



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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



**The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam [Jesus Christ] has become a life-giving Spirit ... And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the heavenly man. *1 Corinthians 15:45. 49*

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Seventh Sunday of the Year

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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 pandemic, 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

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| 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 |
| Monday 21 February | | | |
| Tuesday 22 February <i>The Chair of St Peter</i> | 9.30am | Immaculate Heart | Private Intention (AC) |
| Wednesday 23 February <i>St Polycarp</i> | | | |
| Thursday 24 February | 9.30am | St Mary | Airey & Norman Family (In Thanksgiving) |
| Friday 25 February | | | |
| Saturday 26 February | 5.30pm | St Philip Neri | George Manning (ann.) |
| Sunday 27 February | 9.00am | St Mary | Terry Burke (ann.) |
| Eighth Sunday of the Year | 10.30am | Immaculate Heart | People of the Parish |

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 7 Year 2

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Savannah Olive Blacklock into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Fr Malcolm Cairns who has died recently. 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).

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, you are welcome to provide you 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

THE SEASON OF LENT begins this year on Ash Wednesday 2 March. Masses in the parish (including the distribution of Ashes) will be celebrated at the following times:
9.30am at St Mary's, Whickham
6.30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lobley Hill

LENTEN REFLECTIONS As we approach the Season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday 2 March, the Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced the first part of a booklet of Lenten reflections which can be found on the Diocesan website [here](#). As Christians, we have a hope that shines at the end of every rough road, and we trust that this year's booklet will foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures' relevance to our daily Christian living as we look forward to Easter. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community.

SYNOD 2021-2023

OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI AND THE SYNOD If you haven't yet done so, you can pick up a copy of the summary of responses from our parish at the back of church or they can be viewed online [here](#).

JOIN THE CONVERSATION Last weekend, Partnerships across the Diocese sent people to join Bishop Robert for a morning of prayer, talking and listening, and to feedback on what they have heard during the last few months of our Diocesan Synod process. There was a lot of energy in the room, a joyful atmosphere, and people described "an overwhelming feeling of the Holy Spirit at work"; "It has been uplifting and inspiring.."; "So many people with so many really good things to talk about.."; "Coming along today has been a real joy." Bishop Robert said, "We've had a very fruitful morning... we go forward trusting each other, and with a confidence in the joy and power of the Gospel."

The gallery of photographs and short video interviews from Saturday's Synod Gathering for Partnerships can be viewed online [here](#).

If you've not been part of the conversation yet, there is one more opportunity at 7pm on Wednesday 23 February. There will be an online gathering where you can join in to add your voice to the Synod. To register and join the Conversation, visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/synod-join-the-conversation/>

'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: sweets, UHT Milk, dried chickpeas & lentils, tinned 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.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: tinned hotdogs, meat (corned beef, pek, spam), jam, meatballs, tea, coffee, squash, sugar, biscuits, pasta, cereal, antiperspirant, toothpaste, 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 Just over a 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](#) or use the Donate Button at the top of the Diocesan website homepage www.diocesehn.org.uk and then searching 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 - FRIDAY 4 MARCH This year's World Day of Prayer and Praise Service has been prepared by Christian women of the United Kingdom. All are welcome to Services in our area on Friday 4 March:

Whickham - Church of St Mary the Virgin, Church Chare, Whickham, NE16 4SH at 1.30pm.

Dunston Area - St Philip Neri Church, Ellison Road, Dunston NE8 2QU at 2pm.

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 24 February**. Thank you.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

On a chain of finely beaten gold hang jewels beyond price.

These are no ordinary gems dug from rock or stone
their grandeur is extraordinary they gleam and shine
with depth and beauty.

Upon this necklace hang the priceless gifts received
from family, friends, strangers and loved ones
we had the privilege and joy to encounter
as we have travelled across the unfamiliar landscape
of these past two years.

Many fears, trials, sorrows and uncertainty
have sometimes ravaged the tranquility
of our hearts and minds.

Into this unfamiliar landscape has come comfort, hope
and light in the form of kindness gentleness care
and compassion from a wide and varied cross section
of old and new relationships.

We have been accompanied
when we have chosen to do so
along this sometimes very difficult road.

We have also celebrated the overwhelming joy
and poignant sweetness of the generous warmth
of the first hug from those closest to our hearts.
Sadness replaced the overwhelming joy of contact
by limitations once again but the light of hope
the strength of joint communion with each other
has enabled us to be stronger than we imagined.

The light of the Holy Spirit from the kindness and love
of others has encircled and enfolded us.

Alone for many but united in community has strengthened
and reenabled us to continue to be filled
with quiet hope for familiar days.

As we now tentatively begin our journey on a recognisable
yet unknown road may we have the courage to remember
hands are always available to hold us, and will accompany
us if we reach out. May we give thanks for love received,

strength to overcome fear and pain,

hope and light for guidance on our journey.

These jewels will glow with a deeper strength

they will never fade or tarnish

their depth of colour is love and will last forever.

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First Reading*1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13 R/v.8*

R/ The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 15:45-49*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another,

just as I have loved you,

says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 6:27-38*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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