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John 8:10-11

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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Fifth 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 and 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. Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL

- 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 and Thursday

Saturday 2 April	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 April	9.00am	St Mary	Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (ann.)
Fifth Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mary Parker (dec.)
Monday 4 April			
Tuesday 5 April	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Teresa Mulligan (dec.)
Wednesday 6 April	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 7 April	9.30am	St Mary	In Thanksgiving (MT & ST)
Friday 8 April	6.30pm	St Philip Neri	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 9 April	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 April	9.00am	St Mary	George Turnbull (dec.)
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Canon Michael McCoy (ann.)

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 9.00am - 9.20am, Thursday at St Mary's 9.00am - 9.20am, Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm
- **Stations of the Cross** 6.30pm on Friday 8 April at St Philip Neri
- **Readings at Mass during the week: Season of Lent, Week 5**

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 - those who wish to wear a face covering may do so during the celebration of Mass
- Social Distancing - there is no requirement for social distancing but we should continue to be sensitive to the wishes of other people
- Ventilation – it is still important to ventilate our buildings. This has the effect of diluting and dispersing viral particles
- Congregational Singing – indoor congregational singing can continue to take place with a general encouragement that face coverings are worn
- 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

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION Next weekend there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

RED MISSION BOXES are due to be emptied in all three churches. Money taken to church can be given to Denise Hebron (St Philip Neri), Lilian Gray (Immaculate Heart) or Kathleen Cunningham (St Marys). If you wish to donate directly you can do this on the *Missio* Website <https://missio.org.uk/donate> or by cheque made payable to *Missio-Mill Hill* and sent to: Red Box, Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU.

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

Bishop Robert's message published on 20 March to the Parishes of the Diocese concerning Ukraine can also be viewed at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/services/caritas/> - news

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE Please note if you're not able to 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: crisps, pasta sauce, coffee, squash, UHT Milk, sweets, tinned hot dogs, meatballs, soup, rice pudding, all vegetables, potatoes & tuna, tomato purée, biscuits, feminine hygiene, antiperspirant.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: long grain rice, tinned meat (corned beef, pek, spam), custard, fruit, tomatoes, baked beans, jam, tea, sugar, laundry powder/gel, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel & all other non-perishable items.

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

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 April in Immaculate Heart Church at 1.30pm. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting (the patterns are easy, and wool can be provided) or if you are interested in what we hope to do with this ministry, please come along. All are welcome! For further information, please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year are now available at the back of each church. If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving or standing order and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274. If you have access to internet banking, you can, if you wish, set up a standing order online for your regular contributions. The details required to do this are as follows:

Payee: DHN Gateshead: Our Lady and St Philip Neri

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 21167936

Reference: insert your own name

Commencing: e.g. 6th of each month

Frequency: each week, month, quarterly or annually.

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>.

MEMORIAL TREE AT ST MARY'S An enormous thank you to the staff and children from our two primary schools who performed the planting of the tree in memory of all who have died during the pandemic and for sharing their prayers and thoughts with us. The children also placed a time capsule close by the tree containing recollections of their experiences of the pandemic plus prayers and memorable times they had shared. Thank you Fr Peter for blessing the tree and for the prayers of dedication. A big thank you to all who gave their time to make the afternoon very special and a huge thank you to the valiant walled garden volunteers who prepared the ground for the planting. The walled garden is looking gorgeous as it begins its spring time journey. The garden is a beautiful place of peace and tranquillity please enjoy visiting this calming little haven.



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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN SPEAK is an international forum for dialogue and awareness-raising around issues to do with women in the Catholic Church and is inviting Catholic women to take part in a survey that will form part of a submission to the Synodal process. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is available in six languages, with further information available here:

<https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey>

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

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 7 April**. Thank you.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Dear Lord we come to you as we are in our brokenness.
Help us to lay before you ourselves just as we are.
Give us the strength to know that you are holding us.
Help us to accept our strength and love gifts from you.
Your light is eternal
and no matter how far we stray from you,
Your love is like the beacon across the sea.
Loving parent loving loving Father you are always there.
May we have the courage to be reawakened
by your gentle love.
Help us to place ourselves with you
and find the peace and solace we seek.

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Lent and Easter Services in Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at 6.30pm on 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*Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea,
 a path in the great waters;
 who put chariots and horse in the field
 and a powerful army,
 which lay there never to rise again,
 snuffed out, put out like a wick:
 No need to recall the past,
 No need to think about what was done before.
 See, I am doing a new deed,
 Even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
 Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
 paths in the wilds.
 The wild beasts will honour me,
 Jackals and ostriches,
 Because I am putting water in the wilderness
 (rivers in the wild)
 to give my chosen people drink.
 The people I have formed for myself
 will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 125. R/v.3*

***R/ What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.***

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
 it seemed like a dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 on our lips there were songs.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
 the Lord worked for them!
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
 as streams in dry land.
 Those who are sowing in tears
 will sing when they reap.
4. They go out, they go out full of tears,
 carrying seed for the sowing:
 they come back, they come back, full of song,
 carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading*Philippians 3:8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power

of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Joel 2:12-13*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
 Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –
 come back to me with all your heart,
 for I am all tenderness and compassion.
 Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel*John 8:1-11*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir.' She replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.