



May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

1 Corinthians 1:3

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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

15 January 2023

Second Sunday of the Year

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 14 – 22 January 2023

Saturday 14 January	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 15 January	9.00am	St Mary	Haboba & Alesha Putrus and Matte & Juliet Jameel
Second Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Freddy Bambrough (ann.)
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Peace</i>			
Monday 16 January			
Tuesday 17 January <i>St Anthony</i>	<u>12.45pm</u>	<u>St Philip Neri</u>	Requiem Mass – Margaret Mary Robson RIP
Wednesday 18 January	9.30am	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>	Deceased of the Rossi Family
Thursday 19 January	9.30am	St Mary	David Johnson (dec.) <i>St Mary's School attending</i>
Friday 20 January			
Saturday 21 January <i>St Agnes</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 22 January	9.00am	St Mary	George Turnbull (dec.)
Third Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	John & Nancy Mulligan (dec.)

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 2 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Wednesday at Immaculate Heart

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Margaret Mary Robson and Joyce Todhunter who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Margaret Mary Robson will be celebrated on Tuesday 17 January at 12.45pm at St Philip Neri Church followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Funeral Service for Joyce Todhunter will be on Wednesday 25 January at 1.00pm at Saltwell Crematorium. May they 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).

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI REQUIESCAT IN PACE



A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was celebrated in the Cathedral Church of St Mary on Monday 9 January at 12.05pm. Bishop Séamus presided at this Mass and Clergy, Religious and Laity of the diocese were invited to attend.

The Mass was live streamed to the Cathedral YouTube page and can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/@StMarysRCCathedralNewcastle>

Prayer cards have also been distributed to the parishes, or can be viewed at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/01/BXVI-Papal-Prayer-Card-Long.pdf>

PEACE SUNDAY This Sunday, 15 January, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children which can be viewed at <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY Tel. 0208 203 4884

CHRISTMAS MASSES - RETIRING COLLECTIONS Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the retiring collections taken at our Christmas Masses which realised a splendid total of £1100. This will be shared with the Parish Charities which we regularly support i.e. India, Kenya, the Food Bank and the Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project.

GIFT FOR LIFE Many thanks to everyone who bought Christmas cards and angels and made donations for *Gift for Life* on the lead up to Christmas - your generosity raised a brilliant £600 for the causes we support. In addition to our ongoing commitment to the work in Kenya and India and the Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project, we were also able to provide a one-off Christmas gift of £500 to 'Peace of Mind', a Gateshead charity supporting refugees and people seeking asylum. They posted on Facebook: 'A Massive, Massive, Massive thank you to Gift for Life at the Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri for an incredibly kind and generous donation' Our parish community has also received greetings and thanks from Sister Vicky in Kenya: 'Thank you for supporting my work with Gift for Life - every blessing for you in 2023' and from Sr Teresa at Balamma Satram in India: 'We, the Carmelite Community along with all our aged and homeless guests wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas with Christ's blessings in 2023. Her letter highlights the support given to students there: 'All our students are doing well, we have no bad reports. They are all conscious of your continued support and they are giving 100% to their studies.' Her letter can be read in full on the parish website. It is clear that your kindness is having a huge impact on the lives of many people both locally and overseas. Thank you so much.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE

PRIORITY ITEMS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY: tinned meat, meatballs, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet roll, anti-perspiration, sanitary protection.

OTHER priority items: tinned rice, custard, fruit, tuna, sweets, potatoes, crisps, ketchup, mayonnaise, dilute fruit juice, cleaning spray. Items we put into the weekly food bags: tinned peas, sweetcorn, carrots, dried pasta, pasta sauce, teabags, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cooking oil, antiperspirant, feminine hygiene, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid 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

RED MISSION BOXES are now due to be emptied in all three churches. Money can be given to Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart, Denise Hebron St Philip Neri and Kathleen Cunningham at St Mary's.

NORTHERN CROSS The January edition of the Northern Cross is on sale this weekend price £1.50.

THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2023 is now available and on sale at the back of church this weekend price £3.

DONATION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS we have received the following thanks from Gateshead Council for the Christmas gifts donated by our Parish *"I am writing to express our sincere thanks for the kind donation of Christmas presents from your church community ... their kindness and generosity is both recognised and appreciated"*.

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.

LET'S CHAT: ALL THINGS ENERGY Gateshead Council are running a number of free energy advice sessions this winter throughout December, January and February where you can chat with experts on how to save on your energy bills. For specific dates, times and venues please see the poster at the back of church or by visiting <https://www.theparish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Energy-Advice-Sessions.pdf>

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

Cleaner, St Peter, Low Fell - 8 hours per week

Closing date: 19 January

Caretaker/Cleaner, Whitley Bay and North Shields – 11 hours per week

Closing date: 23 January

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office by 10.00am on Thursday 19 January.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Endings and beginnings
the opposite ends of our yearly continuum.
At this time we can reflect upon
the many blessings and generous acts
of kindness and compassion gifted to us.
It is the simplest of many of these gifts
that can restore and rejuvenate us,
the seemingly ordinary everyday things
which are transformed by a kind gesture
into extraordinary because they come with care and love
a generosity of self.
The snowdrop and the crocus which greet us
in the early months of our year
brighten our days and fill us with joy and hope.
If we reach out to others we can be their colour
in a time of darkness worry or anxiety,
easing or soothing them as the sun warms the earth
to allow these early plants to bloom.
Guide our hearts and minds to be open
to the small opportunities,
to be the blooming sun warmed plant
and give thanks for the selfless and generous
acts of others.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

God, our Creator and Redeemer,
May we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those
who suffer and have known only violence in their lives.
Give us a voice for those who have no voice
and are not heard; those who know that there is
no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons
destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life.
That way, with your help, will we become
true instruments of your peace.

Amen.

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First Reading*Isaiah 49:3. 5-6*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 39:2. 4. 7-10. R/vv.8. 9***Response: Here I am, Lord!***I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading*I Corinthians 1:1-3*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*cf. Luke 19:38, 2:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

Gospel*John 1:29-34*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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