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Luke 24:32

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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St Philip Neri • Dunston

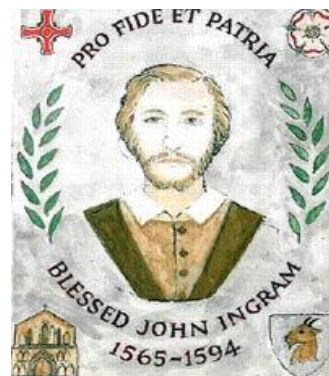
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23 April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 22 - 30 April 2023

Saturday 22 April	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 23 April	9.00am	St Mary	Paul Elliott (dec.)
Third Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Margaret Cookson (30 th Ann.)
Monday 24 April St George			
Tuesday 25 April St Mark	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 26 April	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Private Intention
Thursday 27 April	9.30am	St Mary	Turnbull Family (liv. & dec.) St Mary's School attending
Friday 28 April			
Saturday 29 April St Catherine of Siena	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 April	9.00am	St Mary	Special Intention (BS)
Fourth Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	John & Nancy Mulligan (ann.)
World Day of Prayer for Vocations			

Weekday Readings

Third Week of Eastertide

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 & 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).

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR RETIRING COLLECTION There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend 29/30 April to support the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor (Gift Aid envelopes will also be available).

"SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL" - THE NORTHERN BRETHREN FUND (NBF) 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. If you are a UK tax payer, you can Gift Aid your donation and/or you can set up a Standing Order using the forms available at the back of church. 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.

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.

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 this Sunday 23 April by including your name on the list at the entrance of church. There will be a small charge of £3.00pp.** Any questions, contact Denise Hebron 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson 07837 386760. Thank you.

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL - Save the Date! Following the positive feedback on last year's gathering, the *Gift for Life* team is planning an afternoon event at **2pm on Sunday 11 June at St Mary's Hall (and, weather permitting, the Walled Garden.)** More details to follow - but think tea, cakes, scones, raffle, games, plants and a chance to catch up on the gossip! What's more, it's all in aid of *Gift for Life* so you'll be making a difference there too. Please put the date in your diary and if you wish to donate a raffle prize, make cakes or would be prepared to get involved with the running of the event, we would love to hear from you: giftforlife20@gmail.com

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.

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 meatballs, hot dogs, sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, custard, crisps, cereal.

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, tinned baked beans, soup, meat (corned beef, Pek, mince etc), tuna, rice pudding, fruit, potatoes, chopped tomatoes, sweets, toilet rolls.

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, shampoo, feminine hygiene, 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 17 May 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

A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - A Day for exploring Catechesis, Accompaniment and Evangelisation. Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic. Whether you are a seasoned Catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the new *Directory for Catechesis* and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. **Date and Venue: Saturday 15 July 2023, 10am - 3pm, at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Biddick Lane, Fatfield, Washington, NE38 8AF (refreshments included, please bring a packed lunch).** Individuals and parish groups welcome. To book your place(s), visit <http://bit.ly/DHND0C23> or scan this QR code:



DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the two following vacancies: Deputy Director of Education (Leadership) and Deputy Director of Education (Inspection). Both roles are permanent and full-time, term-time. Closing date for applications: 2 May. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10am on Thursday 27 April.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Washed by clear crystal water, stones are transformed,
smoothed, reshaped and scattered along their way
from rock to inlet stream and river.

Love too is washed and shaped by each one of us
for just as the seeds planted in the dark earth
and watered by the rain emerge to become flowers, plants
trees, grasses to feed, clothe and with spectacular displays
enhance our lives calm and heal us;
for each of us plays a part in the lives of others.
Individuals couples, families, communities,
we help each other to grow to be reshaped
and coloured anew.

There will be sadness, pain and for some,
extraordinary challenges to overcome
but in united care and compassion,
the blossoms which emerges can be breathtaking.
Help us allow ourselves to accept the love of others
and our love for ourselves, each one of us unique,
and allow our symphonies and stories to glow with love
even when tears fall, love remains strong like beaten gold,
healing, enfolding, calming and soothing
bringing hope in times of joy and pain.

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First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 22-33*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: "I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence."

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 15:1-2. 5. 7-11 R/ v.11*

Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Second Reading*1 Peter 1:17-21*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from

the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Cf. Luke 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 24:13-35*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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