



The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' *Matthew 9:37*

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

18 June 2023

Eleventh Sunday of the Year

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 by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm and Friday 10am - 2pm.
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 17 - 25 June 2023

Saturday 17 June <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Teresa Brown (dec.)
Sunday 18 June	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Eleventh Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	William & Grace McPhee (ann.)
Monday 19 June			
Tuesday 20 June	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (AC)
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	First Holy Communion Mass
Wednesday 21 June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Special Intention (SOR)
	<u>10.30am</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>	Funeral Service - Kathleen Taskas RIP
Thursday 22 June <i>SS John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Charlotte Jones RIP
Friday 23 June <i>St Etheldreda</i>	<u>10.15am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Barbara Stephenson RIP
Saturday 24 June <i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Joe, Josie & Terry O'Keefe
Sunday 25 June	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Twelfth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (ann.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 11 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am 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 the children from St Mary's and St Philip Neri Schools who are celebrating their First Holy Communion at this time.

Baptism

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Riley Eleanor Miller into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Kathleen Taskas, Charlotte Joan Jones, Barbara Ann Stephenson and Maire Therese Oxley who have died recently. The Funeral Service for Kathleen Taskas will be on Wednesday 21 June at 10.30am at Immaculate Heart Church followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for Charlotte Joan Jones will be on Thursday 22 June at 10.00am at St Mary's Church followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for Barbara Stephenson will be on Friday 23 June at 10.15am at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Maire Oxley will be on Monday 26 June at 12.30pm at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Saltwell 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, 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).

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE On Wednesday, 14 June, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Right Reverend Stephen Wright as the Fifteenth Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. Bishop Stephen is currently an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He will be installed as our new Bishop in St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 19 July. We warmly welcome Bishop Stephen to our Diocese and assure him of our prayers and support as he begins his new ministry with us. For further information and to read Bishop Stephen's letter following his appointment, please visit the diocesan website www.diocesehn.org./news/new-bishop-for-hexham-and-newcastle/

DAY FOR LIFE This Sunday 18 June is a Day of Prayer for Human Life. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured and respected from conception to natural death. The theme this year is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. **A retiring collection will be taken at Masses this weekend to support the pro-life work of the Church in England and Wales.** For further information and resources for Day for Life, please visit the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website www.dayforlife.org

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL will be celebrated on 29 June and is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be 6.30pm Vigil Mass at Immaculate Heart on Wednesday 28 June and 9.30am Mass on 29 June at St Mary's. A retiring collection for Peter's Pence will be taken at both Masses.

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, crisps, tinned meatballs, custard, fruit, tuna, soup.

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

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: shampoo, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, antiperspirant, washing up liquid, tinned chickpeas, kidney beans, gravy granules, dried pasta, long grain rice, fruit squash, teabags, coffee, sugar.

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

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

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT - A BIG THANK YOU!

It was great to see so many people enjoying the Summer Social last Sunday in the sunshine! The event had a really lovely atmosphere and our parish walled garden got lots of use and positive comment too. Not only that, your generosity raised a total of £1,143.88 – a brilliant outcome which will make a big difference to those we support through *Gift for Life*. Thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to this success. The raffle prizes that were not claimed on the day will be with their winners very shortly. The next meeting of the *Gift for Life* Group is by Zoom at 7pm on 6th July – if you'd like to join in, or would like more information about our work, just get in touch by e-mail at giftforlife20@gmail.com Thank you.

PARISH CELEBRATION - SAVE THE DATE! Advanced notice to all parishioners about a very special evening celebration planned for Friday 8 September 2023 to acknowledge four special occasions for us all to give praise and thanks to Our God.

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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).
- 4 The final and fourth addition to this special celebration is recognising the 50th Anniversary of St Mary's Primary School). 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!).

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following roles:

St Augustine, Darlington - Administrator, 26 hours a week.

St Paul, Cramlington - Finance Assistant, 5 hours per week.

The closing date for these applications is 18 June.

Diocesan Offices, Newcastle - Senior Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, full-time. Closing date: 26 June. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

CAFOD ARE HIRING Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, by working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle? Are you good at inspiring and working with volunteers? Then you might like to become our Community Participation Coordinator. Click the following link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date 25 June 2023: [CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator Hexham and Newcastle](http://www.cafod.org.uk/community-participation-coordinator-hexham-and-newcastle)

SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO) The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit an MSO for the Tyne Central Council which covers the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This is a part time salaried role (22.5 hours per week – 3 days equivalent) working as part of the SVP Membership Team to support the Central Council in member recruitment and development and provide general support for members. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the Diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date for applications is Sunday 25 June 2023.

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SUMMER FAYRE There will be a Summer Fayre at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Westmorland Road, Newcastle on Saturday 1 July from 1pm-4pm. All are welcome.

A CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM WOMEN'S PRAYER FOR PEACE EVENT will be held on Saturday 24 June at 2.30pm at St Mary's Chapel, Reid Park Road, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne. This is an event for women and children (men who are accompanying their family are also welcome to attend).

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:



NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10am on Thursday 22 June**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The earth in many parts of the world
has not been watered by refreshing rain
but by bombshell and gunfire, drones and rockets.
No peaceful shelter or the sweet smell
of summer rain restoring, life giving.
Many have had to escape from natural disasters, fires,
destroying the habitats beneath and arid smoke
to add to the polluted air.
Yet for many away from such harshness
the healing warmth of summers gifts
have been received with joyous thanks,
children relishing the freedom of visits
to coastal landscapes, pleasure of rock pools delights,
sand underfoot and water to splash.
The ever-changing landscape of our bountiful countryside,
wild meadows, mountains, streams,
speak to us in hushed tones of delight.
Wonders and beauty too bountiful to count
dazzle the eyes and awaken senses.
May we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy
remembering those for whom freedom
has been challenged and is torn away.
Grant that peace can shine its radiant light
upon all who face war, persecution
or enormous struggles in their daily lives
and may the mantles of hope and love
heal their wounds and scars.

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Prayer to St Joseph - Defender of Life

Dearest Saint Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defence of human life -
especially where it is vulnerable or threatened,
Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.

Amen.

www.dayforlife.org

First Reading*Exodus 19:2-6*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."' "

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 99:2-3. 5. R/v.3*

R/ We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him singing for joy.
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Second Reading*Romans 5:6-11*

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 9:36-10:8*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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