



Jesus said: 'Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was.' *John 17:5*

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary • Lobley Hill

St Mary • Whickham

St Philip Neri • Dunston

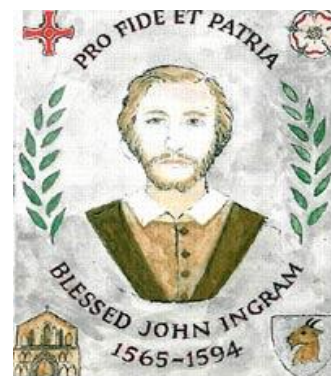
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

21 May 2023

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 20 - 28 May 2023

Saturday 20 May	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 May	9.00am	St Mary	Bernard & Anne McKenna (ann.)
Seventh Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Geoff & Deirdre Taylor (dec.)
Monday 22 May			
Tuesday 23 May	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Gerty & Mark Watson (dec.)
Wednesday 24 May	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Ella & Jim Leighton (ann.) <i>St Philip Neri School attending</i>
Thursday 25 May <i>St Bede</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Michael Short (dec.)
Friday 26 May <i>St Philip Neri</i>			
Saturday 27 May <i>St Augustine</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 May	9.00am	St Mary	Terry Spearman (1 st ann.)
Pentecost Sunday	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)

Weekday Readings

Seventh Week of Eastertide

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Kathleen Lee who has died recently and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 31 May at 10.30am at St Mary's Church, followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Dickie Lindsley, 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).

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY - SPEAKING WITH THE HEART This Sunday 21 May is World Communications Day, when we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Pope Francis in his message for today says, 'It is the heart that spurred us to go, to see and to listen, and it is the heart that moves us towards an open and welcoming way of communicating.' (www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message/)

Vital to preaching the Good News of the Gospel is good and contemporary communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. **There will be a retiring collection to support this work at all Masses this weekend 20/21 May.** For further information, please visit:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/21-May/>

LAY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION There will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Lay Training Fund at Masses next weekend 27/28 May.

RED BOX 2022 - THANK YOU! In 2022, our Parish raised £6130.97 through our Red Boxes and donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you!

Our missionary community here at Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of projects such as the Fundong Mission station in Cameroon has enabled Fr Leon, a Mill Hill Missionary, to help children learn in a safe environment and instil values that empower them to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God.

Please visit missio.org.uk to find out more about how your support changes lives for the better.

CANONICAL INVESTIGATION The Executive Summary of Archbishop McMahon's Canonical Investigation following the resignation of Bishop Robert Byrne can now be viewed on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/canonical-investigation-report-executive-summary/>

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL - SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2.00pm IN ST MARY'S HALL (& HOPEFULLY GARDEN) With our summer social event just 4 weeks away you can help make it a success by:

- a) donating a raffle prize - boxes at the back of each church
- b) making (or buying) a cake for the cake stall
- c) telling your friends and turning up on the day

If you are donating a cake, or intending to be at the event, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to give us an idea of numbers. Alternatively, please drop us an e-mail on giftforlife20@gmail.com. Let's make this a real parish community celebration while raising funds for some really worthwhile causes. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER! Advanced notice to all parishioners about a very special Evening Celebration planned for Friday 8 September 2023 to acknowledge three special occasions for us to give praise and thanks to Our God. Firstly, as many of you will already know, it is 50 years since the current St Mary's Church, Whickham officially opened its doors on 8 September 1973.

Secondly, this year is a special personal Anniversary for Fr Peter as he will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination (8 October 1983).

The final addition to this special Celebration is recognising the 40th Anniversary of St Mary's Primary School, although strictly this special day was last year. However, it was decided to celebrate all these three significant dates together - how wonderful to have so much for our parish to commemorate and give thanks for!

The Evening will begin with a Special Mass of Thanksgiving at which Fr Peter will preside. This will then be followed by a shared supper in St Mary's Hall (and in the walled garden, weather permitting!).

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: laundry powder/liquid, tampons, UHT milk, tinned tuna, hot dogs, meatballs, rice pudding & custard.

OTHER priority items: cooking oil, ketchup, spray cleaner mayonnaise, sugar, cereal, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, potatoes, baked beans, carrots, garden peas, sweetcorn, soup, meat (corned beef, Pek, mince, stewing steak etc), chopped tomatoes, crisps, biscuits, & toilet rolls.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: shampoo, feminine hygiene antiperspirant, washing up liquid, toothpaste, tinned chickpeas, kidney beans, gravy granules, dried pasta, tomato purée, long grain rice, fruit squash, teabags, coffee, & sugar 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 now currently closed. Many thanks to all those who supported the Mercy Hub through this scheme - £300 in total was raised. For more information about the Mercy Hub and its charitable work, please visit www.mercyhub.org.uk

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) The Agenda and the approved Minutes of the PPC Meeting held in February are now available to read at the back of each church.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION The Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team is holding a **Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 3 June 2023, 10.30am-3.00pm** - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am. The venue for this event will be St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF and will cost £10.00 per person (this will be paid for by the Parish). Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. **To book your place, please sign up on the list at the back of church or contact the Parish Office (stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk / 0191 460 4274) providing your email address and contact telephone number by 12 noon on Tuesday 23 May 2023.**

A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - A Day for exploring Catechesis, Accompaniment and Evangelisation. Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communions, 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 ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP The Diocesan Environmental Group invites you to a series of events marking Laudato Si' Week Sunday 21 – Sunday 28 May 2023. The week will begin with a special Mass on Saturday 20 May 2023 at The Cathedral Church of St Mary, Newcastle at 10.00am. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate creation and to reflect on how to protect it. Throughout the week we will be presenting special screenings of the film, *The Letter*. For details please see the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/a-series-of-special-events-mark-laudato-si-week-across-our-diocese/>

Details of the screenings:

Monday 22 May: at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Old Durham Road, Gateshead NE9 6RZ with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 23 May: at St Wilfrid's, Waterloo Road, Blyth NE24 1EA at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 24 May: at Carmel College, The Headlands, Darlington DL3 8RW with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

Saturday 27 May: at St Cuthbert's Church, Albion Road West, North Shields NE29 0JB at 7.00pm.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR JOB VACANCY Registered Nurses Required. The Little Sisters of the Poor run a large residential care home for the elderly in Newcastle. This is a friendly, relaxed, well-equipped Home with over 105 staff. Day shift - 37.5 Hours per week, Shifts are 8am-4pm, 1pm-9pm. Night shift - 20 hours per week, 9pm-8am. Two References and an enhanced DBS check are required. For more information, please contact Lee-Marie on 0191 273 1279 or email lee.marie@lspplondon.co.uk

THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION The Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Chris Maunder speak on 'Our Lady of the Nations - Apparitions of Mary in 20th Century Catholic Europe' at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Albion Road West, North Shields, NE29 0JB, 7.30pm on Wednesday 31 May. Chris Maunder is retired Senior Lecturer and Visiting Fellow, Theology & Religious Studies, York St John University, and a researcher and writer in the area of Marian Studies. The title of his talk is that of his book (2016, Oxford University Press). A scholar of Catholic popular religion in professional life, he is also passionate about Marian shrines, visiting them across Europe and helping to maintain his local shrine, a 15th-century rock chapel in Knaresborough.

PUBLIC LECTURE POSTPONED Please note the Public Lecture due to be given by Professor Eamon Duffy at Holy Name Church, Jesmond on Saturday 20 May has been postponed.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10am on Thursday 25 May.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

We do not have to lose the wonder of a small child
for we can allow ourselves to accept with childlike joy
and happiness the beauty which is revealed to us
each season as it transforms before us.

Bare branches re clothed
in fresh new garments of radiant colours.
From softest green to the majestic copper canopy
of the beech. These wonders are followed
by the velvet pansy and viola to the numerous shades
and perfumes of rose and boarder flowers
to captivate our senses and calm and soothe
our hearts and minds.

Each moment, each day a treasured moment in time.
Our lives may have endured pain, distress or danger
but when we feel the sun's warmth upon our backs
we can be transported to a special space
of calm and safety.

It is the simple joy of being cared for, of belonging,
which helps us to endure and revisit
the times when we were held and cherished,
which gives us courage and enables us
to offer these gentle soothing blooms to others
which are gifts of love.

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First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14*

After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a Sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 26:1. 4. 7-8. R/v.13*

***R/ I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.***

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken;
'Seek his face.'

Second Reading*1 Peter 4:13-16*

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Cf. John 14:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

Gospel*John 17:1-11*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Father, the hour has come:

glorify your Son so that you Son may glorify you;

and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,

let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.

And eternal life is this:

to know you, the only true God,

and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on earth and finished the work

that you gave me to do.

Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me

with that glory I had with you

before ever the world was.

I have made your name known

to the men you took from the world to give me.

They were yours and you gave them to me,

and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know

that all you have given me comes indeed from you;

for I have given them

the teaching you gave to me,

and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you,

and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them;

I am not praying for the world

but for those you have given me,

because they belong to you:

all I have is yours and all you have is mine,

and in them I am glorified.

I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world,

and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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