



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary • Lobley Hill

St Mary • Whickham

St Philip Neri • Dunston

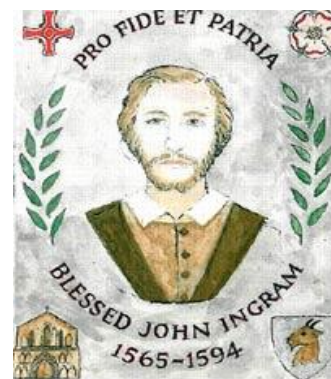
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! *Matthew 21:9*

2 April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year A

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday 10am - 4pm and Wednesday 12noon - 2pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 1 April - 9 April 2023

Saturday 1 April	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 April	9.00am	St Mary	Phyllis Cunningham (ann.)
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased of the Rossi Family
Monday of Holy Week 3 April			
Tuesday of Holy Week 4 April	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (AC)
Wednesday of Holy Week 5 April	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Private Intention

*The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Holy Thursday 6 April at 11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral
(Principal Celebrant: Bishop Emeritus Séamus Cunningham)*

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 6 April			
<i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	<u>6.30pm</u>	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
<i>At the end of Mass there will be a period of silent watching at the Altar of Repose</i>			
Good Friday 7 April	<u>3.00pm</u>	St Mary	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
<i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>			
Holy Saturday 8 April Vigil & First Mass of Easter	<u>5.30pm</u>	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday 9 April Morning Mass	<u>10.00am</u>	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (WE)

Weekday Readings

Holy Week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20pm on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart and Wednesday at St Philip Neri

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).

HOLY PLACES RETIRING COLLECTION This weekend 1/2 April, there will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year are now available at the back of each church. If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving or standing order and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274. If you have access to internet banking, you can, if you wish, set up a standing order online. The details required for you to do this are as follows:

Payee: DHN Gateshead Our Lady and St Philip Neri

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 21167936

Reference: insert your own name

Commencing: day/month/year

Frequency: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually.

GIFT FOR LIFE - WINE AND CHOCOLATE EASTER RAFFLE

With much of Lent behind us now, Easter (and chocolate) is in sight. So the *Gift for Life* Group is running a Wine and Chocolate Raffle with lots of bottles of wine and some lovely chocolate eggs and other goodies to be won. As always, all proceeds will go to the *Gift for Life* causes that you support so generously. Look out for raffle tickets after Masses on the run-up to Easter. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 April 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.

SENIOR MOMENTS CORONATION CELEBRATION Wednesday 3 May 11.30am in St Mary's Hall. Join us in a Parish Celebration for the accession of King Charles III to the Throne. If you would like to join us for afternoon tea and royal frivolities (!) let us know by Sunday 23 April by including your name on the list at the entrance of church. Any questions, contact Denise Hebron 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson 07837 386760. Thank you.

"SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL" - THE NORTHERN BROTHERS FUND The annual collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese will be taken on the weekend of 15 and 16 April 2023, and the Fund will remain open until 5 May for anyone who might like to make further or individual donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese over many years and we wish to make sure that this Fund is also there for future retired priests. **Recent years have been very difficult and income has drastically dropped. If you could give a suggested minimum of £5 or £10 per person (and if possible Gift Aid your donation) in recognition of all the priests who have served in our parishes over many years, this would be a great gesture as we now seek to "serve those who have served us well".** For further information on Gift Aid, one-off larger donations, or a bequest in your Will, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0191 586 4319.

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. Please return Application & Parental Consent forms by this weekend 1st/2nd April.** Any queries, please contact Canon Peter.

PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE

N.B. We are short of most produce - even if you can only bring along 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out.

FOOD ITEMS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY: pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, chopped tomatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, cereal & UHT milk.

OTHER priority items: tinned baked beans, soup, hot dogs, meatballs, custard, rice pudding, meat (corned beef, Pek, mince etc), tuna, fruit, sweets. shampoo, toilet roll, feminine hygiene.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: tinned chickpeas, kidney beans, gravy granules, dried pasta, tomato purée, long grain rice, ketchup mayonnaise, fruit squash, teabags, coffee, sugar, biscuits, cooking oil, toothpaste, antiperspirant, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, plus all other non-perishable items.

Every Thursday, volunteers are 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 (www.mercyhub.org.uk) 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 via 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 open.

RED MISSION BOXES are now due to be emptied. Monies can be given to Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart, Denise Hebron at St Philip's and Kathleen Cunningham at St Marys. Thank you.

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2023 Have you ever thought about travelling on Pilgrimage to Lourdes in response to the call of Our Blessed Lady? Every year, many people generously offer their service to those who stay in the Accueil (hospital) and need some additional care and support from volunteers like yourselves. This could include making a cup of tea, having a chat, helping in the dining room or assisting a Pilgrim in attending the various Masses and services which take place during Pilgrimage week. We need you! In order to provide care for all of the applicants for the Accueil, we need more registered adult helpers. We do not have enough at present and do not want to disappoint those Pilgrims who are so looking forward to travelling with us. The dates of travel are from Friday 28 July to Friday 4 August 2023. Financial help with the cost of travel and accommodation is available in the form of a subsidy for this year only.

If you would like any further information, please email: lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk or telephone: 0191 528 1992. The link to register as an adult helper is: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZHWW4DD5ny>

Please note, registration will close on Wednesday 5 April and all forms MUST be received by this date. We look forward to meeting you soon.

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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 12 noon on Wednesday 5 April.**

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

Administrator, Vicariate for Faith and Mission (maternity cover) - full-time. Closing date: 18 April 2023.

Senior Administrator, Department for Education, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle - full-time. Closing date: 18 April.

Parish Secretary and Cleaner (2 roles) - St Patrick's, Langley Moor, Durham - part-time. Closing dates: 12 April.

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

Jen's Weekly Prayer

We traverse many and varied roads
as we travel on our journeys,
some lead us to shaded glades where flowers bloom
and trees give shelter, shade and soft turf,
yet others seem bleak, devoid of rich colours,
sparse shelter or shade where thorns and stones
trip us as we travel along these roads.

It is then we look for comfort from someone,
something to encourage us to have the strength
to keep moving forward, to find the bend in the road
which will guide us back to the colour, shade and shelter
of a gentler smoother path.

When we return to see beauty and safety once again,
help us to give thanks for the gift we have before us
of warmth, of light which nourishes, refreshes
and heals us to be filled with love and hope
to then take that love and hope
and share it with others, for paths intersect and widen
and love which is shared is strong,
allowing light to shine and enfold.

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Holy Week and Easter Services in Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish

CHRISM MASS

Holy Thursday 6 April

11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral

(Principal Celebrant: Bishop Emeritus Séamus Cunningham)

EASTER TRIDUUM

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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



Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem*Matthew 21:1-11*

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back directly."' This took place to fulfil the prophecy:

Say to the daughter of Zion:
Look, your king comes to you:
he is humble, he rides on a donkey
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting:

'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading*Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 129. R/v.7*

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicket beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

Second Reading*Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*Matthew 26:14 – 27:66*

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