



Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Whickham
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1 January 2023

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

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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Saturday 31 December	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 January	9.00am	St Mary	Terry Spearman (dec.)
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Michael Short (dec.)
Monday 2 January <i>SS Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>			
Tuesday 3 January <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	John & Nancy Mulligan (ann.)
Wednesday 4 January	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Robert Dunn (dec.)
Thursday 5 January Epiphany of the Lord Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (AB)
Friday 6 January Epiphany of the Lord Holyday of Obligation	9.30am	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Saturday 7 January	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 8 January	9.00am	St Mary	Albert Drummond (ann.)
The Baptism of the Lord	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Families who have experienced the loss of a child

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Lilian May Howstan who has died recently. The Funeral Service for Lilian will be at Saltwell Crematorium on Friday 6 January at 1pm. 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).

REQUEST FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS Please can you save all your Christmas cards at the end of this season and hand them into church when you come along to Mass. Ask your family for theirs too. The used Christmas card images will make ideal gift tags for next year's Angel Tree gifts and will save us a few pennies – always good. Thank you in advance.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 January in Immaculate Heart Church at 1.30pm. All are welcome! For further information, please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

THE NEXT FOOD BANK DELIVERY DATE when Immaculate Heart Church will be open for donations will be Thursday 5 January 2023, 9.30am - 10.30am.

FOR JANUARY ONLY - TEAS AND COFFEES AFTER 9.00am MASS AT ST MARY'S will be next Sunday 8 January.

DEFIBRILLATOR INFORMATION EVENING on Thursday 12 January at 6.30pm in Immaculate Heart Church. Sergio Petrucci of the local Registered Heart Charity Red Sky Foundation has kindly offered to come and provide us with all of the skills needed to use the defibrillator and potentially save someone's life with an easy to follow training and educational support session. Please indicate on the form at the entrance of each church to let us know if you are able to attend. Thank You.

First Reading*Numbers 6:22-27*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R/v.2*

Response: O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
You guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading*Galatians 4:4-7*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Hebrews 1:1-2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past
and in various different ways,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our own time, the last days,
he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 2:16-21*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Holy Family Prayer

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family.
Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that
you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.
Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother,
nourish our family with your faith and your love.
Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.
Joseph, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary,
keep our family safe from harm.
Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.
Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you.
Help us to be instruments of peace.
Grant that love, strengthened by grace,
may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials
through which our families sometimes pass.
May we always have God
at the centre of our hearts and homes,
until we are all one family,
happy and at peace in our true home with you.
Amen.