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Cf. Isaiah 58:7.8

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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

5 February 2023

Fifth 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 10am - 4pm & Friday 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday, Wednesday 10am - 4pm and Friday 10am - 2pm by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 4 - 12 February 2023

Saturday 4 February	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Gerard Cailey (ann.)
Sunday 5 February	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Fifth Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Malcolm Robson (dec.)
<i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>			
Monday 6 February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>			
Tuesday 7 February	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Prayer Shawl Recipients
Wednesday 8 February	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Mitchell & Turnbull Families
Thursday 9 February	9.30am	St Mary	John & Elizabeth Arnold (dec.)
Friday 10 February <i>St Scholastica</i>			
Saturday 11 February	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 February	9.00am	St Mary	Oxley, Crilly & O'Brien Families
Sixth Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	John Arkless (1 st ann.)

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 5 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday 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 Fr Patrick (Paddy) McMahon and Anne Coxon who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Anne Coxon will be at 10.45am on Tuesday 14 February at St Mary's 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).

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2023 is the day the Church focusses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for this year's Racial Justice Sunday, is: 'All are included in the mission of Christ and his Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together' reflecting the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. This was inspired by conversations around last year's Racial Justice Sunday and Pope Francis' visit to Canada in July 2022 when he spoke about looking towards a future of 'Justice, healing and reconciliation' For more information and resources please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

CONFIRMATIONS 2023 All young people in our parish who will be in Year 7 or above from September 2023 are invited to join in a preparation programme for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year. The programme is being run in conjunction with St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Stella. The preparation sessions will be on Thursday 7, 14 & 21 September (6.00pm - 6.45pm), all taking place at St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas Meeting Room, Stella (NE21 4LR). Application & Parental Consent forms are available at the back of our three churches. Any queries, please contact Canon Peter.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held this Tuesday 7 February 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.

LAST YEAR'S PALMS If you still have a palm or palms from last Palm Sunday, could you please bring them to church so that they can be burnt for use as the ashes which will be distributed at Masses on Ash Wednesday (22 February). Thank you.

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.

SACRISTANS If any of our parish sacristans would like to be formally commissioned in their ministry, there will be a day course and commissioning ceremony on Monday 13 February 10am - 3pm at St Bede's Church, Chapel Road, Jarrow NE32 3LX. If you would like to attend, please let Canon Peter know.

THE NORTHERN CROSS February edition is available this weekend, price £1.50.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle has the following permanent vacancies:

Parish Secretary, St Peter, Low Fell - 10 hours per week.

Closing date: 10 February

Diocesan Offices, Newcastle, Management Accountant - full

time, permanent. Closing date: 6 February

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 15 February 2023. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives:

Immaculate Heart - Allen Bell, Ann Short, Wendy O'Reilly, Maveen Pereira

St Mary's - Phil Cunningham Janice Hall, Jen Jones, Tony Sacco

St Philip Neri - Denise Hebron, John Pinchen, Michael Waugh, Katie Wilkinson

Youth issues - David Khachikian & Joe Wheatley

Financial matters - Malcolm Shield

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE:

Priority items in VERY SHORT SUPPLY: toilet roll, coffee, tinned potatoes, meat, tuna, rice, custard, garden peas, carrots, soup, UHT milk, dried pasta.

OTHER priority items: tinned tomatoes, sweets, crisps, pasta sauce.

Items we put into the weekly food bags: gravy granules, ketchup, mayonnaise, tomato purée, tinned sweetcorn, cereal, teabags, sugar, biscuits, shampoo, toothpaste, cooking oil, antiperspirant, feminine hygiene, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, plus all other non-perishable items.

Every Thursday, volunteers will be in Immaculate Heart 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

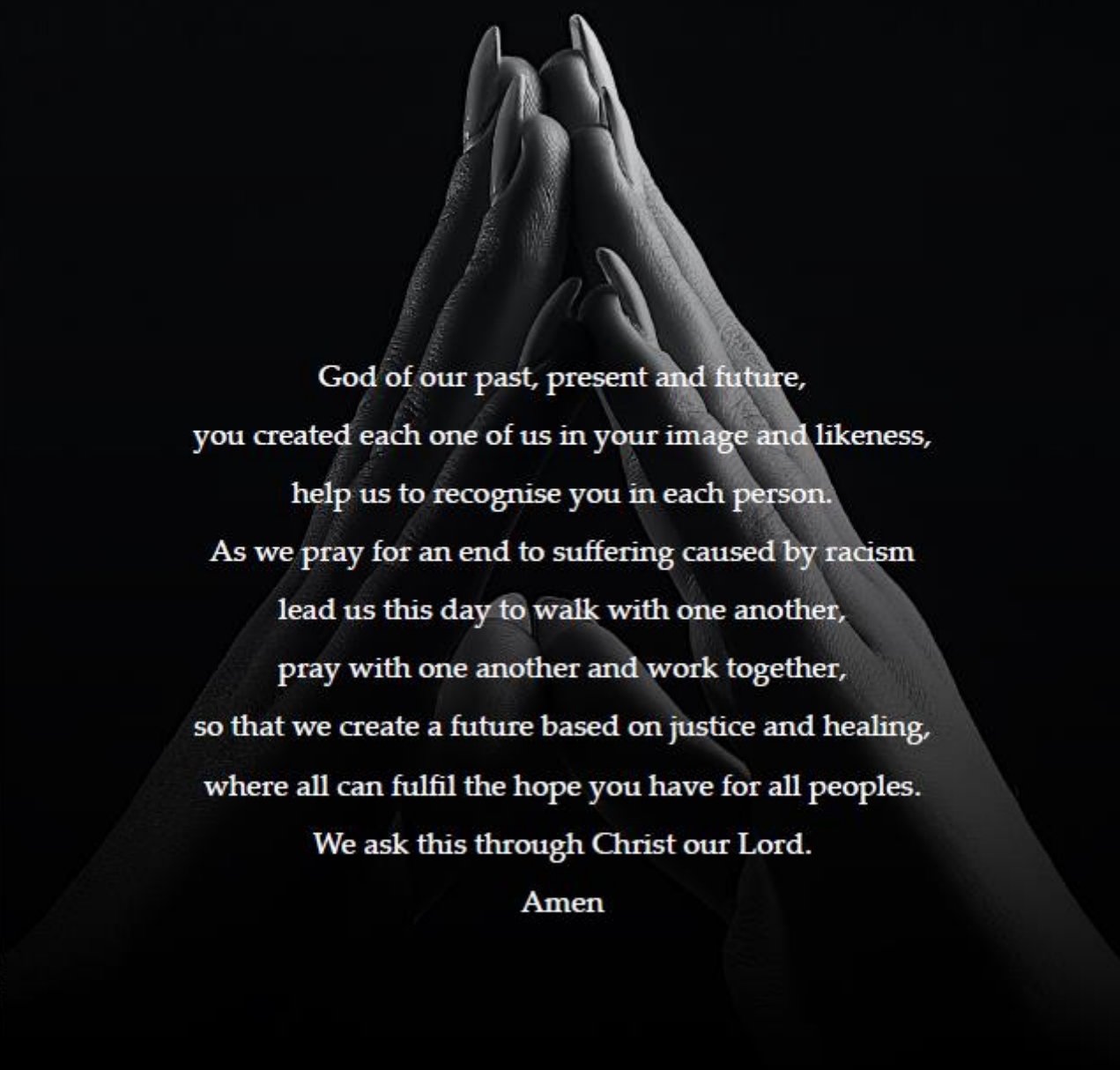
MARY'S PLACE/MERCY HUB The Asda Green Tokens Scheme is supporting various local charities, giving different amounts of money to each charity, depending on the number of votes received. Voting can take place online without requiring a visit to an Asda store. Mary's Place (The Mercy Hub), is asking for people to vote online to help us increase our funding for those in need in these difficult times. You can vote at www.asda.com/green-tokens and select **Gosforth** from the drop-down box. Each person will be able to vote once every seven days. Please vote for the **Mercy Hub** every week and encourage friends and families to vote for us. It could make a difference of £200 to our finances. Thank you.

LOCAL PLACES SERVING FREE MEALS A list of local places serving free meals is posted at the back of each church and can be viewed on the link on the parish website homepage or by clicking [here](#)

WARM SPACES Whickham Volunteer Library is part of the Warm Space Initiative and as such has opened the Library Lounge for everyone to enjoy the space. Newspapers, jigsaws and games are on offer along with tea, coffee and biscuits. A warm welcome can be expected with dignity and respect. The Lounge is open whenever the Library is.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 9 February.**

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



God of our past, present and future,
you created each one of us in your image and likeness,
help us to recognise you in each person.
As we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism
lead us this day to walk with one another,
pray with one another and work together,
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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First Reading*Isaiah 58:7-10*

Thus says the Lord:
 Share your bread with the hungry,
 and shelter the homeless poor,
 clothe the man you see to be naked
 and turn not from your own kin.
 Then will your light shine like the dawn
 and your wound be quickly healed over.
 Your integrity will go before you
 and the glory of the Lord behind you.
 Cry, and the Lord will answer;
 call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
 If you do away with the yoke,
 the clinched fist, the wicked word,
 if you give your bread to the hungry,
 and relief to the oppressed,
 your light will rise in the darkness,
 and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 111:4-9. R/v.4*

**Response: *The good man is a light in the darkness
 for the upright.***

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
 he is generous, merciful and just.
 The good man takes pity and lends,
 he conducts his affairs with honour.
2. The just man will never waver:
 he will be remembered for ever.
 He has no fear of evil news:
 with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear:
 open-handed, he gives to the poor;
 his justice stands firm for ever.
 His head will be raised in glory.

Second Reading*I Corinthians 2:1-5*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***John 8:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
 anyone who follows me
 will have the light of life.
 Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 5:13-16*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Jen's Weekly Prayer

Peace can flourish like the mighty sequoia tree
 or it can become withered like the fine oak that is placed
 in barren soil which erodes and destroys.
 We all seek to find peace within ourselves,
 for our families and communities
 but whilst it is strong it can be broken
 by indifference, lack of nurturing or lack of contentment.
 The natural world is equipped to sustain and support us
 yet many are starving or without adequate water supplies
 because of indifference, greed and desires of others
 to take what is not theirs.

May justice peace and hope prevail
 to be as mighty and as strong and majestic
 as the sequoia tree whose bark looks rough
 but it is strong and soft offering when touched comfort.

In areas of the world
 where war, terrorism, corruption, pain and disasters
 are continuing to challenge and harm many lives,
 may they feel the soft gentle arms of strength, courage
 and hope holding them to ease their hearts and minds
 and fill them with love and peace.

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