



Jesus replied [to Pilate] 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world.... I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

*Cf. John 18:36.37*

## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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**21 November 2021**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ The King**

**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 20 November

<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21 November</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Brenda Rebecca Robson (ann.)
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ The King</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Freddy Bambrough (dec.)

Youth Sunday

Monday 22 November *St Cecilia*

Tuesday 23 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Requiem Mass for those who have died during the Pandemic
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Wednesday 24 November *St Andrew Dung-Lac*

Thursday 25 November	9.30am	St Mary	Deceased Members & Friends of the Cunningham Family
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Friday 26 November

Saturday 27 November

<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 28 November</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Priest's Intention
<b>First Sunday of Advent (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Geoff Taylor (dec.)

*Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 34, Year 1*

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church Tanaka Mark Muchabaiwa*

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please remember in your prayers George Turnbull who died recently and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am on Friday 10 December at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** 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, 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)

**BISHOP ROBERT PARISH VISITATION** Next weekend 27/28 November we look forward to welcoming Bishop Robert who will be celebrating the Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses with us.

### 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:**

*We have now begun 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. The second in our series of leaflets is now available so if you didn't take one last weekend, please take one this weekend 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 by next weekend 27/28 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)

**WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY** This weekend 20/21 November we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King and World Youth Sunday when the Church across the globe reflects on the gift of young people and offers our prayers and support as we accompany them on their faith journey. Here in the Diocese, the Youth Ministry Team (YMT) provides a variety of opportunities to support our young people. Check out YMT on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and the website [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) **There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend to support YMT** or you can text to donate - text **Youth10** to **70500** to donate £10.

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**NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** 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 which we will celebrate on Tuesday 23 November at 9.30am in Immaculate Heart Church. If you have not yet done so, and 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 **this weekend** on the lists which are available at the back of our three churches. Following our Parish Requiem Mass, the Parish Book of Remembrance will be taken 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.

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**FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT** 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:**  
 crisps, UHT milk, tinned hot dogs, meatballs, peas, fruit, custard, rice pudding, dried long grain rice, feminine hygiene products, biscuits & sweets for the kids.  
**Other items we put into the weekly food bags:**  
 squash, tea, coffee, biscuits, cereal, tinned tomatoes, soup, baked beans, potatoes, mince, stewing steak, corned beef, tuna, sugar, tomato purée, cooking oil, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, toilet rolls, 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)

**INDIVIDUAL CHRISTMAS CARDS** (and others) are now available to purchase from Immaculate Heart & St Mary's churches. Boxed cards will be available at St Mary's by next weekend if not already there today. Please refrain from touching any items unnecessarily and when making purchases from our stalls, please sanitise your hands before looking, and after purchase, to help keep each other safe. Your support is greatly appreciated as each purchase made helps support our parish.

**EMMAUS CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME** The Welcome Session is confirmed as **Tuesday 23 November at 6.30 pm at St. Joseph's Community Centre, Shibdon Road, Blydon NE21 5AE**. This session is for candidates and parents, although due to restrictions on capacity, we do ask that only one parent attend.



**GIFT FOR LIFE UPDATES** Some lovely Christmas Tree ornaments are being sold on behalf of *Gift for Life* commencing next weekend 27/28 November at each of our three churches or by getting in touch via [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)

Full details and prices are available on the parish website. We have heard from both Sr Vicky in Kenya and Mary Skaag on behalf of Balamma Satram, India, thanking the parish for the generous donations of £1800 to each. Mary's letter indicates 'The project is forever grateful for your continued support. Although Fr. Sarves is no longer with us, a new parish priest from the Amagampalli parish celebrates Mass twice a week for all the Balamma Satram benefactors.' The *Gift for Life* group meets monthly by Zoom with our next meeting on Thursday 9 December at 7pm. If you would like to attend or find out more please contact us via [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT LOVE CHRISTMAS UPDATE** Brilliant news from Brigitte Jones - it's time for our ANGEL TREE! Please see note below from Brigitte.

We are also still collecting for the Foodbank recipients - gifts, for the children, and food items for the hampers.

- At the back of each church there's a food list of special items for the hampers - extras are available, please take one. Please hand all food items in by **the weekend of 11/12 December** - there's a box at the back of each church for these donations.
- There's a list of the Foodbank children's gender and age. Once you have chosen a name, please cross it off the list. N.B. These gifts do not require wrapping and must be handed in by **the weekend of 11/12 December** - please leave these at the back of each church.
- We appreciate some parishioners are still isolating or perhaps would prefer someone else to shop - please feel free to donate cash and volunteers will shop on your behalf.

Older children are always the most difficult to buy for. At the back of church you will find a list of gift suggestions for older children. We ask all parishioners to please add any ideas of your own to this list to help others.

Some amazing parishioners have already volunteered to meet at **Immaculate Heart Church at 10am & 6.30pm on Wednesday 15 December** to wrap and pack hampers - if you'd like to help please come along.

**ANGEL TREE APPEAL 2021** A message from Brigitte Jones "On the Feast of Christ The King (20/21 November), the Angel Trees will appear in our three churches. Most of you will know that the labels that are hung on the trees bear the name of a child at risk of not receiving a Christmas present. I ask that those of you who can afford it will take a label, buy a gift and return it to one of our three churches by Sunday 12 December. If anyone wants to buy a gift but is unable to shop, please give the money to me and I will shop for you. Any money given that is over and above the amount needed for gifts will be used to make up food parcels for the most needy families. Please return all gifts by **Sunday 12 December 2021**. Please also remember to involve your own children whenever possible."

**First Reading***Daniel 7:13-14*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
 And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
 one like a son of man.  
 He came to the one of great age  
 and was led into his presence.  
 On him was conferred sovereignty,  
 glory and kingship,  
 and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
 became his servants.  
 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
 which shall never pass away,  
 nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 92:1-2. 5. R/ v.1***R/ The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
 the Lord has robed himself with might,  
 he has girded himself with power.
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
 your throne has stood firm from of old.  
 From all eternity, O Lord, you are.
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
 Holiness is fitting to your house.  
 O Lord, until the end of time.

**Second Reading***Apocalypse 1:5-8 10-11-14. 18*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation***Mark 11:9. 10*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel***John 18:33-37*

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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****Christ the King - Youth Sunday**

Stars gleam and glow spreading their cascade of beauty  
 across a velvet backdrop.  
 Their spectacular light is captivating, calming,  
 fragile yet infinite.  
 They transport us to a higher place  
 our gift of a glimpse beyond.  
 Our young people are our stars our gift with us  
 in this moment.  
 They are loving, caring, questioning, challenging,  
 committed to the care of others our planet to justice.  
 We are asked to walk with them as they take their steps  
 into unknown worlds as the stars transport us  
 into a different aspect of our universe.  
 These precious gifts are ours to nurture and to cherish  
 help us to be their gentle guardians  
 as they travel their many unknown roads ahead.  
 Enable us to value their unique individuality  
 shelter them with love and rejoice in their blessings  
 and watch them shine in the giving of themselves.

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