



From the holy scriptures you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Cf. II Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

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

16 October 2022

Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year

Year C

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday between 10am - 4pm & Friday between 10am - 2pm.

She can also be contacted Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm & Friday 10am - 2pm

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 15 - 23 OCTOBER 2022

Saturday 15 October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 October	9.00am	St Mary	George & Margaret Porteous (ann.)
Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Tony, Cecilia & Raymond McCusker (ann.)
Monday 17 October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>			
Tuesday 18 October <i>St Luke</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Payne (dec.)
Wednesday 19 October	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Robert Dunn (dec.)
Thursday 20 October	9.30am	St Mary	Private Intention (S&MH)
Friday 21 October			
Saturday 22 October	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Allan Smith (ann.)
Sunday 23 October	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Maria Foy (ann.)
<i>World Mission Sunday</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

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, 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/>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Next Sunday 23 October is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for *Missio*, his charity for world mission. Please support *Missio* in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend and Gift Aid envelopes will also be available. For more information or to donate online, please visit www.missio.org.uk

GIFT FOR LIFE – A big thank you! Thank you to everyone who donated to last weekend's *Gift for Life* 'Apple event' which raised a brilliant £110. As always, every penny goes to the causes your generosity is supporting. We have recently been able to send £1,800 to each of our projects in Kenya and India (Balamma Satram) which are very much in need of our support at present. This month you have also provided £100 to the DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal and £100 to support the excellent work of our parish foodbank. This coupled with our monthly gift of £50 to the Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project means your contributions are making a real difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people both in our local community and on the other side of the world. Thank you.

CHILDRENS LITURGY AT ST MARY'S We are looking to restart the Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass at St. Mary's and are in need of volunteers to help run it. Anyone willing to help will need safeguarding clearance. If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact David Khachikian via email at david_khachikian@hotmail.com or mobile on 07733 421970.

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 IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY: tinned tuna, chopped tomatoes, cereal, UHT milk, teabags, biscuits.

OTHER priority items: tinned baked beans, fruit, crisps, plus all tinned meat, long grain rice, toilet rolls & laundry powder/liquid.

Items we put into the weekly food bags: all tinned vegetables (including potatoes), meatballs, hotdogs, custard, rice, plus dried pasta, gravy granules, ketchup, mayonnaise, tomato purée, coffee, sugar toothpaste, feminine hygiene, antiperspirant, squash, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, , plus 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2022/2023 If your child is currently in Year 4 (or above) and they are not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2023, please contact the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart as soon as possible, tel. 0191 460 4274 or e-mail stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk providing your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

CALLING ALL SENIOR MOMENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY VOLUNTEERS 2022! Now that we are trying to get back to some sort of normality after the pandemic, what would be better than having a Christmas Party for our seniors! Therefore, those of you who would be interested in organising/helping out, there will be a short meeting in St Mary's Hall on Tuesday 18 October at 10.30am to discuss. If you are unable to attend, but are interested in helping, please let Michael Waugh 07923 485509 or Denise Hebron 07554 445679 know. Thank you.

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 Philip Neri, Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart of Mary and Kathleen Cunningham at St Mary's Church.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) The agenda and the minutes of the July meeting are now available to read at the back of each church.

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

THE LINDISFARNE GOSPELS The Lindisfarne Gospels are currently on display at the Laing Art Gallery from 17 September to 3 December 2022, on loan from the [British Library](#).

The Lindisfarne Gospels has long been acclaimed as the most spectacular manuscript to survive from Anglo-Saxon England. It is a copy of the four Gospels, the biblical books recounting the life of Christ, along with the associated texts that typically form part of Gospel-books, such as chapter lists and letters written by St Jerome (d. 420).

The Lindisfarne Gospels will feature in a contemporary exhibition about its meaning in the world today and its relationship with themes of personal, regional and national identity.

Created on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, the book represents the golden age of design and craftsmanship in Northumbria and has survived in almost perfect condition for over one thousand years.

The Lindisfarne Gospels will be accompanied by an exhibition about its meaning in the world today and exploring its relationship with themes of personal, regional and national identity in the Laing Art Gallery itself. The exhibition includes an immersive digital experience and includes a selection of early medieval treasures brought together from across the UK, while there is a new film by Turner Prize winning artist Jeremy Deller.

There is a programme of events throughout the North East to accompany the Gospels' time in the region with events in Durham, Northumberland, Sunderland and South Tyneside, and of course at the place the books were produced: The Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

You can find out more about the related events on the [Laing Art Gallery website](#).

Although entrance to the Laing Art Gallery is free, you will need a paid ticket to get access to the Lindisfarne Gospels exhibition. Prices vary at peak and off-peak times. To book you your tickets, please visit the [Laing Art Gallery Website](#)

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 20 October.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Each small act of kindness can ease the feeling of loneliness, isolation or worry for someone. It can allow that person to feel special and valued. We all need support or help at various stages of our lives. Some may need extra support when faced with situations which seem impossible to manage or the challenges are too great to contemplate. As the plant needs water and warmth we too need the warmth of a comforting hug, a caring word, the knowledge to know that we have not disappeared beneath whatever burdens, stress worries or fears we may have. Together we can be embracing and enfolding ready to reach out and hold each other. In challenging times the combined strength of each gives to the whole a greater comfort and healing warmth to keep moving forward knowing that someone is holding them, just as the natural world supports the more vulnerable plants, we too can be encircling but not encroaching, healing and strengthening filled with light hope and love.

Jen Jones @ September 2022

Prayer of Trust in Jesus

O Christ Jesus,
when all is darkness
and we feel our weakness and helplessness,
give us the sense of Your presence,
Your love, and Your strength.
Help us to have perfect trust
in Your protecting love
and strengthening power,
so that nothing may frighten or worry us,
for, living close to You,
we shall see Your hand,
Your purpose, Your will through all things.
Amen.

St Ignatius of Loyola (1491 - 1556)

First Reading*Exodus 17:8-13*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 120. R/cf. v.2*

**Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord
 who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
 from where shall come my help?
 My help shall come from the Lord
 who made heaven and earth.
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
 Let him sleep not, your guard.
 No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
 Israel's guard.
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
 at your right side he stands.
 By day the sun shall not smite you
 nor the moon in the night.
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
 he will guard your soul.
 The Lord will guard your going and coming
 both now and for ever.

Second Reading*II Timothy 3:14 - 4:2*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Hebrews 4:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The word of God is something alive and active;
 it can judge secret emotions and thoughts.
 Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 18:1-8*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." '

And the Lord said, 'you notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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