 required unless a person has an exemption from this. At all times, when travelling to and from church, and whilst in church, you should observe social distancing (i.e. 2 metres) from anyone not in your household or support bubble.***

*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 the church'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.*

***Mass for the Fourteenth Sunday of the Year will be available online from 9.00am on Sunday 4 July and can be viewed on our YouTube channel [here](#).***

**SEA SUNDAY** is next Sunday 11 July, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a collection at Masses next weekend for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). To donate and for more information, please visit: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you.



## GIFT FOR LIFE - PLANTS FOR LIFE!

Following the success of the recent plant sale, the *Gift for Life* Group is pleased to announce a similar event on Sunday 18 July after the 9.00am Mass at St Mary's Church, Whickham.

Your donation will not only secure one or more healthy specimens, it will support our causes in India, Kenya and locally that so desperately need our help at present. Also, if you have any spare plants (indoor or outdoor) to donate we would be delighted to receive these. Either bring them along on the day or drop us a note on [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) to arrange collection. Thank you for your ongoing kindness and support. The *Gift for Life* group continues to meet monthly by Zoom with our next meeting on 22 July at 7pm. If you would like to attend or find out more, please contact us via [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)

**TODAY IS THE FIRST NATIONAL THANK YOU DAY** A day to thank all those who have helped us get through the last 16 months. So firstly, can we thank all front line & NHS workers, pharmacists, vaccine volunteers etc for all their dedication and hard work. Can we also thank all those within our parish too who have all done their bit and made a difference. Fr Peter, Julie, all those who have volunteered their time to facilitate the reopening of our churches for Masses, those who have cleaned our churches, those who ensure that we can see Mass online, those who take the Mass bookings, contribute to our newsletter, deliver them, and are at the end of the support lines. Our teachers and ALL our school staff, those involved with the food banks, church flowers, music, and EVERYONE who has helped to support our community, in whatever way, during this pandemic. You are all greatly appreciated. THANK YOU.

**ACTIVITIES SHEETS WEEK 65** So with National Thank You Day in mind, we've a family "Thank you template card" to colour and complete (just fold in the centre) and give to those you wish to thank - e.g. teacher, parent, doctor, the local shopkeeper or pharmacist, friend or neighbour maybe. As today is also American Independence Day we've a themed Double Word Search for you, plus, as it's officially picnic month, a Picnic Mindfulness Colouring Page, a kids picnic crossword and a Family Emoji Movie Quiz. 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 or by clicking [here](#)). You'll find all previous sheets there too.

**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.

**Please could you focus upon donating: pasta sauce, UHT milk, dried lentils, dried chickpeas, tinned tuna, tomatoes, baked beans, sweet corn plus other vegetables, fruit, custard, meatballs, hot dogs, rice pudding, fruit squash & sweets for the kids.** We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: cereal, laundry powder/liquid, fruit squash, kitchen roll, toilet rolls, long grain rice 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.

**A MESSAGE FROM RIGHT TO LIFE UK** The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. It is expected that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. For further information and to contact your MP, please follow this link [www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth)

**MINSTERACRES RETREAT CENTRE Volunteers Wanted!** Set in 110 acres of beautiful woodland and parkland, Minsteracres offers peaceful surroundings and a place to recharge batteries for those who need support after such challenging times. If you would like to share skills or make new ones or meet new people, please contact Minsteracres Retreat Centre at [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org) email [info@minsteracres.org](mailto:info@minsteracres.org)

**DIOCESAN BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** The Diocesan Emmaus Bereavement Support Team has created resources to support you and your loved ones during times of bereavement and loss. We offer these prayers in solidarity, and we want you to know that the Church community is praying with you, and you are not alone. For further information please visit [www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/bereavement.php](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/bereavement.php) or contact the Bereavement Support Team tel. 07732 980740. There are also some cards available at the back of church.

**PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS** If you would like to set up a standing order for your regular contributions to the parish and/or *Gift for Life*, 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 Bank. Thank you.

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

In the vastness of the space around there is an eternity, an endless stream of glowing light which sings in its glory. Nature is not afraid to dance to its beautiful notes, it presents them forth like richly coloured garments.

Standing in the stillness punctuated by bird song  
new layers are placed upon fabric.

Warmth transforms the ice to dew  
which shimmers in the light.

Have we the courage to reflect the light within us,  
to greet the quiet of ourselves and be enveloped  
in the unending layers within us.

We have a rich tapestry of treasures  
our gifts, our love, compassion, hope, for those we meet  
and for ourselves as we travel our many and varied paths.

We are part of the awesomeness of the world  
with its great wonders and majesty  
in which we share our being.

May we allow the light to shine and glow  
be filled with renewed strength and hope.

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### A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians  
and gifted us with everything we need,  
forgive us for the times we cause it harm;  
for the times our way of life affects our neighbours.

Inspire us to care for the environment;

to help rebuild lives and communities;

to share in the griefs and anxieties,

joys and hopes of all your people,

so that all your creation may flourish.

Amen.

*Stephen Davies/CAFOD*

**First Reading***Ezekiel 2:2-5*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 122. R/v.2*

**Response: Our eyes are on the Lord  
till he show us his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.

**Second Reading***II Corinthians 12:7-10*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 1:12. 14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 6:1-6*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the mother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in this own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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.**