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1 Corinthians 12:4

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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Second Sunday of the Year

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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.

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- 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

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

Saturday 15 January	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 January	9.00am	St Mary	Joe & Bernard Oxley (ann.)
Second Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	80 th Birthday (AT)
Monday 17 January <i>St Anthony</i>			
Tuesday 18 January	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	For the intentions of Simon Turnbull
Wednesday 19 January			
Thursday 20 January	11.45am	St Mary	Requiem Mass - Sarah Gladston RIP
Friday 21 January <i>St Agnes</i>			
Saturday 22 January	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 23 January	9.00am	St Mary	Maurice & Eileen Flynn (dec.)
Third Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Brian Rutledge (dec.)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.00am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart Church

Readings at Mass this week: Week 2 Year 2

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Joseph William Reed into the Family of the Church.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Sarah Gladston who has died recently. May she 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).

Current Diocesan COVID Controls

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
- maintaining COVID control measures such as social distancing and face coverings throughout the autumn/winter period will be vital to controlling COVID infections

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 coverings are compulsory whilst in church (unless you have an exemption)**
- **Social distancing of 1 metre (minimum) between households/bubbles should be observed at all times**
- Test, track & trace system is still recommended. To facilitate this, there is a poster on display in each church with the church's QR code which can be scanned using the NHS COVID-19 app (to download the app to your mobile phone, visit www.covid19.nhs.uk). Otherwise, please provide your name and contact details to one of the stewards as you arrive at church
- Booking-in for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses 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 should be received on the hand
- 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) and the Government, 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)

www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do

If you would like to join our group of dedicated volunteer stewards, please contact Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

THE NORTHERN CROSS The January edition of the *Northern Cross* is now on sale at the back of church, price £1.50.

There are also copies of **The Northern Catholic Calendar 2022** available, price £3.00.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) Time and venue to be arranged. 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

RED MISSION BOXES are now due to be emptied in all three churches. Boxes or the contents in a labelled envelope can be brought to church and given to Denise Hebron at St Philip Neri, Kathleen Cunningham at St Mary's Church and Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart of Mary or left at the back of church if Lilian is unavailable. If you wish to donate directly to *Missio* you can do this by the *Missio* website: <https://missio.org.uk/donate>. Cheques payable to: Missio-Mill Hill and sent to: Red Box, Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU.



Gift for Life – A big thank you!

Many thanks to all those who purchased Christmas decorations in aid of *Gift for Life* recently. Your efforts led to £848 of sales and donations. All profits will go directly into the projects our parish supports -

and the angels we have left will make another appearance next year!

At our most recent *Gift for Life* Zoom meeting we were delighted to be joined by Sr Vicky from Kenya and Mary Skaarg who represents the Balamma Satram project in India. They provided an update on how they are using donations from our Parish and both asked us to pass on their thanks to everyone for their generosity. Sr Vicky commented on the strength of the partnership with our parish saying 'Together we have brought quality to the lives of the poor and desperate', while Mary passed on thanks from the Sisters of the Carmelite Community who now look after the many vulnerable, homeless aged guests and orphan children at Balamma Satram. A copy of a letter from the Sisters is available on the home page of the parish website.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE The overall general stock is low following a busy Christmas. Every week we follow the Trussell Trust guidance for the items we provide, please click on the link below for more details -

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-parcel/>

Items we REALLY NEED please and thank you (stocks of tinned produce are low): tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, tomatoes, soup, baked beans, all vegetables, potatoes, chickpeas, kidney beans, mince, stewing steak, corned beef & tuna, long grain rice, dried chickpeas, UHT Milk, cereal, tomato purée, cooking oil, feminine hygiene & laundry powder/gel, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, toilet rolls, kitchen roll.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: antiperspirant, jam, hotdogs, meatballs, tea, coffee, squash, sugar, biscuits, sweets, pasta, pasta sauce, toothpaste.

Every Thursday volunteers are in church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off here if they wish - please come in to say 'Hello' and see what we're up to. Any queries please contact Katie Wilkinson, 1 Mayfield, Whickham either via mobile 07837 386 760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

DIOCESAN VACANCY The Diocese is looking to appoint a **Health and Safety Officer** to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This will include, but is not limited to, ensuring that all Diocesan personnel are kept safe and that Diocesan properties and projects, and the associated activities are safe and without risk as far as is reasonably practicable. Full-time, permanent.

Closing date for applications – Thursday 27 January.

For further information and details of how to apply, please visit the diocesan website www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact 0191 243 3301.

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.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER If you have any items for the newsletter, please either email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 12 noon on Thursday 20 January**. Thank you.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Deep white golden light shot
with radiant colours
of intensity and depth transform the sky.
A tangible radiance reaches out across the space.
Warmth and infinite strength
are the twin arms which enfold.
Their beauty transcends, bringing hope of new life.
You are present in that infinite source of light.
Visible, yet invisible, strengthening calming.
You are the promise of transcending hope to new
awakenings bringing healing, bringing peace.
May we be open to the new light
which is seen yet invisible
The precious opportunities for rebirth
and the wisdom to use them wisely.

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First Reading*Isaiah 62:1-5*

About Zion I will not be silent.
 about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
 until her integrity shines out like the dawn
 and her salvation flames like a torch.
 The nations then will see your integrity,
 all the kings your glory,
 and you will be called by a new name,
 one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
 You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
 a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
 no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
 nor you land 'Abandoned',
 but you shall be called 'My Delight'
 and your land 'The Wedded';
 for the Lord takes delight in you
 and your land will have its wedding.
 Like a young man marrying a virgin,
 so will the one who built you wed you,
 and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
 so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 95:1-3. 7-10. R/v.3*

**R/ Proclaim the wonders of the Lord
 among all the peoples.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
 sing to the Lord all the earth.
 O sing to the Lord, bless his name.
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
 tell among the nations his glory
 and his wonders among all the people.
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
 give the Lord glory and power,
 give the Lord the glory of his name.
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
 O earth, tremble before him.
 Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
 He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles;

another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*cf. John 6:63. 68*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Your words are spirit, Lord,
 and they are life:
 you have the message of eternal life.
 Alleluia!

Gospel*John 2:1-11*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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