



The Prophet Elijah and the widow of Sidon (see today's first reading, I Kings 17:10-16)

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

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill  
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**7 November 2021**

**Thirty Second 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](mailto: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](http://www.diocesehn.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.

*Please note public weekday Masses this week are on Tuesday and Thursday as indicated below.*

Saturday 6 November			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Rose Leach (dec.)
<b>Sunday 7 November</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Thirty Second Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	John & Nancy Mulligan (ann.)
Monday 8 November			
Tuesday 9 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Matty Bullock (dec.)
<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>			
Wednesday 10 November			<i>St Leo the Great</i>
Thursday 11 November	9.30am	St Mary	Catherine and Elizabeth Wilson (dec.)
Friday 12 November	10.30am	St Philip Neri	Funeral Service - Joseph Hewson RIP
Friday 12 November			<i>St Josaphat</i>
Saturday 13 November			
<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 14 November</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Paul Elliott (dec.)
<b>Thirty Third Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Matty Bullock (dec.)
Remembrance Sunday			

*Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 32, Year 1*

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church Thomas Jesse Wheatley*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Joseph Hewson and Bryan Lawrence Quinn who died recently. The Funeral Service for Joseph Hewson will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November at St Philip Neri Church at 10.30am followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for Bryan Lawrence Quinn will be on Monday 15 November at St Philip Neri Church at 12 noon followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May they 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

#### **A message from Fr Peter:**

*Last weekend we began our time of reflection and listening as a parish community, responding to Pope Francis' invitation to the Universal Church to engage in the Synod. The purpose of this time is to listen to the gift of the Holy Spirit speaking in our hearts as we continue our journey of faith as the Church amidst the joys and sorrows of our time. If you didn't take one of the Synod leaflets which were made available last weekend, please pick up one today and then take the opportunity to gently reflect on the questions in the leaflet, being attentive to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. Please return the leaflets next weekend 13/14 November. Thank you.*

#### **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](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

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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 on Tuesday 23 November at 9.30am in Immaculate Heart Church. 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 a date yet to be confirmed but provisionally on Tuesday 23 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](mailto: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.

**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:** crisps, UHT milk, toilet rolls, sugar, tinned carrots, custard, rice pudding, washing powder, feminine hygiene items, 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, cooking oil, female hygiene products, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, kitchen roll etc.

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am-10.30am so you can drop donations off then or whenever you attend church. Any queries, please contact Katie Wilkinson 1 Mayfield, Whickham either via mobile 07837 386760 or email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

**LOVE CHRISTMAS 2021 - GET INVOLVED!** Every Christmas the parish offers support to those in need at Christmas. This year we intend to continue with this invaluable outreach work but under the umbrella/new name of **Love Christmas** which is an ecumenical UK charity.

The parish would like to repeat last year's effort of supplying Christmas food hampers and presents to all recipients of the weekly Foodbank plus Brigitte Jones is going to restart the **Angel Tree** Project (you may remember that last year's surplus donated toys were given to The Salvation Army) and **Gift for Life** intend to sell handmade Christmas decorations to help with their ongoing fund raising (dates to be announced).

So how can you become involved? At the back of church there will be a list of special food items for the hampers for you to donate (there'll be a box at the back of each church for these donations) - buy a gift for one of the 40 children aged between 2-20 who receive weekly Foodbank bags (please leave these gifts unwrapped); you can opt to take a tag from the Angel Tree and donate a gift (this gift will need to be wrapped ready to go); or finally you can buy some new Christmas decorations and support **Gift for Life**. Details and dates will follow regarding the sale of handmade Christmas decorations.

However or whatever way you chose to commit to this year's **Love Christmas** project, someone, somewhere, will be benefiting this Christmas season and will be truly grateful.

Some tips:

- You could perhaps spread your commitment by encouraging the whole family to participate in a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' - every day place an item in a bag (empty bags are available at the back of each church); ideas will be suggested on your 'Reverse Advent Calendar' sheets - it soon mounts up, then hand the bag in by the end of the first week in December.
- At the back of each church there's a food list of special items for the hampers - extras will be available please take one - food items to be handed in by the end of the first week of December please (there'll be a box at the back of each church for these donations).
- At the back of each church there is a list of children with gender and age for the Foodbank recipients - please cross off a child if you choose from this list.
- If you are isolating or would prefer someone else to shop, then please feel free to donate cash.

Also, at the back of church there will be a list for gift suggestions for older children (as they are always the ones most difficult to buy for) - please feel free to add ideas of your own to this list to help others.

The next **Love Christmas** group meeting is **Wednesday 17 November, 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church**. If you'd like to be involved please come along - you'd be most welcome.

**First Reading***1 Kings 17:10-16*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
Rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 145:7-10. R/v.2*

***R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.***

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**Second Reading***Hebrews 9:24-28*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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 12:38-44*

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasure and watched the people putting money into the treasure, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasure; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.' 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.**

**Jen's Weekly Prayer**

Rings in the trunk of trees show their age, tell their story.  
These wonderful specimens of nature  
communicate with each other.

The growth of our relationships are like these rings  
these systems of communication they too tell our stories.  
Throughout our lives we have many and varied relationships  
shared and treasured times.

We will have watered these relationships with compassion,  
listening, hearing, trusting, valuing each other and letting go.  
It is the strength of our acceptance of the true knowledge that it  
is love the invisible fragile bond  
which enfolds but does not bind.

It is love which allows us to be parted even permanently  
yet is still alive through our loving shared memories.  
Each adds to the other all of that garnered knowledge  
to give us strength.

It is the beam which provides light in the darkness  
comfort in sadness, the glorious healing continuum of love.

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