



For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' Mark 10:45

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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Twenty Ninth 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 Tuesday - 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** For current arrangements 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 public weekday Masses this week are on Tuesday and Friday as indicated below.*

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.)
Monday 18 October <i>St Luke</i>			
Tuesday 19 October	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased of the Corrigan Family
Wednesday 20 October			
Thursday 21 October	11.15am	Immaculate Heart	Funeral Service – Michael Douglas Hickford RIP
Friday 22 October <i>St John Paul II</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Bernadette & John Lott (ann.)
Saturday 23 October			
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 24 October	9.00am	St Mary	Lawrence Regan (ann.)
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Tony, Cecilia & Raymond McCusker (ann.)
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>			

*Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 29, Year 1
This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Louie Graham into the Family of the Church*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Michael Douglas Hickford who died recently and whose Funeral Service will be held on Thursday 21 October at 11.15am at Immaculate Heart Church, followed by Cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/media/150721b/cbcew-covid-step-4-guidance-150721b.pdf)

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

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

AND

THE DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

SYNOD 2021-2023

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 will mark the opening of our *Diocesan Year of the Eucharist* and the Synod 2021-2023 this Sunday 17 October during the celebration of 6.30pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. You are invited to view the Mass on St Mary's Cathedral [YouTube Channel](#).

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Next Sunday 24 October is World Mission Sunday, a Day of Special Prayer for the Evangelisation of the World and Pope Francis invites us to contribute to a special collection for *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission. Envelopes will be available and/or you can contribute via the *Missio* website www.missio.org.uk

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 3 November. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives: Immaculate Heart - Allen Bell, Ann Short*, 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

*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: UHT milk, tinned sweet corn, peas, tomatoes, meat, custard, rice pudding, gravy granules, washing powder, toothpaste, anti-perspirant, & sweets for the kids.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: squash, tea, coffee, biscuits, 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 - and a special thank you to St Mary's School for their recent food donations.

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.

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022 Preparations are beginning for the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which will take place from Friday 29 July - Friday 5 August 2022.

To aid the planning stages, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July 2022 and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the smooth running of the Pilgrimage. Please contact lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk for an 'expression of interest' form.

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

Spread like dark lace across soft
yet deep almost translucent light
the branches sway and commence
their balletic evening dance.

With gracious ease they sway and turn
in harmony and joy.

With ease they continue their gentle dance
each in time with the other connected yet independent.
Nestled within these swaying wonders are many creatures
who share this natural habitat, welcomed, accepted.

Help us to be open to our rhythm of dance
and offer the hand of welcome
as we play our part in the greatest dance of all
our shared lives, our blessings our struggles,
knowing we are constantly enveloped in love
to give and to receive in unity with each other.

Jen Jones @ October 2021

The Synod Prayer - Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,

conscious of our sinfulness,

but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will,

to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power,

for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all:

enable us to uphold the rights of others;

do not allow us to be misled by ignorance

or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love

and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name

may we temper justice with love,

so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you

and earn the reward promised

to good and faithful servants. Amen.

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with this prayer 'Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus', the first words of the original Latin, meaning, 'We stand before You, Holy Spirit', which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace the Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

First Reading*Isaiah 53:10-11*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him
what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R/v.22*

**R/ May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading*Hebrews 4:14-16*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 10:45*

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 10:35-45*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' they replied, 'We can,' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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.