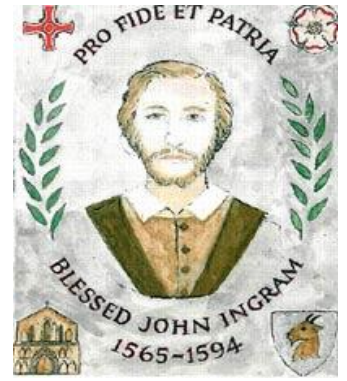




Come, Holy Spirit, searching fire,
Whose flame all evil burns away.
With light and love come down to us
In silence and in peace to stay.
Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal

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28 May 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Year A

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Friday 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Wednesday 9am - 3pm and Friday 10am - 2pm.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 27 May - 4 June 2023

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.)
Monday 29 May <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>			
Tuesday 30 May	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving (AC)
Wednesday 31 May <i>Visitation of the BVM</i>	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Kathleen Lee RIP
Thursday 1 June	9.30am	St Mary	Private Intention (SK)
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>			
Friday 2 June			
Saturday 3 June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Theo Crampsey (dec.)
Sunday 4 June	9.00am	St Mary	Maureen Ebley (dec.)
The Most Holy Trinity	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 8 Year 1

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, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

Baptism

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Oola-Nancy Vickers into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Kathleen Lee and Islwyn Jones who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Kathleen will be on Wednesday 31 May at 10.30am at St Mary's Church, followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May they 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).

LAY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION There will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Lay Training Fund at Masses this 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/>

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 June 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.

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL - SUNDAY 11 JUNE FROM 2.00pm AT ST MARY'S Just two weeks to go now to the eagerly awaited *Gift for Life* Parish Social event at St Mary's Hall (and hopefully garden). Come rain or shine let's all get together to celebrate our wonderful parish community. Scones, cakes, plants (bring a bag or two to take away your bargains) and quizzes for all ages and games for the kids. Then, of course, the raffle and a chance to win Barney – probably the largest bear in the Diocese! (Raffle tickets available from next weekend.) Help make the event a big success by turning up from 2pm on 11th - please sign up on the sheet at the back of church to give us an idea of numbers. Also, please sign the sheet if you are able to make (or buy) a cake for the cake stall. If you wish to donate a raffle prize, please put this in the box at the back of church. Let's make this a great celebration while raising funds for some really worthwhile causes. Feel free to drop us an e-mail on giftforlife20@gmail.com

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.

SAVE THE DATE CORRECTION & TWO APOLOGIES Advanced notice to all parishioners about a very **special evening celebration planned for Friday 8 September 2023** to acknowledge **NOT 3 special occasions but 4** for us all to give praise and thanks to Our God.

The first was unfortunately left out in last week's announcement. On 24 August 1948, St Mary's Parish was established by Bishop McCormack with Fr Leo Pickering as the first Parish Priest, so 2023 marks the 75th Anniversary of St Mary's original foundation.

Secondly, as many of you will already know, it is 50 years since the current St Mary's Church officially opened its doors on 8 September 1973.

Thirdly, 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 and fourth addition to this special celebration is recognising the 50th Anniversary of St Mary's Primary School (not the 40th as mistakenly announced in last week's newsletter). Although this special Anniversary was last year, we will celebrate all of these four 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: UHT milk, pasta sauce, tinned rice pudding, custard & tomato purée.

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

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, 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 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

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:



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.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following roles:
Department for Safeguarding, Newcastle - Senior Administrator and Administrator – both roles are permanent and full-time.

Vicariate for Faith and Mission, Newcastle - Administrator (maternity cover) full or part-time.

The closing date for applications is Monday 5 June. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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@lsplondon.co.uk

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10am on Thursday 1 June.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Upper rooms of waiting come in many different forms.

For those caught up in war torn situations

it may be a wrecked building, a cellar, a trench.

For others having faced disasters it is out in the open or hiding behind rubble or simply sleeping on the street.

It can be the confine in which we place ourselves as we try to escape from the stresses, fears and worries surrounding us at anytime.

When all seems lost or fear clouds reason we need the guiding light and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to soothe and calm in order that we can be brave enough to emerge from our places of uncertainty and fear and take up challenges we now have before us.

May the power of courage gifted to us

help us to begin to grow

as the young plants have the bravery

to push through the soil

to emerge into the light, knowing we are not alone,

not in total brokenness whether in heart or mind

or physical environment and be immersed

in the gifts of enlightenment and hope

to take those first and faltering steps to new beginnings

and find hands of love.

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R/ cf. v.30

**R/ Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of our riches.
2. You take back your, spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Jesus as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance
give.

Come, thou Father of the
poor,
Come with treasures which
endure;
Come, thou light of all that
live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful
guest,
Dost refreshing peace
bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort
sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of
thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength
renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and
will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts
descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit,
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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