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Matthew 17:5

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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5 March 2023

Second 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.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 5 - 12 March 2023

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.)
Monday 6 March			
Tuesday 7 March	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Wednesday 8 March	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Thursday 9 March	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Friday 10 March	12.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Funeral Service – Domenico Di Biasio RIP
	6.30pm	St Philip Neri	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 11 March	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 March	9.00am	St Mary	Paul Riley (dec.)
Third Sunday of Lent	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joan Stephenson (dec.)

Weekday Readings

Season of Lent Week 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Please remember in your prayers, Domenico Di Biasio who died recently and whose Funeral Service will be celebrated on Friday 10 March at 12.30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, 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 contributed so generously to the CAFOD Syria - Turkey Earthquake Appeal. The total now received is £1168.30. 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 at all Masses next weekend 11/12 March.

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.

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.

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

THE NORTHERN CROSS March edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

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 potatoes, garden peas, crisps UHT milk, dried pasta, cereal, sweets & feminine hygiene.

Other priority items: toilet roll, tinned chickpeas, kidney beans, baked beans, rice, custard, fruit, & carrots.

Items we put into the weekly food bags: gravy granules, ketchup, mayonnaise, tomato purée, tinned soup, meat, meatballs, sweetcorn, shampoo, toothpaste, pasta sauce, teabags, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cooking oil, antiperspirant, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, squash 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 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.

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

Administrator, Vicariate for Faith and Mission (maternity cover) - full-time. Closing date for applications: 15 March 2023. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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.

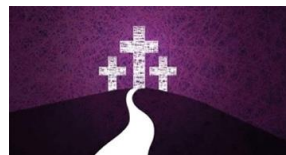
HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIE CAMP 2023 Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island, They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable 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.

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

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The quiet emergence of a small leaf unfurling heralds the hope of springtime's gentle hand to lighten and brighten our days.
We need these tender reminders that each cycle of nature brings us beauty a recolouring of a seemingly barren yet living life in tree and plant.
In times of crisis, pain and suffering we can embrace these simple treasures and gain strength from their fragility.
Our smiles, hugs, telephone calls, our compassion, generosity, our desire to enfold those we know and those who we may never meet when they are frightened and suffering are bouquets of love given to bring comfort, tenderness and understanding to each other in times of sadness fear, uncertainty, pain and joy.
The simple acts of united collective actions in times of crisis, conflict struggle and fear can move mountains.
May our words and actions become a canopy of compassion as they spread the gifts of love, light and hope to those in need in these strange and troubled times.

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THE SEASON OF LENT 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.'

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

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 12:1-4*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'
So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R/v.22*

**Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading*II Timothy 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel*Matthew 17:1-9*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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