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 Luke 9:35

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
 St Mary ▪ Whickham
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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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Second 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, Thursday & 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, Wednesday & Thursday as indicated below

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.)
Monday 14 March			
Tuesday 15 March	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (AC)
Wednesday 16 March	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Deceased of the Hynds Family (dec.)
Thursday 17 March <i>St Patrick</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Joe & Bernard Oxley (ann.)
Friday 18 March	6.30pm	St Philip Neri	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 19 March <i>St Joseph</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Peggy Boyce (ann.)
Sunday 20 March	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Third Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Matthew Bullock (dec.)

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Tuesday, Immaculate Heart 9.00am - 9.20am, Thursday, St Mary's 9.00am - 9.20am, Saturday 19 March, St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 9.00am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's
- **Stations of the Cross** 6.30pm on Friday 18 March at St Philip Neri
- **Readings at Mass during the week: Season of Lent, Week 2**

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
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession - see times on the front page of the Newsletter

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced a booklet of Lenten reflections (parts 1 & 2) which can be found on the Diocesan website - <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/> - seasonal. 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.

'WALK WITH ME' LENTEN BOOKLETS which give a daily meditation for each day of Lent are available at the back of church, price £1.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 11 MARCH
This Lent Family Fast Day, we have been acknowledging 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) or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/Lent.

UKRAINE APPEAL If you would like to donate to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal), please use a CAFOD envelope and mark it 'Ukraine Appeal' or you can visit and donate at www.cafod.org.uk/Ukraine

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE 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 need & use - please and thank you: sweets, pasta sauce' UHT Milk, long grain rice, pasta, dried chickpea, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, tomatoes, all vegetables, potatoes & tuna, long grain rice, tomato purée, shampoo, shower gel, cooking oil, washing up liquid, kitchen roll.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: tinned hotdogs, meatballs, meat (corned beef, pek, spam), baked beans, jam, tea, coffee, squash, sugar, biscuits, cereal, toothpaste, antiperspirant, laundry powder/gel, feminine hygiene, & all other non perishable items.

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart 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 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

MEMORIAL TREE AT ST MARY'S On behalf of the parish, the walled garden group of volunteers has arranged for the planting of a tree in memory of all parishioners who have died during the pandemic. A group of children from St Philip Neri and St Mary's schools will undertake the planting around 1.30pm on Wednesday 23 March in the grounds of St Mary's Church. We hope you will be able to come along and share in this moment.

THE NORTHERN CROSS March edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year are now available in named boxes at the back of each church.

MINISTRY OF INNER HEALING Do you feel called to accompany those seeking inner healing? The Diocese will be providing training in this ministry, initially to help you discern how God may be directing you. A residential training course will take place at Minsteracres Retreat Centre and will run across 2 sessions:

Session 1: 22 - 23 April 2022

Session 2: 15 - 16 July 2022

For more information, pick up a leaflet at the back of church or contact the Vicariate for Faith and Mission Admin Team who can provide further details and application forms - adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

DIOCESAN VACANCY The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Senior Administrator in the Safeguarding Team. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle and is full-time. Closing date for applications: 23 March 2022. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301.

ST CUTHBERT'S CARE LENTEN ALMS APPEAL Moira Ashman, CEO of St Cuthbert's Care, writes 'We are now blessed to have five members of our clergy living with us at Holy Cross and Canon Robert Spence has asked to share a Lenten message with you all':

"This has always been one of my favourite charities. I've always loved supporting St Cuthbert's Care right from the time that Sister Fintan engaged me as a football coach at the lovely children's home at Ryhope! I never thought I would end my days at Holy Cross Home in the care of the marvellous staff who keep us all safe, peaceful, and happy. I share this privilege with four of my priest friends and over forty other contented Senior Citizens. With your help, through your Lenten Alms, St Cuthbert's Care can bring a smile to the faces of countless folk of all generations right across the North East. Thank you for all the support you give this great local charity. You are helping make Hexham and Newcastle the sort of church Pope Francis is urging us to be!"

'This Lent, we hope that we may be able to call upon your kindness to help us raise funds towards a new vehicle. As the weather gradually improves, we hope to be able to allow our nursing home residents regular opportunities to enjoy our beautiful North East countryside and coastlines once more and to visit cafes and coffee shops too. We deeply appreciate any support you may be able to offer. Thank you.'

A retiring collection for St Cuthbert's Care Lenten Alms Appeal will be taken at Masses next weekend 19/20 March.



OUTREACH HOUSING GATESHEAD has recently provided a home in Bensham for new refugees who have recently received the right to remain in the UK. This is in partnership with Green Pastures (www.greenpastures.net) which is a national Christian charity that seeks to end homelessness. If you would like to donate to support this diocesan project, 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'.**

For further information, please contact Mary Hughes: mary@outreachhousing.co.uk or tel. 07962 126304. Thank you.

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 17 March**. Thank you.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The quiet emergence of a small leaf unfurling heralds the hope of springtime's gentle hand to lighten and brighten our days.

We need these tender reminders that each cycle of nature brings us beauty a recolouring of a seemingly barren yet living life in tree and plant.

In times of crisis, pain and suffering we can embrace these simple treasures and gain strength from their fragility.

Our smiles, hugs, telephone call, our compassion, generosity, our desire to enfold those we know and those who we may never meet when they are frightened and suffering are bouquets of love given to bring comfort, tenderness and understanding to each other in times of sadness fear, uncertainty, pain and joy.

The simple acts of united collective actions in times of crisis, conflict struggle and fear can move mountains.

May our words and actions become a canopy of compassion as they spread the gifts of love, light and hope to those in need in these strange and troubled times.

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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at risk and in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

*Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

First Reading*Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendant I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R/v.1*

R/ The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness.
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

Second Reading*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but

remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 9:28-36*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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PARISH LENTEN AND EASTER TIMETABLE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at 6.30pm on the following Fridays during Lent:

Friday 18 March at St Philip Neri

Friday 25 March at Immaculate Heart

Friday 1 April at St Mary's

Friday 8 April at St Philip Neri

EASTER TRIDUUM**Holy Thursday 14 April**

6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Philip Neri

Good Friday 15 April (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Immaculate Heart

Holy Saturday 16 April

6.30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 17 April

10.00am Mass of Easter Morning at Immaculate Heart