



'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.' *Mark 10:25*

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year

Year B

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 this week Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10am - 2pm by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.

- **PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR THREE CHURCHES** *Following recent changes announced by Bishop Robert concerning Covid-19 Restrictions in our churches, please see notice 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 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.

Please note there are no public weekday Masses this week.

Saturday 9 October *St John Henry Newman*

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Allan John Smith (ann.)
Sunday 10 October	9.00am	St Mary	Joe & Bernard Oxley (dec.)
Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants

Monday 11 October *Pope St John XXIII*

Tuesday 12 October *St Wilfrid*

Wednesday 13 October *St Edward*

Thursday 14 October

Friday 15 October *St Teresa of Avila*

Saturday 16 October

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 17 October	9.00am	St Mary	Vincent Porter (ann.) & The Porter Family
Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Payne (ann.)

Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 28, Year 1

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church Kyara & Ruben Carvalho Furtado

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, Freya and Neave Ruddick, 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).

Diocesan COVID Controls from 18/19 September

Having taken both clergy and lay advice, Bishop Robert has issued updated guidance for the safe use of our churches. The decisions outlined below have been made giving consideration to the following points:

- the increasing local infection rate
- the increasing number of hospital admissions
- the reducing efficacy of the vaccine
- the slowing uptake of the vaccine in the 18-30 age range
- Health officials in the region have advised that maintaining COVID control measures such as social distancing and face coverings throughout the autumn/winter period will be vital to controlling COVID infections

The current arrangements will be reviewed again at the beginning of November against the data and guidance available at that time.

To read the statement from Bishop Robert in full, please visit www.rcdhn.org.uk or click [here](#).

Until further notice, arrangements for our three churches will be as follows:

- Stewards will continue for the time being
- Hand sanitiser will continue to be offered as you enter and leave church
- Face masks are recommended to be worn whilst in church
- Social distancing will be reduced to 1 metre (minimum) between households/bubbles
- Booking-in for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses is no longer required
- Test, track & trace system is no longer required
- Altar Servers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers may resume their ministries
- Hymn books and Mass cards may be used
- Congregational singing may resume (N.B. face masks should be worn whilst singing)
- The Sign of Peace remains suspended for the time being
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one kind and at the normal time during Mass (i.e. before the Concluding Prayer and Blessing)
- If anyone would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession, please speak to Fr Peter

For the most recent guidance published by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) on 15 July and the Government on 16 July, please follow the links below:

[CBCEW-COVID-Step-4-Guidance-150721b.pdf](#)

[COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

If you would like to join our group of dedicated volunteer stewards, please contact Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

SYNOD 2021-2023 - WHERE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK?

Pope Francis and the Synod Office in Rome are inviting the whole Church to become *Synodal*. We are invited to journey together, listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of the people we meet. The whole Synod will be a two-year process beginning in every diocese in October 2021 and moving on to a national then international listening exercise. For further information, please visit the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST Bishop Robert Byrne will open our Diocesan *Year of the Eucharist* at the Synod Opening Mass to be celebrated next Sunday 17 October.

In this Year of the Eucharist we hope to:

- **Revitalise** and renew our faith through a deepening prayer and devotion of the Eucharist.
- **Grow** as a Diocese in our love and appreciation of the Eucharist.
- **Deepen** our appreciation of the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist through the rites.
- **Celebrate** Eucharist as being at the heart of the life and mission of the Church, gathering people back.
- **Go out** to love and serve the world nourished by the Eucharist.

Various events, invitations, publications and resources will be available throughout this coming year and can be accessed on the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk

CONSULTATION LETTER Please see below a link to the St Mary's School, Whickham website which contains the consultation documents for the proposed conversion of the school to Academy status:

<http://www.whickhamstmarys.org.uk/news/consultation-on-the-conversion-to-academy-status-of-st-marys-rc-primary-school>.

Responses or queries can be addressed to the school via the school email address:

stmarysprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk

and please note, consultation closes at 3pm on Friday 15 October (this is all outlined in the letter).

GOOD NEWS - A NEW IMMACULATE HEART PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE! Ann Short has very generously stepped up to fill the vacancy at Immaculate Heart Church. The Parish is very grateful to Ann for volunteering her time and commitment, she's very welcome and will make a valuable contribution to the PPC.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT Our Foodbank really needs YOU! We have a very regular cohort of amazing parishioners who either donate food or money each week. **This appeal is to ALL parishioners - even if you can only donate one or two items it will make such a huge difference to our continued support to a number of vulnerable families in our own area.** We follow the Trussell Trust guidance for the items we provide, please click on the link for more details - <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-parcel/>

Items we REALLY NEED please:

Pasta, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, potatoes, tomatoes, meat, custard, rice pudding, washing powder, toothpaste, antiperspirant, & sweets for the kids.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags:

Squash, tea, coffee, cereal, tinned fruit, soup, baked beans, chickpeas, kidney beans, sugar, female hygiene products, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, cooking oil, biscuits, toilet roll, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, kitchen roll, etc.

Thank you!

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. You can also drop items off whenever you attend church. Any queries, please contact Katie Wilkinson 1 Mayfield, Whickham either via mobile 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@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.

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 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 this day, please contact the parish office, preferably by email (stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk), by Thursday 14 October.**

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

In a sea of pearlised rainbow colours
the orb of gold shone forth its light of night.
Surrounded by soft purple coloured clouds
spread like exquisite silken fabric gently swaying in the
distant horizon ethereal green clouds floated.
These exquisite sights delight and strength us.
They show us that although we cannot touch
this ethereal phenomenon we are witnessing
we can truly enjoy the pure beauty of this masterpiece
and rejoice in the wonders before us.
Filled with the joy of our experience
we can cherish and share the moment
appreciating too how fleeting these moments can be
yet the depth of their wonder is everlasting.
Help us to take these sacred moments
some anticipated and many unexpected
and cherish and share them
knowing they are signs of love light and hope
to support us in our moments of darkness.

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**Prayer on the Canonisation of Pope John XXIII
27 April 2014**

Dear Pope John,

Your simplicity and meekness carried the scent of God
and sparked in people's hearts the desire for goodness.

You spoke often of the beauty of the family
gathered around the table to share bread and faith:
pray for us that once again true families
would live in our homes.

With outstretched hands you sowed hope,
and you taught us to listen for God's footsteps
as he prepares a new humanity: help us have
a healthy optimism of defeating evil with good.

You loved the world with its light and darkness,
and you believed that peace is possible: help us be
instruments of peace at home and in our communities.
With paternal gentleness you gave all children a caress:

you moved the world and reminded us
that hands have been given to us not for striking,
but for embracing and drying tears.

Pray for us so that we do not limit ourselves
to cursing the darkness but that we bring the light,
bringing Jesus everywhere
and always praying to Mary.

Amen.

*The Feast of Pope St John XXIII is celebrated
on Monday 11 October.*

First Reading*Wisdom 7:7-11*

I prayed and understanding was given me;
 I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
 I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
 compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
 I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
 for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
 and beside her silver ranks as mud.
 I loved her more than health or beauty,
 preferred her to the light,
 since her radiance never sleeps.
 In her company all good things came to be,
 at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 89:12-17. R/v.14***R/ Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.**

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
 Show pity to your servants.
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Give us joy to balance our affliction
 for the years when we knew misfortune.
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
 let your glory shine on their children.
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading*Hebrews 4:12-13*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Matthew 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 How happy are the poor in spirit;
 theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 10:17-27*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for 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.