



The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
*Psalms 33:18*

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**

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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**23 October 2022**

**Thirtieth Sunday of the Year**

**Year C**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 22 - 30 OCTOBER 2022**

<b>Saturday 22 October</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Allan Smith (ann.)
<b>Sunday 23 October</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Maria Foy (ann.)
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>			
Monday 24 October			
Tuesday 25 October	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Mass today</i>	
Wednesday 26 October <i>SS Chad and Cedd</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Moira Andison (dec.)
Thursday 27 October	9.30am	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>	Living & Deceased Members of the Arkless Family
Friday 28 October <i>SS Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>			
<b>Saturday 29 October</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 30 October</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Intentions of Terry Jackson & Family
<b>Thirty First Sunday of the Year (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Mr & Mrs Henderson - Golden Wedding Anniversary

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri and 9.00am - 9.20am on Thursday at Immaculate Heart*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

*9.00am - 9.25am on Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at Immaculate Heart*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

*This weekend, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Jaxon John & Amber Lily Chorlton into the Family of the Church*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Helen Douglas who has died recently. The Requiem Mass for Helen will be at 9.45am on Thursday 3 November at St Mary's Church, followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. 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), 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** This 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 this weekend and Gift Aid envelopes are also available.** For more information or to donate online, please visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

**CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION** Next weekend 29/30 October there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund (the Fund will remain open until Sunday 20 November). There will be envelopes at the back of church for any donations you may wish to Gift Aid.

**ADVANCE NOTICE - ALL SAINTS will be celebrated on Tuesday 1 November and is a Holyday of Obligation.** Masses in the Parish will be celebrated at the following times:

**Vigil Mass Monday 31 October 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart  
Morning Mass Tuesday 1 November 9.30am at St Mary's**

**ALL SOULS** Wednesday 2 November is the Commemoration of the Faithful departed (All Souls). Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am at St Philip Neri.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 November 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.

**PARISH HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT** The finance report for the half-year ended September has been completed and it is encouraging to report that total funds have increased from £305,876 to £322,693. Of this figure, £307,356 belongs to the Parish with the remaining £15,337 being held on behalf of the Gift for Life, the Parish Foodbank and the Diocese. Offertory collections for the 6 months of £27,448 compare to £23,279 (+18%) for last year and £18,486 for 2020 (+48%) but are still 15.3% behind the pre-Covid £32,394 of 2019. The gradual improvement in offertory collections since the beginning of the pandemic is very welcome as we are starting to incur significant increases on our utility bills for each of our three churches, St Mary's Hall and Immaculate Heart Presbytery. The next few months will see major investment on the Dockendale Cottage roof and St Mary's church entrance while the boiler in Immaculate Heart presbytery has also recently been replaced. In total we can expect this spend to be in excess of £30,000 with the likely consequence of the half year surplus being eroded and there being a full year deficit by March 2023. Fortunately, we are in a relatively healthy financial position so we can hopefully absorb these essential repairs and still continue with our commitment to our parish mission and maintenance responsibilities. Thank for your ongoing generosity which is much appreciated.

**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.

**PRIORITY ITEMS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY: UHT milk, teabags & long grain rice.**

**OTHER priority items: tinned baked beans, fruit, plus all tinned meat, tomato purée, crisps, toilet rolls & laundry powder/liquid.**

**Items we put into the weekly food bags:** all tinned vegetables (including potatoes), tuna, chopped tomatoes, meatballs, hotdogs, custard, rice, cereal, plus dried pasta, biscuits, squash, gravy granules, ketchup, mayonnaise, coffee, sugar, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, antiperspirant, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, plus all other non-perishable items.

**This Thursday 27 October, volunteers will be in church between 10.00am - 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 [teachate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachate1@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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) providing your name, address, telephone number and email address. 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](mailto:david_khachikian@hotmail.com) or mobile on 07733 421970.

**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.

**THE LINDISFARNE GOSPELS** The Lindisfarne Gospels are currently on display at the Laing Art Gallery until 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 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 27 October.**

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

The diadem of light though covered by a veil of cloud still shimmers with its pearlised glow of light transforming the darkness into subtle opal colours.

Gradually more of the orb reveals its light bringing comfort and beauty. Mystical and wondrous.

In times of great uncertainty when anxiety and fear can cloud our reason and dim our hope

we need to feel and see the greater light

which you send to us to give us the strength and courage to believe we are never alone.

It is there in the gentle acts of care and kindness of others and our ability to look outwards and recognise that others

in places where peace is precarious and natural or manmade disasters shatter lives, turn beauty into rubble, leave communities without the basics of everyday living,

love from others remains

because we are all interconnected.

We are all family seeing the great orb of the moon at night or feel the rain wind or warmth of the sun.

May we all be strengthened by the love which knows no end and pray for peace, enlightenment and courage for a more light filled world.

*Jen Jones @ September 2022*

#### **World Mission Sunday**

As missionary disciples we are not sent to communicate ourselves, to exhibit our persuasive qualities and abilities. Instead, we have the supreme honour of presenting Christ in words and deeds, proclaiming to everyone the Good News of his salvation with joy and boldness. A missionary disciple knows that evangelisation is not about gaining more members or about appearing powerful. Rather, it is about opening doors in order to experience and share the merciful and healing embrace of God the Father, which makes of us one family.

*Pope Francis*

**First Reading***Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19*

The Lord is a judge  
 who is no respecter of personages.  
 He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,  
 he listens to the plea of the injured party.  
 He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,  
 Nor the widow's as she pours out her story.  
 The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,  
 his petitions will carry to the clouds.  
 The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,  
 until it arrives he is inconsolable,  
 nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,  
 acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.  
 And the Lord will not be slow,  
 nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 33:2-3. 17-19. 23. R/v.7***Response: This poor man called; the Lord heard him.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all time,  
 his praise always on my lips;  
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
 The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
 to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
 The just call and the Lord hears  
 and rescues them in all their distress.
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
 those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
 The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
 Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

**Second Reading***II Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.  
 The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth.  
 The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation***II Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,  
 and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel***Luke 18:9-14*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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