



Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Entrance Antiphon for Mass of All Saints

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

31 October 2021

All Saints

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.diocesehn.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 Thursday as indicated below.*

Saturday 30 October <i>The Martyrs of Douai College</i>			
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Leo Smith (ann.)
Sunday 31 October	9.00am	St Mary	Margaret & William Crilly (dec.)
All Saints	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 1 November			
Tuesday 2 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	For the Faithful Departed
<i>The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>			
Wednesday 3 November			
Thursday 4 November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Special Intention (TJ)
Friday 5 November			
Saturday 6 November			
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Rose Leach (dec.)
Sunday 7 November	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Thirty Second Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	John & Nancy Mulligan (ann.)

Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 31, Year 1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Bryan Lawrence Quinn who has died recently. 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

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.diocesehn.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

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.diocesehn.org.uk

DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

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.diocesehn.org.uk

CLERGY TRAINING FUND This weekend 30/31 October there will be a collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund (the Fund will remain open until Sunday 21 November). There are envelopes at the back of church for any donations you may wish to Gift Aid.

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NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE November is the traditional time of remembering and praying for the Holy Souls. As we tentatively emerge from the restrictions resulting from Covid-19, it is particularly appropriate that we devote November this year to remembering all who have died during the time of the pandemic due to Covid-19 or from other causes. So, for the month of November, each parish is being invited to prepare a Book of Remembrance which will include the names of those who have died during the pandemic, and also to celebrate a Parish Requiem Mass for all those named in the book. **If you would like to include the name(s) of anyone who has died during the pandemic in our Parish Book of Remembrance, please write their names on the lists which are available at the back of our three churches from this weekend.** Later in the month, we are invited to take our Parish Book of Remembrance to the Cathedral in preparation for Saturday 27 November when Bishop Robert will preside at a Solemn Requiem Mass in the Cathedral at 11.00am for all those throughout the Diocese who have died. Clergy, religious and lay people from across the Diocese are warmly invited to take part in this Mass.

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EMMAUS CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME Pupils in Year 9 and above are invited to register for this year's preparation programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The programme will begin with a Welcome/Information evening on Tuesday 9 November, 6.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Shibdon Road, Blaydon, NE21 5AE. To register to take part in the programme, please contact Julie Hindmarsh, Parish Secretary for Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish, tel. 0191 460 4274 or email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk and please provide the following information: child's full name, school year and pastoral class, school attended, parent's or carer's name, relationship to child, parish or church name, contact email & contact telephone number. Thank you.

LAUNCH OF LOVE CHRISTMAS - Food Hampers and Gifts
Thank you to everyone who turned up at the *Love Christmas* meeting held on Wednesday 27 October. Some amazing ideas, suggestions and a number of proposed dates were discussed. Look out for more information next weekend on ways you can become involved, contribute and make Christmas special for families who are struggling. Our next *Love Christmas* meeting will be Wednesday 17 November, 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church - all welcome.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT Our Foodbank really needs YOU! 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, toilet rolls, tinned carrots, peas, custard, rice pudding, washing powder, toothpaste, biscuits & 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, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, kitchen roll etc.

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

THANK YOU TO ST MARY'S SCHOOL A couple of weeks ago, Mr Wheatley and his staff introduced an ongoing 'Support the Parish Foodbank & Refugee Project' initiative within school. Pupils and their families were invited to donate food items that the Foodbank hands out on a regular weekly basis. Their generous haul was collected on Wednesday 13 October and taken to Immaculate Heart Church ready to be distributed on Thursday 14 October. The generosity of the pupils and families will make a significant difference to the support the parish provides to struggling families in our parish and to Refugees. The outreach work being undertaken by our young parishioners is an incredible inspiration to us all. THANK YOU!



GIFT FOR LIFE 2022 CALENDAR
Unfortunately, due to the limited number of entrants, the *Gift for Life* Group has decided that it will not be feasible to produce a calendar this year. We are considering running the competition again next year with the same theme - 'The Changing Seasons'. Let us know what you think.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS The silver lining is that if you're not buying a calendar you will have more to spend on some lovely **Christmas tree ornaments** we will be selling on behalf of *Gift for Life* as we get nearer to the festive season – watch this space! Another bit of good news is that your ongoing generosity has enabled us to send £1,800 recently to each of our two main projects in Kenya and Balaama Satram in India to provide much needed support and new developments.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- **Administrator, Vicariate for Faith & Mission**
Permanent, full-time. Closing date for applications - 1 November
- **Cleaner, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle**
16 hours per week, permanent. Closing date for applications - 7 November

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

An act of love can be but a single word.
It is the tone, the look which communicates.
With love there is breath, there is life.
A touch, a smile, a word, how simple yet how difficult.
We do not always know who will take comfort
from our actions or words.
Help us to remember how it feels to glow in the touch,
the word, the smile of another person.
You give us more than one form of love.
You give us each other, the animals, the beauty
and the aridness of the world in which we live.
The resting tree is still a force of majesty and life.
In springtime it is clothed in a greener mantle
bringing new life.
Each phase each beginning is a gift of love.
Help us to share with each other these new beginnings.
May we stop, truly look and see enjoy the silence
and hear the gentle murmuring of life around us,
flowing water, bees, birds swaying leaves.
Enable us to make a commitment to nurture, cherish,
love each other, ourselves, and our weary planet,
by our words and actions
filled with gratitude hope and peace.

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Liturgy of the Word

All Saints Day

First Reading

Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 23:1-6. R/cf. v.6

R/ Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refuses to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown to them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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.