



*The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> June (Holyday of Obligation) 'Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one;....Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.'*

*From a sermon of St Augustine of Hippo, 395 AD*

## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

26 June 2022

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

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### MASS AND SERVICE TIMES 25 JUNE - 3 JULY 2022

<b>Saturday 25 June</b> <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Janice Errington (dec.)
<b>Sunday 26 June</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	James Cunningham (ann.)
<b>Thirteenth Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 27 June			
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Joe Welsh (ann.)
<b>Wednesday 29 June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<i>Saints Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>			
Thursday 30 June	9.30am	St Mary	In Thanksgiving (MT)
Friday 1 July			
<b>Saturday 2 July</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Kathleen Cailey (ann.)
<b>Sunday 3 July</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Pauline Archbold (dec.)
<b>Fourteenth Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri,  
9.00am - 9.20am on Thursday at St Mary's*

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Thursday before Mass, 9.00am - 9.25am*

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Jaxon James Dougherty into the Family of the Church*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Raymond Deponio, 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/>

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 25/26 JUNE

Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the Universal Church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large, also has a powerful symbolic value - it is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father. Peter's Pence helps the Holy Father exercise his universal mission in two ways:

- it makes possible many works of service throughout the universal Church, carried out by the Vatican Dicasteries (Departments) that assist the Pope in evangelization, the promotion of integral human development, education, communication, etc.
- it contributes to numerous charitable works directly assisting the most in need (people and families in distress, populations hit by natural disasters or war, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or development support)

**COFFEE MORNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Several parishioners have been asking if we can start the coffees after Sunday Mass at St Mary's again. To do this, and ensure it's not an arduous task, we need enough volunteers so that they will only be 'on duty' every few weeks. As all money raised goes to 'Gift for Life' this has been greatly missed at a time when available funds are depleted but the need is greater. If you feel you could spare at the most an hour occasionally or want to find out more, please see Sue Sacco at Mass or phone on 07914 266642. Many thanks.

**GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL - THIS SUNDAY!** Well it has finally arrived - the long-awaited Gift for Life Parish Social event at St Mary's Hall and garden takes place this Sunday from 2pm. Please join us to celebrate our wonderful parish community, sample scones and cakes, listen to entertainment from our school children, take part in a quiz and (maybe) win something on the tombola. And of course there's the raffle - with a first prize of a £50 Amazon Voucher and lots of other great prizes too - raffle tickets on sale today and at the event. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to give us an idea of numbers. Let's make this a great celebration while raising funds for some really worthwhile causes. See you there! Feel free to drop us an e-mail on [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

We are short of most produce - even if you can only bring along 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out.

**Priority items:** cooking oil, sweets, tinned meat (corned beef, pek, spam), hot dogs, meatballs, chopped tomatoes, fruit, soup, baked beans, custard, rice pudding, all vegetables, potatoes, sugar, long grain rice, UHT milk, squash, crisps, biscuits, tomato purée & toilet roll.

**Other items we put into the weekly food bags:** pasta, pasta sauce, jam, coffee, tea, tinned kidney beans, chickpeas, tuna, laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene (tampons), shower gel, shampoo, antiperspirant, toothpaste, & all other non-perishable items.

**Every Thursday volunteers are in church between 9.30 -10.30 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](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

**RED MISSION BOXES** are now due to be emptied in all three churches. Money brought to church can be given to Denise Hebron at St Philips, Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart and Kathleen Cunningham at St Marys.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC)** The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6 July 2022. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives:

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

## **BISHOP SEAMUS 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Bishop Robert would like to invite you to a Mass to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Bishop Séamus. This will be on Thursday 30 June 2022 at 12.05pm at St Mary's Cathedral. All are most welcome to attend.

**THE DIOCESAN SUBMISSION TO THE UNIVERSAL SYNOD** has been completed and published. It can be viewed online at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-submission-to-universal-synod/>

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, NEWCASTLE** St Joseph's Home, Newcastle are looking for volunteers to help throughout the Home (e.g. helping with residents' activities, administration duties, fundraising and other various duties). If you are interested and would like to help, please contact Sister Evelyn or Mother Deirdre at St Joseph's Home on 0191 273 1279 for further details.

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

**Refugee Project Co-ordinator** - part-time (18 hours), initial 12-month contract. Closing date for applications: 4 July 2022. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 30 June.**

## **RWANDA STATEMENT** Bishop Paul McAleenan who has special responsibility for migrants and is Chair of the Office for Migration Policy at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales made this statement on 14 June 2022:

*The UK's plans to forcibly deport to Rwanda some of those seeking refuge in our country is shamefully illustrative of what Pope Francis has called the 'loss of that sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters on which every civil society is based'.*

*The plan is presented as a humanitarian response to combat people trafficking and smuggling yet the result will compound the suffering of those who are already victims. Crime is defeated by confronting the perpetrators not by punishing victims. This scheme will increase the difficulties of those hoping for a new beginning, and it does nothing to address the problems which cause people to flee their homes.*

*Migration is a complex issue, but it is not resolved by delegating our roles and responsibilities to other countries. Our starting point should be the innate dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God. Our Christian faith demands that we respond generously to asylum seekers whose dignity must be protected and upheld.*

*Whether or not the flight to Rwanda takes off today we are now in a new situation. With greater force we insist that asylum seekers are not commodities for profit, nor are they problems to be rejected and deported by government. Instead we should be guided by the four verbs provided by Pope Francis in our approach to migrants and refugees, 'Welcome, protect, promote and integrate'.*

### **Jen's Weekly Prayer**

Peace a fragile and beautiful gift can be torn asunder  
as if it was the finest soft silk.

Lives are broken apart homes decimated  
beauty wrenched from its foundations.

Love compassion hope snuffed out like a candle flame.

Darkness replacing light, colour, laughter  
freedom simply to be.

Guide all who have to endure the hardships, pain, sorrow,  
separation loss and discrimination to a safer, gentler place.

Enable them once again to feel the warmth of love,  
to have the courage and strength to believe  
in your light of hope and infinite love to guide them  
to safety to be enfolded in care and compassion.

Enlighten perpetrators of aggression to find the wisdom  
within them to cease these acts which deprive peace  
from so many and allow the gentle breath of peace  
to be free to all who are suffering  
to be healed and brought to safety.

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**First Reading***1 Kings 19:16. 19-21*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R/cf. v.5*

**Response: O Lord, it is you who are my portion.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.
4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

**Second Reading***Galatians 5:1. 13-18*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Luke 9:51-62*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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