



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Whickham
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston

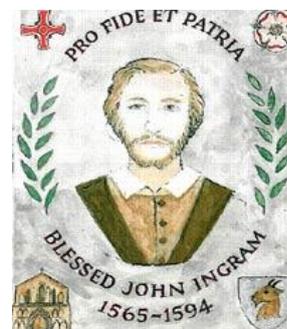
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They found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions, and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. Luke 2:46-47

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be on annual leave this week, returning to the office on Tuesday 4 January 2022. She will be available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery on Tuesday 4 January & Friday 7 January 10am-2pm and can also be contacted Tuesday 4 January - Friday 7 January, 10am - 2pm by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.

Sunday 26 December 2021

The Feast of the Holy Family

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Saturday 25 December

Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

9.30am

St Philip Neri

Gerard and Kathleen Cailey (dec.)

N.B.

No Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

Sunday 26 December

The Feast of the Holy Family

9.00am

St Mary

People of the Parish

10.30am

Immaculate Heart

Michael Short (ann.)

Monday 27 December *St John*

Tuesday 28 December *The Holy Innocents*

Wednesday 29 December *St Thomas Becket*

Thursday 30 December

9.30am

St Mary

George Turnbull (dec.)

Friday 31 December

Saturday 1 January

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

10.00am

Immaculate Heart

Private Intention (AB)

N.B.

No Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

Sunday 2 January

Second Sunday after Christmas

9.00am

St Mary

People of the Parish

10.30am

Immaculate Heart

Private Intention (AMcP)

Readings at Mass this week: Octave of Christmas

Please note there is no Saturday Evening Vigil Mass at St Philip Neri Church on Saturday 25 December and Saturday 1 January

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Iona Philomena Ghent and Fr Richard (Dick) Harriott who have died recently. May they 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).



Fr Peter wishes you and your families all the joys and blessings of the Christmas season. He also thanks you for your cards and gifts which he very much appreciates.

First Reading*Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as a reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 127:1-5. R/ cf. v.1*

**Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

Second Reading*Colossians 3:12-21*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Colossians 3:15, 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
Let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 2:41-52*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him; and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family.
Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother,
nourish our family with your faith and your love.
Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.
JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary,
keep our family safe from harm.

Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.
HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you.
Help us to be instruments of peace.

Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier
than all the weaknesses and trials
through which our families sometimes pass.

May we always have God at the centre of our hearts
and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace
in our true home with you. Amen.