



Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.'
John 10:27

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

8 May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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.

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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

Saturday 7 May	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 8 May	9.00am	St Mary	Dawn Jackson (dec.)
Fourth Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Grace & William McPhee (ann.)
World Day of Prayer for Vocations			
Monday 9 May			
Tuesday 10 May	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased Corrigan Family (dec.)
Wednesday 11 May	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 12 May	9.30am	St Mary	Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (ann.)
Friday 13 May			
Saturday 14 May <i>St Matthias</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 15 May	9.00am	St Mary	Lawrence Regan (dec.)
Fifth Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Matthew Bullock (1 st ann.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation			
5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri			
9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart			
9.00am - 9.20am on Thursday at St Mary's			
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (& Recitation of the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine on Wednesday)			
Tuesday 9.00am - 9.25am at Immaculate Heart			
Wednesday 9.00am - 9.25am at St Philip Neri			
Thursday 9.00am - 9.25am at St Mary's			
<i>This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Jack Arthur Morris into the Family of the Church</i>			

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: awaiting appointment). 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
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one kind

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/>

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ANNUAL APPEAL will be made at all Masses this weekend 7/8 May. The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly difficult. The emergency lockdown measures we have had to implement to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our residents safe have had a massive impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home. We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with our work of caring for the elderly. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping our Home.

Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church.

Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: **St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA.**

Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made online: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/

GIFT FOR LIFE - PLANT SALES After last year's successful plant sales, the *Gift for Life* Group is organising another three - after all Masses next weekend of 14/15 May. Plants will include Marigolds, Sunflowers, Zinnia, Cosmos, Cornflower, Sweet peppers, Chilli peppers, Aubergines and Tomatoes. Please bring money for donations and bags to carry off your bargains! Brighten up your garden and make a difference to the lives of those we support. Thank you.

The next meeting of the *Gift for Life* Group takes place by Zoom on Thursday 12 May at 7pm. If you are interested in attending or simply want to find out more about the work of the group please get in touch on giftforlife20@hotmail.com

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

GIFT FOR LIFE – SUMMER SOCIAL – SAVE THE DATE!

I'm sure that many of you are thinking 'Isn't it about time we started to socialise again as a parish?' Well, the good news is that we're planning an afternoon event from 2pm on Sunday 26 June at St Mary's Hall (and, weather permitting, the Walled Garden.) More details to follow - but think tea, cakes, scones, raffle, games and a chance to catch up on the gossip! What's more, it's all in aid of *Gift for Life* so you'll be making a difference there too. Please put the date in your diary and if you wish to donate a raffle prize or make cakes etc. we would love to hear from you: giftforlife20@gmail.com

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: toilet roll, UHT Milk, laundry powder/liquid, shampoo, antiperspirant, toothpaste, crisps, cooking oil, tinned meat (corned beef, pek, spam), tinned hot dogs, meatballs, chopped tomatoes, fruit, soup, custard, rice pudding, kidney beans, chickpeas, all vegetables, potatoes & tuna, biscuits tomato purée.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: Feminine hygiene (tampons), shower gel, pasta sauce, tinned baked beans, soup, sugar, long grain rice, jam, coffee, tea, & 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is on Wednesday 11 May. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives by this Sunday 8 May:

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

Financial matters - Malcolm Shield

NORTHERN BRETHERN FUND (NBF) - SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Many thanks to everyone who generously contributed to the recent NBF collection for our sick and retired priests. The collection realised £485.50.

The NBF has now provided a Gift Aid Declaration/Standing Order Mandate form for anyone who would like to make a Gift Aided contribution and/or set up a regular contribution by Standing Order. These forms are available at the back of church this weekend. If you have online banking, you can also set up a Standing Order using the details on the form.

RED BOX 2021: THANK YOU! In 2021, Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish raised £3089.92 through our Red Boxes and donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network (APF/Missio), Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified in May this year. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. Pauline's life helps us to see how every prayer, however short, and every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Thank you for being a part of Pauline's legacy. Visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more about Pauline, and how your support of *Missio* changes lives for the better.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a **Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 21 May 2022 at 12 noon.** The Mass will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2022 but is open to engaged couples preparing for marriage, those who have been married since our last Mass in 2021 and all married couples. We include those widowed and bereaved who were unable to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes prior to their deaths. In these unprecedented times, we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships. We wish all to know that no-one is forgotten and that the Sacramental life, despite our Covid experiences over the past two years, is very much alive and prayed for.

While Covid restrictions have been lifted in all our churches, parishioners remain encouraged to wear a mask if they wish and to hand sanitise on entry to the Cathedral.

Anyone celebrating a special anniversary can request a certificate by completing this form with their details: bit.ly/3NTqjoC or scan the QR code below using a smartphone camera - this will take you directly to the form:



THE TYNESIDE CIRCLE OF THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION is restarting after the pandemic closure in St Cuthbert's Church Hall, North Shields NE29 0JB. Our first meeting at the new venue will be on Wednesday 25 May at 7.30pm for a talk by Father Chris Hughes entitled "Can Theology Be Practical? Encouraging Reflective Discipleship". All are welcome.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Property Surveyor – Full-time, fixed term contract – 2 years. Flexible working is available. Closing date for applications: 12 May 2022

Hexham, St Mary

Parish Secretary – 20 hours a week

Closing date for applications: 18 May 2022

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301.

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: A MASS FOR PENTECOST The Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion (CHARIS) is organising a Mass to be celebrated on Saturday 28 May at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Praise and Worship at 1pm followed by Mass at 1.20pm. After the Mass, members of the Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion will offer a Pentecost blessing. All welcome.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Like a myriad of stars scattered across a purple blue sky,
friendship and love spreads and is visible
and yet invisible like the stars when clouds cover them.

We know that they are there even
when we cannot see them.

Our knowledge is not diminished by the cloud
just as separation cannot diminish the truth
that even when we are not physically close
to those we love and hold dear to us
together we are as one separated yet united.

Love trust hope and joy all underpin the knowledge
we share with each other.

Time and distance cannot shake the bonds
which unit and strengthen.

May our continued love flourish grow and develop
allowing that love to shine like stars in the night sky
and glow with the warmth of summer light
bringing laughter, comfort, strength and unity
as we continue our journey together.

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Prayer for Peace in 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*

*During the month of May,
please pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine.*

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 13:14. 43-52*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

"I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth." It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 99:1-3. 5. R/v.3*

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people the sheep of his flock.
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Second Reading*Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel*John 10:27-30*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,

in Baptism you called us by name

and made us members of your family, the Church.

Help all your people to know their vocation in life,
and to respond by living a life of holiness.

For your greater glory and for the service of your people,
raise up dedicated and generous men
who will serve as priests

for the Church of Hexham and Newcastle.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen our communities,
our seminarians and all who are discerning their vocation.

Amen.

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