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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

22 August 2021

Twenty First Sunday of the Year

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, is on annual leave and will be returning to the office on Tuesday 7 September 2021 email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or telephone 0191 460 4274

- **PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR THREE CHURCHES** If you intend to come to church on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, please follow the 'booking-in' system detailed on the next page. If you are coming to a weekday Mass (Tuesday & Thursday), you do not have to 'book in' but you will need to sign in when you arrive.
- Remember that in the present circumstances, you are under no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays of Obligation.
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found via the Diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk and on the following website: 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 next page).

Saturday 21 August *Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral*

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 22 August	9.00am	St Mary	Joseph Cobbing (dec.)
Twenty First Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joseph Howstan (dec.)
Monday 23 August		-	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 24 August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 25 August	-	-	Priest's Intention
Thursday 26 August	9.30am	St Mary	Wilson and Tempest Families
Friday 27 August <i>St Monica</i>	-	-	Priest's Intention
Saturday 28 August <i>St Augustine</i>			
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 29 August	9.00am	St Mary	Edna & Wilf Murray (ann.)
Twenty Second Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention

Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 21, Year 1

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church Emily Hazel Taylor

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Kath Airey, Raymond Deponio, Julia Gill, Barney Hayes, Clare Jolly-Lingard, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Mary Sibbald, Barbara Stephenson, 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).

CELEBRATION OF MASSES IN OUR THREE CHURCHES

The times of Saturday Vigil/Sunday Masses in our three churches are now:

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

Until further notice, please 'book in' if you intend to attend the Saturday Vigil or Sunday morning Masses following the procedure outlined below.

Please note, if you are planning to attend a weekday Mass, you do not have to 'book in' but you will need to sign in when you arrive.

Fr Peter would like to express his sincere gratitude to our volunteer stewards and our employed cleaners for their on-going 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@gmail.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 the Saturday Vigil or Sunday morning Masses 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 expected unless a person has an exemption from this and at all times 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 church, plus hand sanitisers at the entrance and exit. 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.

Please note there is no longer a recorded Mass available on our Parish YouTube channel. However, Masses broadcast from other locations can be viewed via the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk or www.churchservices.tv



GIFT FOR LIFE - CAMERAS AT THE READY! Following the success of the 2021 *Gift for Life* Calendar, we are planning the 2022 version. The theme this time is 'The Changing Seasons' and full details of the competition are set out on the parish website [here](#).

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 meets regularly by Zoom with our next meeting on 23 September at 7pm. If you would like to attend or find out more, please contact us via giftforlife20@gmail.com

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 any of our three churches for Mass or to drop off items for the Food Bank. 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.

Please could you focus upon donating: cereal, UHT milk, teabags, coffee, tinned meat (corned beef, pek etc), tomatoes, sweet corn plus other vegetables, soup, rice pudding, fruit, custard, meatballs, hot dogs, & sweets for the kids. We appreciate any other non perishable items such as: laundry powder/liquid, kitchen roll, toilet rolls, deodorant, fruit squash, biscuits, crisps, 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1 September. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives: Immaculate Heart - Allen Bell, Christine Crawley, Wendy O'Reilly, Maveen Pereira

St Mary's - Phil Cunningham Janice Hall, Jen Jones, Tony Sacco

St Philip Neri - Denise Hebron, John Pinchen, Michael Waugh, Katie Wilkinson

Youth issues - David Khachikian Val Douglass, Joe Wheatley
Financial matters - Malcolm Shield

CAFOD RESPONSE TO WORLD EMERGENCIES CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. For further information and/or to donate, please visit the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news> Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

FIRST STEPS - EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON-LINE

Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. Starts Wednesday 22 September at 7pm.

If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the [Online Enquiry Form](#) or email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

For full details, please see the attached poster.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) 2021-

2022 The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith and Catholic Education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation currently available to view on the Diocesan website: www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php

For further information, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocesan Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies in the **Diocesan Department for Education**:

1. **Senior Administrator - permanent, full-time.**
2. **Administrator (maternity cover), full-time.**

Closing date for applications for both positions is 2 September. For further information and details of how to apply please visit website www.rcdhn.org.uk/ or tel. 0191 243 3301.

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 or contact the Bereavement Support Team tel. 07732 980740. There are also some cards available at the back of church.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Green golden light transforms the darkness.
Scattered patterns dance forth like notes upon the still air.
Warmth gathers around like loving outstretched arms.
Stillness surrounds but with it gentleness,
bringing wholeness peace.
Dear Lord give us each that inner peace
of tranquil harmony.
May your love still the fears and pain
which invade our being.
Transform us with your healing light
that we may see the beauty which surrounds us
and feel the strength
of your outstretched hand of love.

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A Prayer to the Eternal God

Eternal God,
who are the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
and so to love you
that we may fully serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*St Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430 AD)
Feast Day 28 August*

First Reading*Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the leaders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, chose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 33:2-3. 16-23. R/v.9*

R/ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Second Reading*Ephesians 5:21-32*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless.

In the same way husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,

and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel*John 6:60-69*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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.