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Matthew 3:17

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Whickham
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The Baptism of the Lord

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.
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 7 – 15 January 2023

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
Monday 9 January			
Tuesday 10 January	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Moira Andison (dec.)
Wednesday 11 January	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Deceased of the Corrigan Family
Thursday 12 January <i>St Benet Biscop</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Norma & Michael Kavanagh (dec.)
Friday 13 January			
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.)

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 REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Margaret Mary Robson and Joyce Todhunter who have died recently. 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).

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

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI REQUIESCAT IN PACE



A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated in the Cathedral Church of St Mary on Monday 9 January at 12.05pm. Bishop Séamus will preside at this Mass and all Clergy, Religious and Laity of the diocese are welcome to attend.

The Mass will be live-streamed to the Cathedral YouTube page

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

Prayer cards are also being 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>

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.

REQUEST FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS When you come along to Mass, please remember to bring along all your Christmas cards and hand them into any of our three churches. 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.

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.

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.

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

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

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, cereal, UHT milk, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet roll.

OTHER priority items: tinned rice, custard, fruit, tuna, sweets, potatoes, crisps, gravy granules, ketchup, mayonnaise & tomato purée.

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

PARISH BOUNDARIES Following recommendations from the Diocesan Boundaries Commission and consultation with parishes, partnerships and the Council of Priests, the decrees establishing the (revised) boundaries of each parish within the diocese have now been issued. A map showing the boundaries of Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish is on display in each of our three churches together with a copy of the Decree for our parish.

CAFOD Mark Maughan CAFOD Community Participation Co-ordinator for the Diocese writes: *Thank you for your incredible support throughout the year, I look forward to making more of an impact alongside you in 2023. The Church relies on people getting involved. Our Church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? What aspects of Church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in your parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with mmaughan@cafod.org.uk Wishing you a Merry Christmas and all the best this New Year!*

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 Cuthbert, Chester le Street - 6 hours per week
Closing date for applications: 12 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 12 January.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Hope flows and gathers pace becoming a glowing river
spreading sparking light into each crack it touches
until a sea of calm washes over us.
It is our choice to bathe in this water.
Total stillness fills the air.
A perfect continuum of light from the early morning sun
spreads it's healing glow from sky to sea
in seamless harmony.
With this awesome beauty comes a calmness
a sense of being at one with self and all around
no sound except the gentle almost inaudible sound
of the sea itself.
Wrapped around in this calm and healing space
in the moment brings a peace like non other
for it allows us to breathe and regain our inner strength
a blessed gift where senses are heightened
and silence can gain its voice.
Hope too flows forth as it washes over us
filling us with joy and love.
The hills around bring no threat because very soon
they too will be touched by a master's hand
and their coloured glory will glow
and add yet more wonder.
Enable us to use these extraordinary moments
to reset our hearts and minds
knowing it is a special and unique gift
to cherish and revisit again
allowing ourselves to be healed and give thanks
for the moment to cherish the wondrous light.

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First Reading*Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7*

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
Nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
He will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of
the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 28:1-4. 9-10. R/v.11*

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

Second Reading*Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Mark 9:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 3:13-17*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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