



Jesus said to them, 'follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Matthew 4:19-20

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary • Lobley Hill
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22 January 2023

Third Sunday of the Year

Year A

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 - 25 January www.ctbi.org.uk

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday between 10am - 4pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 21 - 29 January 2023

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.)
<i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>			
Monday 23 January			
Tuesday 24 January <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving (AC)
Wednesday 25 January <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Prayer Shawl Recipients
Thursday 26 January <i>SS Timothy and Titus</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Intention of Shelagh Kelly
Friday 27 January			
Saturday 28 January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 29 January	9.00am	St Mary	Pauline Archbold (dec.)
Fourth Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Payne (dec.)

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 3 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Wednesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Margaret Joyce Todhunter and Norman Fairley who have died recently. The Funeral Service for Margaret will be on Wednesday 25 January at 1.00pm at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Norman will be on Wednesday 1 February at 10.45am at Immaculate Heart Church. 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)

PARISH FINANCES The Parish Financial Report for the 9 months to December has been prepared with parish funds standing at £289,607. This includes a total of £15,410 being held on behalf of Gift for Life, Foodbank and Special Collections. Parish funds have declined by £3,150 since the start of April 2022.

Offertory Collections of £41,713 are +10% on the same period in 2021 and +35% on 2020 but 16.5% down on the near £50,000 received in 2019.

We have also received £10,000 in the form of will legacies from two deceased parishioners for which we are especially grateful.

Expenditure on major repairs has started to accelerate with a total of nearly £40,000 spent to date on among other items St Mary's Church frontage, a new boiler at Immaculate Heart presbytery and the gas main excavation and installation works currently underway at St Mary's.

Upcoming costs include the installation of a new gas boilers for St Mary's Church and Presbytery estimated at £36,000 and repairs to Dockendale Cottage roof of £18,000.

Still to be considered and finalised are the proposed replacement of St Philip Neri's roof and the heaters at Immaculate Heart Church. After a relatively quiet few years of major building spend we are in the middle of a period of significant investment which will erode the parish funds.

However, it is worth remembering that when the single parish was formed in 2018 our funds stood at £230,000 so we are still nearly £60,000 better off now compared to then and in a healthier financial position than many other parishes.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing generosity which is much appreciated.

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"*.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS A Liturgical Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 4 February 2023, 10.30am-4.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am. The venue is The Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert, 37 High Street, Amble, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 0LE. Cost: £15.00 per person (this will be met by the Parish). Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. **To reserve a place on this Day of Reflection, please contact the Parish Secretary (tel. 0191 460 4274/ or email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) by 12 noon on Tuesday 31 January.**

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>

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.

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

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

Closing date: 23 January

Please visit www.dioceseh.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 26 January.

First Reading*Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

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.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 26:1. 4. 13-14. R/v.1*

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul,' 'I am for Apollos,' 'I am for Cephas,' 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 4:12-23*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:
Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
On those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

As we journey through the days of this new year
help us to enfold the many areas of the world
where peace and harmony have been torn away
by war, persecution, anger, aggression,
violence and oppression.

Many are hungry and thirsty abandoned
or weary from conflict or injustice.

We humbly ask for the light of reason
to guide those who perpetrate distress upon others
to be enlightened to seek peace and harmony,
to feed and shelter, cease oppression and war.

You are the light of peace and love
help us to feel your peace and be warmed
by its strength, show us in all of our daily lives how to seek
the beauty of the sacred moment, to give thanks.

May all victims of the darkness of pain and suffering
and all mankind be bathed in the glowing light
of hope and continuous love.

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