



Just like the shining dawn,  
Mary passes the heights of Heaven  
Like a splendid sun,  
Like a most beautiful moon.  
*St Peter Damian (1007 - 1072)*

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill  
St Mary ▪ Whickham  
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston**

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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**15 August 2021**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday & Friday between 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 2pm by email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.*

- **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](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 next page).*

Saturday 14 August <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 15 August</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Diane Elizabeth Johnson (ann.)
<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Geoff Taylor (dec.)
Monday 16 August		-	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 17 August	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Elizabeth Jukes (ann.)
Wednesday 18 August	-	-	Priest's Intention
Thursday 19 August <i>St Oswin</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Special Intention (AF)
Friday 20 August <i>St Bernard</i>	-	-	Ursula Purvis Kelly (ann.)
Saturday 21 August <i>Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral</i>			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 22 August</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Joseph Cobbing (dec.)
<b>Twenty First Sunday of the Year (B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Joseph Howstan (dec.)

*Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 20, Year 1*

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church Austin James Marshall*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Kath Airey, Raymond Deponio, 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 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@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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 [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 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](mailto: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, dried pasta, tinned meat (corned beef, pea 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, 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.

**DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST** Bishop Robert has announced the Year of the Eucharist will be celebrated in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and will be launched during Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 17 October 2021.

***The aims of the Year of the Eucharist are:***

To celebrate the Eucharist at the heart of the life and mission of the Church and to gather people back.

To grow as a Diocese in our love and appreciation of the Eucharist.

To deepen our appreciation of the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist through the rites.

To revitalise and renew our faith through a deepening prayer and devotion of the Eucharist.

To go out and serve the world through the nourishment of the Eucharist.

**The Year of the Eucharist will be celebrated in Episcopal Areas, Partnerships, Parishes and Schools and will provide a framework of prayer for the Diocese's participation in the first stage of the Synod called for by Pope Francis and to be held in 2023.**

**THE SYNOD 2023 will begin with a period of consultation and discernment from 17 October this year.** The Synod, which is entitled '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*', will involve consultation with all of the faithful across the world. For more information and the processes involved, please visit [www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/)

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN VACANCY** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:

**Cleaner**, St Matthew's, Jarrow. 6 hours per week. Closing date 17 August. For further information and details of how to apply please visit website [www.rcdhn.org.uk/or](http://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](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.

**Jen's Weekly Prayer**

Surrounded by silence the dawn creeps forth.  
She is the herald if reawakened hope.  
In times of deep darkness we sometimes feel that those  
first streaks will never cross the sky.  
We strain to catch the faintest bird song.  
May we place within your hands those  
dark and dawnless times when hope recedes.  
Reawaken us with your touch that we may be  
a gentle support to others.  
Free us from the burden of sleeplessness  
which heightens fear,  
Restore our sight to see the herald of hope as streaks  
across a sky once emblazoned with stars.  
May we rejoice and be reborn,  
feel the gentle glow of peace.

*Jen Jones © 2005*

**A Prayer in Honour of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God,  
We believe with all the fervour of our faith  
in your triumphal Assumption, both in body and soul,  
into heaven, where you are acclaimed as Queen  
by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of saints;  
and we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord  
who has exalted you above all other pure creatures,  
and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.  
We know that your gaze, which on earth watched over  
the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus,  
is filled in heaven with the vision of that  
Humanity glorified, and with the vision of  
Uncreated Wisdom; and that the joy of your soul  
in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity  
causes your heart to throb with overwhelming tenderness.  
And from this earth, over which we tread as pilgrims,  
comforted by our faith in the future resurrection,  
we look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope;  
draw us onward with the sweetness of your voice,  
that one day, after our exile, you may show us Jesus,  
the blessed Fruit of your womb,  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

*Pope Pius XII (1876 - 1958)*

**First Reading***Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalms 44:10-12. 16. R/v.10*

**R/ On your right stands the queen,  
in garments of gold.**

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.  
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.  
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:  
forget your own people and your father's house.
2. So will the king desire your beauty:  
He is your lord, pay homage to him.  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
they pass within the palace of the king.

**Second Reading***1 Corinthians 15:20-26*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Luke 1:39-56*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? From the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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.**

