

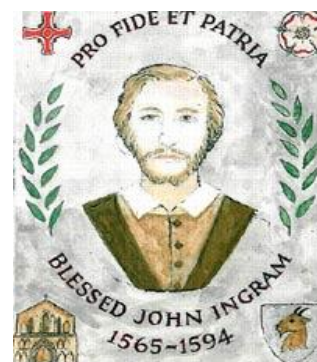


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Jeremiah 17:7-8

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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The John Ingram Partnership
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

13 February 2022

Sixth 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, Thursday and Friday as indicated below

Saturday 12 February	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Deceased of the Ewing Family (dec.)
Sunday 13 February	9.00am	St Mary	Audrey Isobel Gleeson (dec.)
Sixth Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice</i>			
Monday 14 February SS Cyril & Methodius			
Tuesday 15 February	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased of the Rossi Family (dec.)
Wednesday 16 February			
Thursday 17 February	9.30am	St Mary	Alejandro Ordaz Perez (dec.)
Friday 18 February	12 noon	St Philip Neri	Requiem Mass - John Sibbald RIP
Saturday 19 February	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Deceased of the Wright Family (dec.)
Sunday 20 February	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Seventh Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Prayer Shawl Recipients

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

Readings at Mass during the week: Week 6 Year 2

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Francesca Elliott into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS John Sibbald and Emma Gladstone who have died recently. The Funeral Service for Emma Gladstone will be on Tuesday 15 February at 10.45am at Saltwell Cemetery Chapel followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for John Sibbald will be at 12 noon on Friday 18 February at St Philip Neri Church followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. 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).

Current Diocesan COVID Controls

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 recommended whilst in church**
- **Social distancing of 1 metre (minimum) between households/bubbles is recommended 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 recommended whilst singing)
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one kind
- 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 link below:
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship/>

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

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY is this Sunday 13 February. This year's theme is 'In the Image and Likeness of God' celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from various countries and cultures. The theme builds on that of last year, 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognizing themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. Further resources and information can be found on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs22 or on the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website www.ctbi.org.uk If you wish to support the work of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, please donate in the basket marked 'Racial Justice Sunday Collection'.

THE NORTHERN CROSS February edition is now available at the back of church, price £1.50.

SYNOD 2021-2023 This how our Diocesan Synod Process will work:

- On Saturday 12 February, Partnership representatives from all the Partnerships across the diocese are gathering with the Bishop and together they will reflect on the input and the process so far.
- Following this meeting, the Partnerships will finalise their responses by 22 February and pass these to their respective Episcopal Area meetings.
- The Lay Pastoral Forum, which includes representatives of all the Partnership and lay groups in the diocese, will compile all the responses received into a submission to the Bishop in early March.
- The Bishop will then consider this, plus the responses from the Clergy, Caritas, and other Diocesan groups, and produce his final submission by 8 April.
- At each stage, copies of the various submissions will be made available.

OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI AND THE SYNOD The responses received from the questionnaires last November and December have now been collated and summarised and you can pick up a copy of the summary at the back of church or they can be viewed online [here](#).

'THE SYNOD AND A LISTENING CHURCH' - Webinar, Saturday 5 March 11am with Sr Nathalie Becquart. Sr Nathalie is the Under-Secretary to the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican. She is currently organising the Synod Process and empowering the Church across the world to journey towards the International Synod in 2023. She will be the guest speaker at a webinar on Saturday 5 March 11am-12.30pm for people across the diocese. A time to listen, discuss and question her on the Church and the way forward. To register, please email admin@ymt.org requesting 'webinar registration'.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT Please note if you cannot 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:
<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-parcel/>

Items we need - please and thank you: UHT Milk, dried chickpeas & lentils, tinned hotdogs, fruit, custard, rice pudding, tomatoes, baked beans, all vegetables, potatoes, chickpeas, kidney beans, & tuna, long grain rice, tomato purée, pasta sauce, cooking oil, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, toilet rolls, kitchen roll, toothpaste.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: tinned meat (corned beef, pek, spam), jam, meatballs, tea, coffee, squash, sugar, biscuits, sweets, pasta, cereal, antiperspirant, laundry powder/gel, feminine hygiene.

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am -10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off then 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 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com



OUTREACH HOUSING GATESHEAD Exactly one year ago, Outreach Housing was born after some of our Outreach Group attended a webinar presentation given by **Green Pastures**, (www.greenpastures.net), a national Christian charity that seeks to end homelessness. We recognised that an urgent need in Gateshead was to provide a home for new refugees who have recently received right to remain and to offer them support until they are ready to take the next step in settling and creating a new life in the UK. In October, our Diocese became a partner of Green Pastures and in December the charity bought a house in Bensham for us to lease and to turn into a home for three refugees.

We are grateful to all those who have supported us in so many ways. Please keep this project and especially our first residents in your prayers. This is an exciting but very new venture and we can only do this if we work and pray together as a community. Thank you especially to those who volunteered to clean the house last Tuesday and to those who cleared the small front garden and backyard. We are also grateful for the donations we have received of a fridge freezer and washing machine, furniture, curtains and kitchen equipment.

The project has, however, incurred a number of expenses including the installation of a new boiler at a cost of £2100. We are appealing for donations to cover this cost and the cost of various smaller items as we fit out the house with necessary furnishings and equipment. For example we need to purchase stepladders, iron and ironing board, doormat etc.

We have also been strongly advised by Green Pastures to set up a contingency fund for future repairs and expenses as we go forward. If you would like to donate to this fund, there are a number of options:

- **One-off Bank Transfer to 'DHN Outreach Housing Gateshead'**
Sort Code 40-34-18 Account Number 54630076
- **Regular donation by Standing Order (Bank details as above)**

If you want to Gift Aid either of the above options, please contact Anne Porter for a form:
anne@outreachhousing.co.uk or 07963 304364

- **Donation via the Diocesan website – please click [here](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) or use the Donate Button at the top of the Diocesan website homepage www.diocesehn.org.uk and then search for 'Outreach' or 'Housing'.**
- **Cash donation: please place in an envelope marked 'Outreach Housing' and leave at the back of church or in the presbytery letter-box at Immaculate Heart. If you wish your donation to be Gift Aided, then please use a green Gift Aid envelope which you can find at the back of church and mark the envelope 'Outreach Housing'.**

If you would like to find out more or offer any practical support e.g. fundraising, communication, please contact Mary Hughes: mary@outreachhousing.co.uk or tel. 07962 126304. Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - A Service for Everyone on Friday 4 March at 1.30pm at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Church Chare, Whickham, NE16 4SH. All are welcome.

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 17 February**. Thank you.

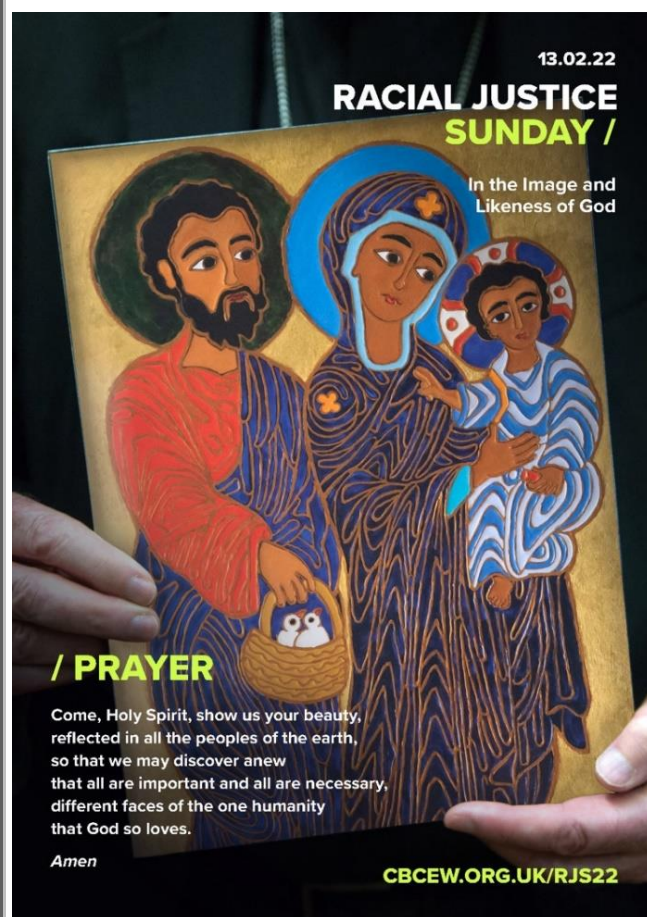
Jen's Weekly Prayer

They do not boast they share their beauty
these glowing flowers of life giving joy.
They flourish with care and their reward to us
is perfect beauty as we watch them unfurl, unfold
and grace us with their uniqueness.
Each of us holds unique and glorious gifts.
We can leave them unattended
like flowers cut but deprived of water,
or we can explore use and develop our gifts
like the carefully tended flowers
which give endless pleasure.
May we have the courage to offer ourselves
with our gifts to be used not withered
to bring life and strength to others and ourselves
in colour filled sharing of your everlasting love.

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Racial Justice Sunday

The Prayer is from Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter 'Fratelli Tutti - On Fraternity and Social Friendship'



First Reading*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside
That thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 1:1-4. 6. R/ Psalm 39:5*

**R/ Happy the man who has placed
his trust in the Lord.**

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Luke 6:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad:
your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 6:17. 20-26*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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