



Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
Matthew 4:1

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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First Sunday of Lent

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 25 February - 5 March 2023

Saturday 25 February	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	George Manning (ann.)
Sunday 26 February	9.00am	St Mary	Terry Burke (ann.)
First Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 27 February			
Tuesday 28 February	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Margaret Tickle RIP
Wednesday 1 March <i>St David</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Alan Facchini (dec.)
Thursday 2 March	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (IF)
Friday 3 March	9.30am	St Mary	Joe & Bernard Oxley (dec.)
<i>CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day</i>	6.30pm	St Mary	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 4 March	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 March	9.00am	St Mary	Paul Elliott (dec.)
Second Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Cecilia McCusker (dec.)

Weekday Readings: Season of Lent Week 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Margaret Tickle who died recently and whose Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 28 February at 10am at St Mary's Church. May she 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 Many thanks to everyone who has contributed so generously to the CAFOD Syria - Turkey Earthquake Appeal. The total now received is £1148.30. Thank you.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 3 MARCH - LENT APPEAL

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, such as the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Envelopes are available at the back of church or you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/live. Also, please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

LENTEN ALMS 2023 A message from Moira Ashman, CEO St Cuthbert's Care:

This Lent, we hope to call upon your generosity once again to help us raise funds to purchase a small vehicle across our two nursing homes. Your continued support allows us to offer the little extras that mean the world to our residents – for this I am deeply grateful. Thank you. We currently have vacancies at our two nursing homes in Newcastle and Sunderland. If you or anyone you know would like more information, please contact Gill Ennis, our registered manager, on 07779 248 185 and she will be delighted to help. My very best wishes.

(There will be a retiring collection to support Lenten Alms later in Lent.)

LENTEN REFLECTIONS The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith & Mission has now produced the first booklet of Lenten reflections for this year. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community.

The dedicated Lenten reflection page on the diocesan website can be found here: <https://bit.ly/DHNLent2023>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) The agenda and the approved minutes of the PPC Meeting held in November are now available for parishioners to read in each of our churches.

ROOFING ISSUES AT ST PHILIP NERI CHURCH

A message from Fr Peter: *At the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) on 15 February, I raised with PPC members the fact that the roof of St Philip Neri Church is now in a very poor state of repair and that decisions will need to be made in the near future about how we will address this situation. The current view of the Diocesan Property Department is that to resolve the issue effectively, a complete renewal of the roof would be necessary and that such work is likely to cost in the region of £135,000 plus VAT (i.e. £162,000). Clearly this level of expenditure would have major implications for parish finances and all options will need to be carefully considered. We are awaiting a further quotation and additional advice from the Diocese, but I felt it was important to let you know the current position and to assure you that we will put in place any immediate action deemed necessary to ensure the safety of parishioners and those attending or visiting the school as well as the local community.*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March 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.

PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE

Priority items in VERY SHORT SUPPLY: tinned meat (mince & onions, stewing steak etc), gravy granules, UHT milk, sweets & laundry powder/liquid.

Other priority items: toilet roll, tomato purée, crisps, tinned tuna, carrots, rice pudding, custard, soup, pasta sauce, hot chocolate, biscuits, & long grain rice.

Items we put into the weekly food bags: dried pasta, ketchup, mayonnaise, tomato purée, tinned tomatoes, potatoes, sweetcorn, garden peas, rice, custard, cereal, shampoo, cooking oil, coffee, teabags, sugar, toothpaste, antiperspirant, feminine hygiene, 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.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS APPEALS PANELS

The Diocesan Department for Education is looking for volunteers to serve on Admission Appeals Panels for Catholic schools. Appeal Panel members hear parents' appeal cases when, occasionally, they feel that the school they have been allocated for their child is not appropriate or practical. If you: are interested in education and want to get involved though you do not need to be a teacher; have excellent listening skills, combined with the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions; have the time to offer (usually appeals last half a day, a day, or two at each sitting); are willing to undertake training to understand the rules of school admissions; then this is an excellent way to serve Catholic schools. For more information and to obtain an application form, please email education@diocesehn.org.uk or tel. 0191 243 3313. 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.

WALK WITH ME' LENTEN BOOKLETS which give a daily meditation for each day of Lent are available at the back of church, price £1.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 2 March.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The candle flame flickers then burns brightly
it is a constant reminder of faith and trust.
As we begin our journey towards Easter
help us to be a flame for others.
Enable us to be united on our journey
and hold all who are facing immense pressures
from violence, aggression, abuse, injustice,
discrimination and oppression.
The flame is also a messenger of hope to bring light
into the darkness of distress and fear.
By our actions, words and love guide our communities
to be candles of strength for all who are suffering.
Enable us to hear the cries of those in pain.
May the bright light of love grow ever stronger
as the candle burns for those facing danger.
There are no boundaries to light, hope and love
they cross barriers to bring peace and strength
when joined in unity.

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THE SEASON OF LENT has now begun and gives us all a wonderful opportunity through our Lenten prayer, fasting and alms-giving to be renewed and refreshed in preparation for the celebration of Easter, 'The Great Feast.' To help with this, '**Walk with Me' Lenten booklets**, which include a daily reflection, are now available to purchase at each church (price £1).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6.30pm on the following Fridays during Lent:

Friday 3 March at St Mary's, Friday 10 March at St Philip Neri, Friday 17 March at Immaculate Heart, Friday 24 March at St Mary's, Friday 31 March at St Philip Neri

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 6 April

6.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at Immaculate Heart

Good Friday 7 April (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Mary's

Holy Saturday 8 April

5.30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at St Philip Neri

Easter Sunday 9 April

10.00am Mass of Easter Morning at Immaculate Heart

First Reading*Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R/cf. v.3*

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Second Reading*Romans 5:12. 17-19*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause

everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel*Matthew 4:1-11*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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