



Which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? *Luke 14:28*

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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

4 September 2022

Twenty Third Sunday of the Year

Year C

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Wednesday and Friday between 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted Wednesday - Friday 10am - 2pm by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 3 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

Saturday 3 September <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 September	9.00am	St Mary	Ursula Purvis-Kelly (ann.)
Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joan McStea (dec.)
Monday 5 September <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>			
Tuesday 6 September	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Julia Gill (dec.)
Wednesday 7 September	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Helen Jackson (1 st Ann.)
Thursday 8 September <i>The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	St Mary	John & Elizabeth Arnold (ann.)
Friday 9 September			
Saturday 10 September	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 11 September	9.00am	St Mary	Deceased of the Doran Family
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Education</i>			

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
Theodore Joseph Nguyen Tran and George Paul Jackson into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Moira Andison who has died recently. The Requiem Mass for Moira will be on Friday 16 September at 1.15pm in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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), Brigitte Rankin, Joseph Relph, 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/>

EDUCATION SUNDAY 2022 is next Sunday 11 September, a day on which Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country to Catholic Education and to pray for all those involved in it. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. The CES represents Catholic Education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish.

A retiring collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend to support the work of the Catholic Education Service in England and Wales.

TEAS AND COFFEES AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS
Good News! From this Sunday 4 September, teas and coffee will once again be served after Sunday morning Masses at St Mary's (initially on the first Sunday of the month) and at Immaculate Heart (every Sunday).

ST MARY'S Teas and coffees will be available in the Church Hall. If you could support us once every three or four months to help out, please get in touch with Sue Sacco at Mass or telephone 07914 266642.

IMMACULATE HEART A special thank-you to all those who worked so hard last Wednesday washing all the crockery and cleaning the cupboards to ensure everything is clean and ready. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have made this possible!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 September 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.

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/>

Priority items - VERY SHORT SUPPLY: tinned meat (corned beef, pek, spam), UHT milk, & feminine hygiene (tampons especially). **OTHER priority items:** crisps, pasta, biscuits, cooking oil, crisps, tinned tuna, meatballs, fruit, all vegetables (sweetcorn, garden peas, carrots), custard, jam, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, toilet roll.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: antiperspirant, toothpaste, long grain rice, squash, shampoo, shower gel, pasta sauce, coffee, tinned produce (hot dogs, baked beans, rice pudding, all & potatoes), sugar, tomato purée, & all other non-perishable items.

Every Thursday volunteers are in church between 9.30am - 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday 14 September 2022. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives:

Immaculate Heart - Allan 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, Joe Wheatley

Financial matters - Malcolm Shield

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.

FIRST STEPS - EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE
Are you looking to explore the Catholic Faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church.

We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. **The course starts on Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm.** If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire and/ or register using the Online Enquiry Form - <https://forms.office.com/r/4jwBpFuRvb> or email us at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

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. **Booking is essential** - for further information and to book, please visit www.stbernadette.org.uk

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.

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> For 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/>

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

SPUC The newly formed Gateshead branch of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) will hold its first meeting at the presbytery of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, High West Street, Gateshead NE8 1LX on Wednesday, 14 September, 7.00pm - 8.30pm. You are welcome to attend if you would like to help promote the pro-life cause in the Gateshead area. For further information telephone David on 07592 291358 or visit www.spuc.org.uk

THE EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE Whilst family and friends can be immensely supportive in coping with a bereavement, sometimes a bereaved person may wish to talk to someone outside of their immediate circle. The Emmaus Bereavement Support Team, trained in the Ministry of Consolation, is available to support those who wish to talk about their loss. As the post-COVID restrictions have eased, support can now be offered face to face once again. The Emmaus Bereavement Support Service number is 07732 980740 - please leave your name and number and a member of the team will get in touch with you. Emmaus information cards are also available at the back of each of our churches.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 8 September.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The evening landscape shimmers with light
formed from opal coloured clouds
basking in a pearlised blue sky.
The evening sky demonstrates its majestic beauty
in a seemingly endless glowing light.
These wondrous scenes are available for us to witness
and to cherish as examples of a much greater force
the wonders of our natural world.
The natural world brings comfort, balm,
Peace and serenity in times of pain and distress.
Summer brings a carpet of delights as colours
and scents pervade our sense with their delights.
The kaleidoscope of golden red orange
and brown of autumn leaves.
The joy as green shoots emerge from snow filled gardens
heralding new life.
May we strive as we witness these fleeting
yet intense moments to value them sufficiently
and allow them to continue and flourish.
These are treasures and many more incredible natural
wonders, trees, plants, creatures of the oceans
and rivers, animals, insects we are in danger of losing
by our unthinking actions.
Grant us the humility to begin again to save and nurture
for generations to come these extraordinary
blessed jewels which have been gifted to us.
Our natural world begs our kindness
may we accept its challenge,
give thanks for the endless glory and beauty they provide
by our loving sharing actions.

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First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?
 Who can divine the will of the Lord?
 The reasonings of mortals are unsure
 and our intentions unstable;
 for a perishable body presses down the soul,
 and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
 It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
 laborious to know what lies within our reach;
 who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
 As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not
 granted Wisdom
 and sent your holy spirit from above?
 Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
 and men been taught what pleases you,
 and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R/ v.1

**Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge
 from one generation to the next.**

1. You turn men back into dust
 and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
 To your eyes a thousand years
 are like yesterday, come and gone,
 no more than a watch in the night.
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
 like grass which springs up in the morning.
 In the morning it springs up and flowers:
 by evening it withers and fades.
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
 Show pity to your servants.
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10. 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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Gospel Acclamation

John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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