



The Lord said to Moses, 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' Cf. Exodus 3:5-6

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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

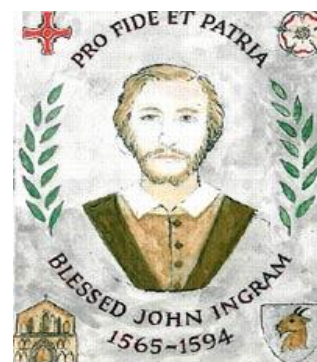
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

20 March 2022

Third 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 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday as indicated below

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.)
Monday 21 March			
Tuesday 22 March			
Wednesday 23 March	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Deceased of the Criely Family (dec.)
Thursday 24 March	9.30am	St Mary	<i>St Mary's School Mass</i>
Friday 25 March <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Jim and Ella Leighton (ann.)
	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 26 March	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Margaret and Christopher Daunt (dec.)
Sunday 27 March	9.00am	St Mary	Phyllis Cunningham (ann.)
Fourth Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Friday at Immaculate Heart 9.00am-9.20am & Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm-5.20pm
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 9.00am on Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Friday at Immaculate Heart, during which the Rosary will be recited for peace in our world and especially in Ukraine
- **Stations of the Cross** 6.30pm on Friday 25 March at Immaculate Heart
- **Readings at Mass during the week: Season of Lent, Week 3**

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

DEDICATION OF UKRAINE AND RUSSIA In union with the Holy Father, Bishop Robert will dedicate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the 12.05pm Mass in the Cathedral on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on 25 March. For further information, please visit the Vatican website [here](#)

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. If you wish, you can also Gift Aid your donation. Information on how we can support the Ukrainian people and especially those fleeing the conflict can be found on the Caritas page of the Diocesan website - <https://diocesehn.org.uk/services/caritas/#news>

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.

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>.

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: pasta sauce, coffee, squash, cereal, UHT Milk, long grain rice, pasta, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, tomatoes, all vegetables, potatoes & tuna, long grain rice, tomato purée, biscuits, cooking oil, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, kitchen roll.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: sweets, tinned hotdogs, meatballs, meat (corned beef, pek, spam), baked beans, tea, sugar, jam, antiperspirant, toothpaste, 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

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

PPC AGENDA AND MINUTES of the meeting held in January are available to read at the back of each church.

EMMAUS CONFIRMATIONS The Enrolment Mass for candidates preparing for Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 7pm on Tuesday 29 March at St Joseph's Church, Blaydon. Candidates, parents and sponsors are invited to attend (N.B. no booking required).

Please be reminded the Emmaus Retreat (planned for 26-27 March) has been postponed. Further details of the re-arranged date will be announced in due course.

STELLA MARIS On the one-year anniversary of the *Ever Given* ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, the Catholic Charity *Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)* is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

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 this 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 24 March**. Thank you.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Watching the sun rise and fill the sky with its cloth of silken gold can fill us with peace. The sight of the early spring blossom and flowers heralds new life and renewal.

We may not always recognise how extraordinary peace is in our lives. It allows us to be like the plants to blossom, to grow, to be free.

Peace can be like a fragile precious object, or a delicate plant ready to bloom.

They can both be shattered and destroyed in anger or resentment.

Yet, it can be as strong and sustained as the toughest metal.

In times of conflict uncertainty and aggression the strength of peace can be tested to its furthest limits.

It is the mighty hand of hope which spurs us on to hold fast to that precious jewel of peace combined with love and compassion

to strive and support all who are suffering.

May the tender, yet powerful light of love shine for all who's peace has been shattered.

May wisdom right judgement and discernment guide all who work for peace in times of conflict.

Guided by love light and hope stronger than aggression replace the pain, desolation and loss they have endured in the name of freedom and peace

and like the plant be once more clothed

in a soft and gentle mantle of colour and joy.

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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 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

First Reading*Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 102:1-4. 6-8. 1.. 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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 4:17*

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord,

For the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 13:1-9*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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