



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness being tempted there by the devil for forty days. *Luke 4:1-2a*

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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First Sunday of Lent

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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 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, Thursday and Friday as indicated below

Saturday 5 March	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Deceased of the Doyle Family (dec.)
Sunday 6 March	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
First Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	George Turnbull (dec.)
Monday 7 March			
Tuesday 8 March	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased of the Corrigan Family
Wednesday 9 March			
Thursday 10 March	9.30am	St Mary	Irene Wood (dec.)
Friday 11 March	12 noon	St Philip Neri	Requiem Mass - Michael Lant RIP
CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day	6.30pm	St Mary	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 12 March	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 13 March	9.00am	St Mary	Elizabeth Jukes (dec.)
Second Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Andison (ann.)

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

Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm on Friday 11 March at St Mary's

Readings at Mass during the week: Season of Lent, Week 1

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Michael Lant and Fr Henry (Harry) Ryan 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).

Current Diocesan COVID Controls

Until further notice, arrangements for our three churches will be as follows:

- If you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 you should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person
- 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
- The test, track & trace system is no longer in operation and there is no need to sign in when coming to church
- 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

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY is on Friday 11 March.

This Family Fast Day, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world - including, as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by the terrible conflict there. Your small acts of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope (available at the back of church today) or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/Lent. To donate to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, please visit www.cafod.org.uk/Ukraine

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 - <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/-seasonal>. 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 NORTHERN CROSS March edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE + *SPECIAL UKRAINIAN APPEAL*

This week we would like to make a special appeal on top of our usual request for food donations for our Food Bank - I'm sure by now you know the kind of perishable items we use.

There has been a Diocesan wide appeal requesting a collection of goods for Ukraine across all parishes within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This is in response to an appeal for help from Ukraine and Poland and the Polish Centre in Newcastle is organising a collection of new, unused goods.

The full list of items required (based on information from aid providers) is published on the Polish Centre Facebook profile: <https://www.facebook.com/113796202162350/posts/1960068717535080/>

Personal hygiene products: soaps, shower gels, shampoos and hair conditioners, hairbrushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, for children and adults, antiperspirants and deodorants (mainly for women but also for men), face creams and tonics, hand creams for women, sanitary towels, tampons, panty liners, larger sanitary pads for women in puerperium and nursing pads (breast feeding pads), wet wipes, nappies of various sizes, tissues, cotton pads.

Medical supplies: first aid kits, bandages, gauze and swabs, tourniquets, plasters, disposable gloves, painkillers, anti-fever and anti-inflammatory drugs for children and adults, vitamins for children, cough medicines, sore throat relieves, stomach problems remedies, nasal drops.

For children, to keep them occupied and distracted, to make them smile: colouring books and crayons/markers, small puzzles, small soft toys/cuddly toys, sweets: chocolates, bars, snacks, etc.

And also: baby porridge, baby rice, fruit/vegetable snacks in tubes (not jars) instant foods such as soups, etc., long-term foods such as canned food, etc., paper towels, cutlery and disposable plates, sleeping bags, mats, blankets, power banks, batteries, flashlights.

Arrangements will be made to deliver any items we receive in our churches to the Polish Centre in Newcastle - 2 Maple Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7SF. They are accepting deliveries until 13 March 2022. You can, if you wish, also make these deliveries in person with prior arrangement - please contact Mr Wojciech Ploszaj, phone number 07549 530775.

The displaced Ukrainian people will be very grateful for your empathy, understanding and Christian outreach - please support this collection for those in desperate need.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 16 March 2022. 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



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.

DIOCESAN VACANCY The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new **Head of Finance**. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle, and agile working is available. Full-time or 30 hours a week. Closing date for applications: Saturday 12 March 2022. For full details, please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact us 0191 243 3301.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER If you have any items for the newsletter, please either email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 12 noon on Thursday 10 March**. Thank you.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The candle flame flickers then burns brightly
it is a constant reminder of faith and trust.
As we begin our journey towards Easter
help us to be a flame for others.
Enable us to be united on our journey
and hold all who are facing immense pressures
from violence, aggression, abuse, injustice,
discrimination and oppression.
The flame is also a messenger of hope to bring light
into the darkness of distress and fear.
By our actions, words and love guide our communities
to be candles of strength for all who are suffering.
Enable us to hear the cries of those in pain.
May the bright light of love grow ever stronger
as the candle burns for those facing danger.
There are no boundaries to light, hope and love
they cross barriers to bring peace and strength
when joined in unity.

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A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders, for compassion,
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world. Amen.

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First Reading*Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 90:1-2. 10-15. R/ v.15*

R/ Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Second Reading*Romans 10:8-13*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 4:1-13*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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