



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Whickham
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. *Matthew 24:44*

27 November 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Year A

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 by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 27 NOVEMBER - 4 DECEMBER 2022

Saturday 26 November	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Joe, Josie O'Keefe & Family (dec.)
Sunday 27 November	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
First Sunday of Advent (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mr Evaristus Eze (ann.)
Monday 28 November			
Tuesday 29 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Repose of the soul of Moira Andison
Wednesday 30 November <i>St Andrew</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Deceased of the Corrigan Family
Thursday 1 December	9.30am	St Mary	Carolyn Pickett (dec.)
Friday 2 December			
Saturday 3 December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 December	9.00am	St Mary	Joe & Bernard Oxley (dec.)
Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)	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 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).

SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY 7 DECEMBER - FINAL CALL! Our Seniors Christmas Party is on Wednesday 7 December at St Mary's Church Hall. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am followed by lunch and festivities. **If you would like to attend, please make sure your name, contact details and whether you are vegetarian/vegan are on the list at the entrance here at church THIS WEEKEND.** Contact details are Michael Waugh 07923 485509, Denise Hebron 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760 Thank you.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022 VOLUNTEERS Our final planning meeting is at St Mary's Hall, on Monday 5 December at 10am. Hope to see you there. Thank You!

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: long grain rice, tinned rice, custard, fruit & UHT milk.

OTHER priority items - tinned hot dogs, meatballs, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, peas, sweetcorn, carrots, potatoes, tuna, meat, shower gel, crisps, & pasta sauce.

Items we put into the weekly food bags: all tinned produce plus dried pasta, cooking oil, gravy granules, ketchup, mayonnaise, tomato purée, teabags, coffee, sugar, biscuits, toothpaste, antiperspirant, shampoo, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, feminine hygiene, plus all other non-perishable items.

Every Thursday, volunteers will be in church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop off donations 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 teachkate1@gmail.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) The agenda and the approved minutes of the PPC Meeting held in September are now available to read in each of our churches.

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR AT IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH We are privileged to have been chosen as a site to house this Community Defibrillator. It is one of four purchased through an amazing fundraising campaign in our area. As a parish, our contribution is to take responsibility for the guardianship of this unit. We have been assured that this is not an onerous or time taking task. Ideally, two guardians are required for contact purposes. John Hebron has offered to be one of these, therefore ideally it would be great to have a second guardian who attends Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please contact John Hebron on 07818 443799 who will explain what it entails. An awareness session about the use of the defibrillator is to be arranged for everyone who is interested in the National Defibrillator Network. No medical knowledge is required!

CHRISTMAS CARDS are now on sale at the back of each of our churches.

Gift for Life Christmas Cards and Decorations are also now available Once again this year we have high quality Christmas Cards and lovely angel decorations for sale after weekend Masses. The cards are £3 for a pack of 8 and glass angels are £3.50 each or 3 for £10 with all profits going to support our *Gift for Life* causes. Grab yours while stocks last! Thank you.



ADVENT ALMS 2022 A message from Moira Ashman, CEO of St Cuthbert's Care: *This Advent, we once again hope to call upon your generosity to help us to raise funds to purchase a newer vehicle for our two nursing homes. Your support will allow us to offer more regular outings throughout the year, ensuring our residents' lives remain as varied as possible, with the fresh air and change of scenery offering no end of benefits for good mental health. We appreciate this winter will be difficult for many and urge you only support us if you are able to do so. Thank you.*

There will be a retiring collection for Advent Alms at all Masses on the weekend of 10/11 December.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith & Mission has produced a series of reflections on the Scripture Readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by members of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The First and Second Weeks of these Advent reflections can now be downloaded from the Diocesan website - bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022 or by searching for #DHNAdvent2022 on Facebook. The second part of the Advent reflections for Weeks Three and Four will be available shortly.

CELEBRATE FOR FAMILIES Advent Greetings! We have this special time in the Church's year to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas and also for Christ's second coming. With so much uncertainty in our world at the moment, we need Christ's message of hope. Let's take a moment to think about what we might do as families to prepare our hearts for Jesus, our King and Saviour, this Advent. To help us fix our eyes on Him and hope in Him afresh, you may like to try a few ideas from this pack <https://www.celebratetrust.org/> and maybe share with another family and pray together through this season. Come Lord Jesus, Come!

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT EVENING The next Discernment evening will take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday 6 December at 6.00pm. Bishop Séamus will be our guest for the evening and this is the last evening before the Christmas holiday. If you would like to come along, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Father Shaun Purdy, by Monday 28 November, so catering arrangements can be made. Please either call 01670 812200 or email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk The evening will finish at 8.00pm.

LOVE CHRISTMAS - GETTING INVOLVED Well, all the preparations for our annual Christmas outreach work are now well underway.

- **Christmas Hampers** - At the back of church there is the list of special food items required for the Christmas hampers which will be given to the Parish Food Bank recipients. Please put your special food donations in the box at the back of church. **All food donations must be in by the weekend of 11 December - please continue to support this.**
- **Angel Tree** - Please remember to collect a label, or two, from 'The Angel Tree' and be as generous as you can in buying gifts for the children of families supported by the Parish Food Bank plus, all the remaining donations will go to other children across Gateshead who may be risk of not receiving a present this year. **(Please leave gifts unwrapped and include the gift tag taken from the tree).**
- **Gift for Life** - Amazing decorations and/or Christmas cards are on sale at the back of each church in aid of Gift for Life
- Remember if you would prefer someone else to shop for you then please feel free to donate cash.
- Lastly - Thank you for your consistent, continued support and unbelievable generosity in everything the parish participates in. Whichever way you choose to support the Parish's Outreach work this Christmas, someone, somewhere will benefit and be very appreciative.

Any queries please contact either Katie Wilkinson via email teachkate1@gmail.com telephone 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron via email denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk telephone 07554 445679.

Packing and wrapping session! Please come along on Tuesday 13 December (there'll be two opportunities - one following Mass at 10am the second at 6.30pm) and become a Santa's Little Helper for a couple of hours at Immaculate Heart Church. Everyone really enjoyed being involved in this 'nice bit' last year. So don't be shy - you will welcomed with open arms - you, plus your scissors & sellotape if possible!

ANGEL TREE APPEAL 2022 Brigitte Jones has organised this amazing outreach work for many years. The Angel Trees will be in each of our three churches and most of you will already know that the labels on the each of these trees bear the age and gender of a child at risk of not receiving a Christmas present.

This year, for ease, we are including tags for the 44 children who receive weekly support from the Parish Food Bank and any remaining presents will go to other children in need around Gateshead.

We ask that those of you who can afford it to please take a label (or two), buy a gift, leave it unwrapped, and return it with the label to one of our three churches by Sunday 11 December.

If anyone wants to buy a gift but is unable to shop, we are very happy to accept cash and someone will shop on your behalf. Any money given that is over and above the amount needed for gifts or food for the Christmas hampers will be donated to the Parish Food Bank to help continue with the weekly support required by 18 families in our area. **Please return all gifts to church by Sunday 11 December 2022.**

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT by Westoe Brass Band, The Diocesan Choir and Ensembles from St Joseph's Academy, Hebburn. To be held on Friday 9 December at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX. **Tickets are £5/£3.50** and only available on the door. U18s free admission. Cash and card accepted. Refreshments during the interval.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle NE4 7QA on Saturday 3 December (1pm-3pm). All are welcome.

PRAYER VIGILS AT DERWENTSIDE IMMIGRATION REMOVAL CENTRE A short monthly prayer vigil has been held on the first Sunday of each month at 3 pm outside the barrier to Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre since August 2021 co-ordinated by the Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council. We believe detaining women who are asking for a safe place to live goes against our faith; we are asked to welcome the stranger and feed the hungry. This is an opportunity to give witness and pray for the women detained there. You are very welcome to join us there or to pray with us from home. The address of the centre is Corbridge Road, Medomsley DH8 6QY. Future dates planned are: 4 December, 5 February, 5 March (there will not be an in person vigil in January). For more details including a copy of the prepared liturgy please contact Liz Archibald at lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancies:

Parish Secretary, St Charles, Gosforth - 12 hours per week

Closing date for applications: 30 November

Cleaner, St Peter, Low fell, Gateshead - 8 hours per week

Closing date for applications: 1 December

Please visit 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 1 December.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer Advent

The candle flame flickers in the darkness.
Its unerring strength is its gentle core.
Silent yet strong, wavering yet firm.
May the Spirit of fire be your strength.
As he guides and envelops you
in a mantle of love, healing and peace.

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First Reading*Isaiah 2:1-5*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'
He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many people;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R/cf. v.1*

**Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!'
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

Second Reading*Romans 13:11-14*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Psalm 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 24:37-44*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when you master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the house-holder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, 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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CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES AT OUR THREE CHURCHES		
Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord	5.00pm 7.00pm	Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lobley Hill Mass at St Philip Neri, Dunston
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord	9.30am	Mass at St Mary's, Whickham