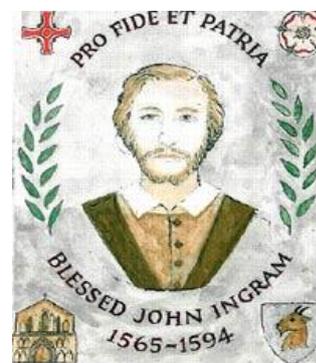




THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them.'
Apocalypse 21:3

15 May 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week 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

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.)
Monday 16 May			
Tuesday 17 May			
Wednesday 18 May	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Public Weekday Masses this week</i>	
Thursday 19 May			
Friday 20 May			
Saturday 21 May	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 22 May	9.00am	St Mary	Dennis Gibson (dec.)
Sixth Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Taylor Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri

Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to Jodie Campbell and Kevin Nealon on the occasion of their Marriage on Saturday 14 May

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Patrick George Smith into the Family of the Church
Next Saturday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we will welcome Ava Stonehouse into the Family of the Church*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Juliet Jameel (mother of Eman Putrus) and Brian James Bartley 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: 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/>

GIFT FOR LIFE - PLANT SALES After last year's successful plant sales, the *Gift for Life* Group is organising another three - after all Masses this weekend 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.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of the group, please get in touch on giftforlife20@hotmail.com

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

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

NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND (NBF) FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE 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 now available at the back of church. If you have online banking, you can also set up a Standing Order using the details on the form.

REPLACEMENT OF THE FRONTAGE TO ST MARY'S CHURCH, WHICKHAM The poor condition of the wooden and glass frontage at St Mary's has recently been under review by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). To date, the overall maintenance of the frontage has just been repairs but its deteriorating condition now means that the only responsible and sensible choice is to replace it. Consequently, the frontage is to be removed and UPVC double glazed units, finished in an Irish Oak coloured frame, will be constructed and installed. Plans and samples of the finish are available to view at the back of St Mary's Church this Sunday. Once the Diocese has approved the plans, work will commence as soon as possible. The new frontage will enhance the entrance to the church, require less maintenance over time, ensure the building will be much more secure, and, importantly, the porch will be warmer.

PPC MINUTES The Minutes (and Agenda) of the PPC meeting held on 16 March are now available to read at the back of each church.

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

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: cooking oil, pasta sauce, tinned baked beans, soup, sugar, long grain rice, jam, coffee, tea, shower gel, feminine hygiene (tampons) & 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 LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR are appealing for urgent donations to help them to continue with their work of caring for the elderly. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping them to run and maintain St Joseph's Home in Newcastle. If you would like to support them, Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church. Please make any cheques payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor'. Your donations can be placed in the Sunday collection basket or sent directly to: St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, you can make secure donations online at www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST An invitation from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to 'Return to Mass at Pentecost' was approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference on Friday 6 May 2022. This will be read at Masses this weekend and can be viewed on line [here](#)

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a **Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral next 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:



LAUDATO SI WEEK Pope Francis invites Catholic communities around the world to participate in **Laudato Si' Week 2022 from May 22-29.** The week long global event will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark Encyclical on creation care and unite the world's 1.3 billion Catholics in listening and responding to the cry of God's creation. **We will celebrate Laudato Si' week within our Diocese by celebrating a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 7pm on Monday 23 May.** Bishop Robert will preside at the Mass and Fr Chris Hughes will give the homily on hearing the cry of the poor and the earth. Music will be provided by pupils from Sacred Heart High School, Fenham. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Mass focusing on creation care. To view the Encyclical, please visit <https://www.laudatosi.va/en.html>

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.

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.

DIOCESAN VACANCY The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: **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.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

May your everlasting candle of love
burn stronger in all of our heart's enabling us
to sustain our love and compassion
for those who are suffering persecution and aggression
at the hands of others.

Transform negative aggressions and actions
into reason and enlightenment
enabling peace to flow like rivers of calm water
onto torrid parched landscapes.

Grant the shoots of hope to blossom once again
and rapidly flourish into lasting peace
enabling growth and beauty to replace
devastation pain and suffering.

Sustain us that our planet becomes a place
of peace and hope caring and enriching each other
and our natural world; to value one other
and our environment for its uniqueness
and the wonderful gifts present in everyone.

Working together ignite leaders
to find the wisdom and courage to work together
to strengthen bonds of peace and hope for all
encouraging and treasuring the breadth and depth
of talent and skill available for the benefit of everyone,
Grant us the Peace, Hope, Love, and Insight we need
to be united in your encompassing Light
and to have the courage to believe
that Peace not aggression can change lives
and enable the rainbow light of love to glow for all.

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Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God, we pray for
the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia;
for their countries and their leaders.
We pray for all those who are afraid;
that your everlasting arms hold them
in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power
over life and death; that they will choose for all people
life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war;
that they will remember that you direct your people
to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.
We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are
inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.
Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.
And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy. Amen.

The Methodist Church

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

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 144:8-13. R/cf. v.1*

**Response: I will bless your name for ever,
O God my king.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

Second Reading*Apocalypse 21:1-5*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you.'

Alleluia!

Gospel*John 13:31-35*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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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