



Abraham and Sarah

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Hebrews 11:1

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

7 August 2022

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

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*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, is on annual leave this week, returning on Wednesday 17 August
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 6 - 13 AUGUST 2022

Saturday 6 August <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 August	9.00am	St Mary	Elizabeth Keane (dec.)
Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Nancy & John Mulligan (dec.)
Monday 8 August <i>St Dominic</i>			
Tuesday 9 August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (AC)
Wednesday 10 August <i>St Laurence</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Turnbull Family (liv & dec.)
Thursday 11 August <i>St Clare of Assisi</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Revd Fr Taggart (dec.)
Friday 12 August			
Saturday 13 August	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 14 August	9.00am	St Mary	Diane Elizabeth Johnson (ann.)
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri,
9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart and on Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's

Sacrament of Baptism

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Layla Rose Saxelby 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, Cheryl Anne McDonald, 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: Revd Paul Nichol). 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/>

SOCIETY OF MARY (MARISTS) COLLECTION Many thanks to everyone who contributed a total of £863.06 to this collection on 23/24 July following the Appeal by Br John McAllister SM.

SERVING TEAS AND COFFEES AGAIN AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

ST MARY'S 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.

IMMACULATE HEART We are also hoping to start serving teas and coffees again after Sunday Mass at Immaculate Heart. To do this we need volunteers. If you can help, please contact Eileen Aitken, after Mass or by phone on 0191 4408 603 or mobile 07530 336202. Eileen looks forward to hearing from you! Many Thanks.

LITURGICAL FORMATION AND DAYS OF REFLECTION The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is pleased to share their Autumn calendar for Liturgical Formation (i.e. for new Readers - speak to Fr Peter if you interested in this) and Days of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Please visit <http://bit.ly/Liturgy2022> for further details or see the poster and information sheet on the parish notice board. Bookings should be made via the Parish Office. Further dates for other ministries will be announced in due course.

THE VICARIATE FOR FAITH AND MISSION has now produced the 'Encountering the Holy Spirit' booklet which is the third in the series of reflection booklets to accompany the Year of the Eucharist. The booklet is available to view on the Diocesan website from the following link: <https://bit.ly/3R2gJRZ>

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: UHT milk, cooking oil, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tinned rice pudding, custard, sweetcorn, long grain rice, squash & shampoo.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene (tampons & pads), shower gel, antiperspirant, toothpaste, toilet roll, tinned kidney beans, chickpeas, jam, coffee, tinned meat (corned beef, pek, spam), hot dogs, meatballs, tuna, soup, baked beans, fruit, custard, rice pudding, all vegetables, potatoes, sugar, sweets, crisps, biscuits, tomato purée & all other non-perishable items.

Every Thursday volunteers are in church between 9.30 - 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

ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022 In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will undertake a very special pilgrimage, journeying from Lourdes in France to cathedrals and churches across England, Scotland, and Wales. **The relics will be arriving in our diocese at St Mary's Cathedral from 11am on Saturday 1 October until 11am on Sunday 2 October. It is important that you book if you wish to visit the relics and you can do this via the Relic Tour website -**

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#hexham-newcastle-diocese>

For further information, please visit www.stbernadette.org.uk

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP RCIA 2022-23 Are you interested in finding more about what being a Catholic means? Or are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Then this is the course for you. Meetings held each Tuesday night at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling beginning on Tuesday 6 September at 7.00pm. For further information please speak to Fr Peter or to Alan Egdell tel. 07976 402023.

HOLY ISLAND CHILDREN'S VINNIE CAMP 2022 There are still some places at this year's Holy Island Children's Camp, particularly in the last week of the School Summer Holiday. If you have a child/children in school years 5-7 who would like a week's residential holiday on Holy Island or you know of any children who would benefit from going to Camp this year, please email christinej@svp.org.uk for further information.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS 2022-2023) The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2022-2023 and there is a short presentation which is now available on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs> If anyone would like further information, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on tel. 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

THE UNIVERSAL SYNOD

REFLECTION ON THE NATIONAL SYNTHESIS The Bishops of England and Wales, having carefully considered the Synodal National Synthesis, have now offered their initial reflections in the light of our shared faith in Christ and our shared belonging to his Church. To view these reflections, please go to www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-reflection-synodal-national-synthesis/

THE NATIONAL SYNTHESIS reflects on the Synod reports received by the Bishops' Conference National Synthesis Team, discerning the main themes that have emerged from the listening conversations, and collating them together to give a picture of the synodal process in England and Wales. This can be viewed at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>

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/>

NORTHERN CROSS The August edition of The Northern Cross is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 11 August.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Who are we, stranger friend family? All of these, at one point in time those we hold close were strangers.

It is taking the risk to be vulnerable which allows us to find some of our greatest joys.

Pain and rejection may be an outcome but a deeper more fruitful relationship can also bloom if we reach out.

When we ourselves are open and welcoming we allow others to stretch out their hand to be unafraid, to engage with us.

Like the garden once devoid of colour and shape it can be transformed into a place of joy and peace through nurturing and commitment.

Relationships and friendships can blossom and grow in strength sharing and enriching a whole community with kindness hope and love.

A smile, a kind word can kindle hope when all seems lost.

Help us to remember and keep reaching out to strangers and communities who have been fractured by terror, war, natural or man-made disasters that they may heal and know that they are cared for valued and cherished.

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Prayer of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891 - 1942)

O Prince of Peace, to all who receive You, You bright light and peace. Help me to live in daily contact with You, listening to the words You have spoken and obeying them. O Divine Child, I place my hands in Yours; I shall follow You. Oh, let Your divine life flow into me.

I will go unto the altar of God. It is not myself and my tiny little affairs that matter here, but the great sacrifice of atonement. I surrender myself entirely to Your divine will, O Lord. Make my heart grow greater and wider, out of itself into the Divine Life.

O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me and I shall meet with peace.

How wondrous are the marvels of your love. We are amazed, we stammer and grow dumb, for word and spirit fail us.

The Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) is celebrated on Tuesday 9 August. She was born into a practising Jewish family and converted to Catholicism in 1922 having read St Teresa of Avila's autobiography. She subsequently became a Discalced Carmelite nun. She was arrested by the Nazis as a Jewish convert to Christianity and was executed at Auschwitz Concentration Camp on 9 August 1942.

First Reading*Wisdom 18:6-9*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R/ v.12*

Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading*Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-12*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 24:42. 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 12:35-40*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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