

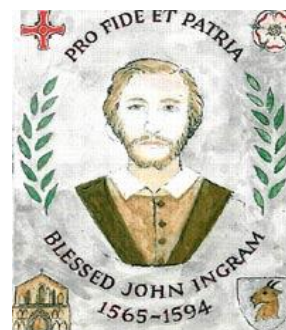


Today a saviour has been born to us;
he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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25 December 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

Year A

*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be on annual leave this week,
returning to the Parish Office on Tuesday 3 January 2023, 10am - 4pm.*

Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL

Saturday 24 December	5.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)
<i>Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord</i>	7.00pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 December	9.30am	St Mary	Michael Short (ann.)
<i>Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord</i>			

Carols will be sung before the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

Please note there are no Weekday Masses 26 - 30 December

Monday 26 December *St Stephen*
Tuesday 27 December *St John*
Wednesday 28 December *The Holy Innocents*
Thursday 29 December *St Thomas Becket*
Friday 30 December *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

Saturday 31 December	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 January	9.00am	St Mary	Terry Spearman (dec.)
<i>Mary, The Mother of God</i>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Michael Short (dec.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday 31 December at St Philip Neri

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).

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY SHEETS Back, by popular demand, for Christmas 2022 and can be found by clicking [here](#). Good luck and enjoy! Merry Christmas.

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.

FOOD BANK Next delivery date when Immaculate Heart Church will be open for donations will be Thursday 5 January 2023, 9.30am - 10.30am.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 January 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.

*Fr Peter wishes you and your families all the joys and blessings of the Christmas season.
He also thanks you for your cards and gifts which he very much appreciates.*



First Reading*Isaiah 9:1-7*

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 95:1-3. 11-13. R/ Lk 2:11*

**Response: Today a saviour has been born to us;
he is Christ the Lord.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
4. With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading*Titus 2:11-14*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Luke 2:10-11***Alleluia, alleluia!**

I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!**Gospel***Luke 2:1-14*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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