



Unrolling the scroll Jesus found the place where it is written "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor." Luke 4:17-18a

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill

St Mary ▪ Whickham

St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston

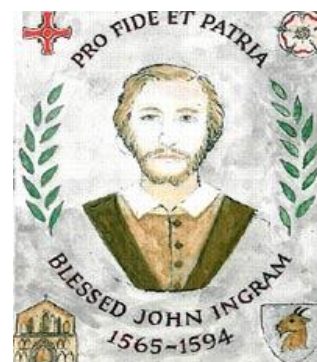
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

23 January 2022

Third 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 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.)
<i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>			
Monday 24 January	<i>St Francis de Sales</i>		
Tuesday 25 January	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mr & Mrs W Tate (dec.)
Wednesday 26 January	<i>SS Timothy and Titus</i>		
Thursday 27 January	9.30am	St Mary	George Turnbull (dec.)
Friday 28 January	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>		
Saturday 29 January	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 January	9.00am	St Mary	Audrey Isobel Gleeson (dec.)
Fourth Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Payne (ann.)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.00am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart Church and 9.00am on Thursday at St Mary's

Readings at Mass during the week: Week 3 Year 2

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Reese Daniela Kuate Magne and Karl Jerry Kuate into the Family of the Church.

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
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

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, is a Day instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of St Jerome 2019 devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture. Information and resources can be found on the Bishops of England and Wales Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 - 25 January

The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) for 2022 is '**We Saw His Star in the East**'. WPCU is traditionally celebrated between 18 -25 January - originally the Octave of St Peter and St Paul.

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is a very familiar one. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that come to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

Churches Together in England have many materials and resources that have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East. These resources are offered by the Christians of the Middle East conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness. For further information and resources please visit Churches Together in England website: <https://cte.org.uk/wpcu2022/>

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) will meet on Wednesday 26 January at 6.30pm in Immaculate Heart Church. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives by this Sunday 23 January:

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.

THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2022 is now on sale at the back of church, price £3.00.

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 27 January**. Thank you.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE The overall general stock is low following a busy Christmas. Please note if you're not or would rather not shop for the Food Bank we're happy to accept a cash donation to shop on your behalf. Every week 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 and thank you - stocks of tinned produce are low: tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, tomatoes, soup, baked beans, all vegetables, potatoes, chickpeas, kidney beans, corned beef, pek, spam & tuna, long grain rice, dried chickpeas, UHT Milk, cereal, feminine hygiene & laundry powder/gel, tomato purée cooking oil, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, toilet rolls, kitchen roll.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: jam, hotdogs, meatballs, tea, coffee, squash, sugar, biscuits, sweets, pasta, pasta sauce antiperspirant, 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 VACANCIES The Diocese is looking to make the following appointments:

Health and Safety Officer to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Full-time, permanent. Closing date for applications - Thursday 27 January.

Senior Administrator to manage and provide high quality administration support for the Department for Education. Full-time and permanent. Closing date for applications - Monday 31 January.

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

MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL AT DERWENTSIDE IRC A monthly interfaith prayer vigil has been held outside the barrier to the Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre since August. During the last few weeks, women have been moved into the Centre which is now England's main IRC for women and will eventually detain 80 women who are seeking asylum. The prayer vigils will continue - both to pray for the women and to stand in solidarity with them. As a faith community, we are called to witness to justice and compassion. Please participate in the prayer vigil if you can. The next dates planned are **Sunday 6 February, Sunday 6 March and Sunday 3 April**. The vigil begins at 3.00pm and the short prayer service incorporates a time of silence. The postcode for the centre on Corbridge Road, Medomsley is DH8 6QY. To avoid disruption to local residents, park away from the site if you can. If you are unable to join in person, please join in prayer from home at 3.00pm. For more information, contact Liz Archibald at lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Each one of us is like a tapestry which uses many different threads to create a unique picture.

There is only one of each of us with our own strengths and weakness cares and joys interests decisions.

In times of indecision, sorrow, pain we need the support of those who can accompany us to allow our strength to be restored. When lighter brighter times enfold us we again reach out to others to help us celebrate rejoice with us.

In all of these aspects of our lives you are there in each one who accompanies us.

You supplied us with the gifts which we may not always recognise as extraordinary yet when they glow with the light of love which is offered one to the other

they are extraordinary.

The light of love is an ever renewing gift which grows like the mighty tree to shelter shade and enfold us all.

Help us to listen to its challenge and accept our gift.

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2022

Creator of light,

illumine our path by the light of Christ

who moves before us and leads us.

May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage.

Enlighten us and dwell within us.

Guide us to discover a manger in our hearts

where a great light still shines.

We thank you for the gift of that unfading Star,

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light

that we may find our unity in him.

Amen.

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First Reading*Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 18:8-10. 15. R/ John 6:63*

R/ Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock!

Second Reading*I Corinthians 12:12-14. 27*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Luke 4:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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