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*James 2:17-18*

**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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**12 September 2021**

**Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year**

**Year B**

*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week 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.
- Remember that in the present circumstances, you are under no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays.
- 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.  
If you wish to attend The Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses, please 'book-in' (see next page).*

Saturday 11 September

**Vigil Mass** 5.30pm St Philip Neri Janice Errington (dec.)

**Sunday 12 September** 9.00am St Mary People of the Parish

**Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)** 10.30am Immaculate Heart Matthew Bullock (dec.)

**\*\*\* Please note there are no public weekday Masses this week. \*\*\***

Monday 13 September *St John Chrysostom*

Tuesday 14 September *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Wednesday 15 September *Our Lady of Sorrows*

Thursday 16 September *Ss Cornelius & Cyprian*

Friday 17 September

Saturday 18 September

**Vigil Mass** 5.30pm St Philip Neri People of the Parish

**Sunday 19 September** 9.00am St Mary Paul Elliott (dec.)

**Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)** 10.30am Immaculate Heart Private Intention

*Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 24, Year 1*

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church Sebastian Lancelot Maynard*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Kath Airey, Raymond Deponio, Julia Gill, Barney Hayes, Clare Jolly-Lingard, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, Kath Lee, 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 there are no public weekday Masses this week.\*\*\***

*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.*

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION** This Sunday 12 September is a Day of Special Prayer for those involved in Education. A collection will be taken at all Masses to support the work of the Catholic Education Service of England and Wales (if you have Planned Giving Envelopes, please use the purple envelope dated 12 September). Thank you. More information and resources for Education Sunday can be found on the Bishops' Conference website [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY** is next Sunday 19 September and a collection will be taken at all Masses (if you have Planned Giving Envelopes please use the purple envelope dated 19 September). Thank you.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION** is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to protect and advocate for God's creation.

The season starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Pope Francis has consistently shown prophetic leadership around the season. For three consecutive years, he has introduced the month-long celebration by inviting Catholics to join the global Christian family in praying and taking action for God's creation. For further information, please visit the Bishops' Conference website [www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/)



**GIFT FOR LIFE CALENDAR 2022 – SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS!** The time has finally arrived to submit your photos for the 2022 Gift for Life Calendar. Hopefully you have been taking pictures on the theme of 'The Changing Seasons' in readiness but, if not, you still have

time as entries can be submitted throughout September. Full details of the competition are set out on the parish website [www.theparish.org.uk](http://www.theparish.org.uk). All profits from the calendar go to our Gift for Life causes and it can't go ahead without your entries. It would be great to have more of our young people involved this time too. Please spread the word! Send entries to [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)

The Gift for Life group continues to meet 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)

**UPDATE - 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 most supermarkets are reluctant to let us buy in bulk so the following items will be very gratefully accepted.

**Items we REALLY NEED please:** tinned meat (mince, chilli, corned beef, PEK etc.), tuna, all vegetables (sweet corn, peas, carrots), kidney beans, chickpeas, custard, plain biscuits & sweets for the kids, washing powder.

**Items we currently have enough of thank you:** teabags, cereal & pasta.

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am-10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off then if they wish and please do come in to say 'Hello' and see what we're up to.

**Drop off points for donations of food or cash remain the same (and of course do feel free to bring items with you if you are coming to church for Mass):**

**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.

## RESIGNATION FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Christine Crawley, one of four Immaculate Heart Church's representatives on the PPC, has decided that the time has arrived to step back and resign from her current voluntary role on the Council.

Fr Peter would like to thank Christine for her valuable and greatly appreciated contributions in her role as representative of the parishioners at Immaculate Heart Church.

**Christine's resignation means there is now a vacancy for a representative from Immaculate Heart Church on the PPC** and an opportunity for an eager parishioner, who attends Immaculate Heart Church, to volunteer for this role which includes a commitment to attend meetings (usually bi-monthly), playing an active part in supporting Fr Peter and the whole parish in fulfilling the mission and maintenance of our parish community.

The remaining representatives from Immaculate Heart, who have already made this commitment, are Maveen Pereira, Wendy O'Reilly and Allan Bell - if you require clarification of what is actually involved, they will be able to offer some personal experience of what is required. Or please contact Katie Wilkinson (Chair) via email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com) or mobile 07837 386 760.

Please stop and seriously consider volunteering for this role - the position isn't onerous but very interesting as you begin to realise all that is required in operating a busy parish such as ours!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022** Two or three people are needed to attend a preparation meeting for the annual World Day of Prayer which takes place next March. The preparation day is on Saturday 9 October from 10am to 3pm at Brunswick Methodists Church, Newcastle. If you can attend, please contact Christine Norman to confirm your availability on tel. 07957 810471 or 0191 496 1876. Thank you.

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS** The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission is organising a Day of Reflection for Readers entitled 'Breaking the Word' on Saturday 9 October 2021, 10.30am - 3.30pm at Ushaw College, Durham. Registration and refreshments will be available from 10.00am on the day and a light lunch and tea and coffee will be provided. The cost of the day is £15 which will be paid by the parish. **If any of our Readers would like to attend, please contact the parish office, preferably by email ([stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk)), by Thursday 23 September.**

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission is organising a Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers entitled 'Called to the Supper of the Lamb' on Saturday 16 October or Saturday 30 October 2021, 10.30am - 3.30pm at Ushaw College, Durham. Registration and refreshments will be available from 10.00am on the day and a light lunch and tea and coffee will be provided. The cost of the day is £15 which will be paid by the parish. **If any of our Eucharistic Ministers would like to attend, please contact the parish office, preferably by email ([stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk)), by Thursday 30 September (for the day on 16 October), or by Thursday 14 October (for the day on 30 October).**

## 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)

**CATHEDRAL RCIA (Journey in Faith)** Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? Or are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Why not come along to the Cathedral RCIA group for a friendly introduction to the Catholic Faith. The new programme begins on Tuesday 21 September 2021, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm each Tuesday at Saint Marys Cathedral. If you are interested, please let Fr Peter know.

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

When pain and weariness of mind and heart  
weigh heavily upon us  
help us to have the deep insight to look outwards  
and see the joy of nature around us.  
May we have the power to find laughter within us  
even when times are rough  
and the road is strewn with boulders  
and unsafe places for our feet to tread.  
The beauty of the seasons can bring us  
their special touch of love and renewal  
as they too grow through each of their journeys  
of renewal and rebirth.  
Guide us that we may see the love within those  
who offer to share our journey as your love.  
Love strengths and calms when darkness surrounds us  
it is the light which illustrates our way.

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### Prayer for the Care of Creation

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth  
from the work of Your hands.  
We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.  
In our ignorance we have done damage  
to our common home  
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.  
Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.  
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty  
of the universe, for all things speak of You.  
Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect  
all You have created,  
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.  
Holy Spirit,  
who first hovered over the dawn of creation  
and drew order out of the chaos,  
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love,  
peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.  
You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

**First Reading***Isaiah 50:5-9*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 114:1-6. 8-9. R/v.9*

***R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.***

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him.
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me!
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me.
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

**Second Reading***James 2:14-18*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Galatians 6:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 8:27-35*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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.**