



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
 Immaculate Heart of Mary - Lobley Hill
 St Mary - Whickham
 St Philip Neri - Dunston

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God has set fire and water before you....
 Man has life and death before him;
 whichever a man likes better will be given
 him. *Ecclesiasticus 15:16-17*

12 February 2023

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 11 - 19 February 2023

Saturday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	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.)
Monday 13 February			
Tuesday 14 February <i>Ss Cyril & Methodius</i>	<u>10.45am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Anne (Nancy) Coxon RIP
Wednesday 15 February	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Special Intention (PT)
Thursday 16 February	9.30am	St Mary	Edna & Wilf Murray (dec.)
Friday 17 February			
Saturday 18 February	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Theresa Irving (dec.)
Sunday 19 February	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Seventh Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joan McStea (ann.)

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 6 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Fr Patrick (Paddy) McMahon and Anne (Nancy) 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).

CAFOD SYRIA - TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL As part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC - www.dec.org.uk) CAFOD is appealing for help to provide food, water and shelter to survivors of the devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey. **There will be a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend (CAFOD envelopes are available if you wish to gift aid your donation – please fill in your details on the back of the envelope). You can also donate online at www.cafod.org.uk Thank you.**

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.

LAST YEAR'S PALMS If you still have a palm or palms from last Palm Sunday, could you please bring them to church by next weekend 18/19 February so that they can be burnt for use as the ashes which will be distributed at Masses on Ash Wednesday (22 February). Thank you.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIE CAMP 2023 Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island, They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sandcastle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> Applications open from 10 February 2023.

SVP - ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (ENGLAND & WALES) is seeking a Support Centre Manager in Newcastle upon Tyne. Full job details and how to apply can be found on their website www.svp.org.uk/work-with-us Closing date for applications is Friday 17 February 2023.

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

CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) at Durham University, is seeking to appoint a part-time Administrator, 21 hours per week, whose work will focus on CCS events and communications. Do you know anyone who might be interested in applying? Full details are attached, and can also be accessed at [Job Description - CCS Administrator \(22001983\) \(taleo.net\)](http://www.jobdescription-ccs-administrator-22001983@taleo.net) The closing date for applications is midnight on Monday 20 February 2023.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE:

Priority items in VERY SHORT SUPPLY: toilet roll, tomato purée, crisps, tinned tuna, carrots, soup, UHT milk & long grain rice.

Other priority items: hot chocolate, biscuits, sweets, pasta sauce,

Items we put into the weekly food bags: dried pasta, gravy granules, ketchup, mayonnaise, tomato purée, tinned tomatoes, potatoes, sweetcorn, garden peas, rice, custard, cereal, coffee, teabags, sugar, cooking oil, toothpaste, antiperspirant, shampoo, feminine hygiene, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid plus any 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 www.theparish.org.uk

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.

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 by this Sunday 12 February:

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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 16 February**

First Reading*Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R/v.1***Response: They are happy who follow God's law.**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law.
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity:
not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters
of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom
of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that
God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began.
It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever
known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of God; we
teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and
no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God
has prepared for those who love him.
These are the very things that God has revealed to us through
the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even
the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no
deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never
get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must
not kill and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the
court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his
brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit
adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman
lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his
heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You
must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the
Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need
say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything
more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Jen's Weekly Prayer

As our world is facing so many difficulties,
Struggles and fears we need to feel
the gentle yet strong hand of hope holding and calming us
to continue to look outwards.

We need courage and guidance to light our way
and to those who are in positions of influence power
and authority right judgment understanding, wisdom
to be open to looking at the problems
and man-made difficulties we are encountering
and work together to find solutions that will enhance
and empower individuals to begin to see a way
to peace and understanding for everyone.

For a commitment to end wars, injustice, hatred,
oppression, suppression, subjugation, intolerance.
A commitment to truly begin to take greater care
of our damaged planet in order that the very young
will have a more caring, cleaner, safer world
where generations can meet on equal terms
and value the wisdom and insight
the continuum has to offer.

With hope, peace, compassion
and the light of love to guide us
may we walk together in peace.

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