



The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul 29 June
 'Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one;....Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.'
 From a sermon of St Augustine of Hippo, 395 AD

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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

25 June 2023

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 24 June - 2 July 2023

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.)
Monday 26 June	<u>12.30pm</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Maire Oxley RIP
Tuesday 27 June	<u>12.30pm</u>	<u>St Philip Neri</u>	Requiem Mass - Robert Matheson RIP
Wednesday 28 June Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Thursday 29 June Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles (Holy Day of Obligation)	9.30am	St Mary	James Cunningham (ann.)
Friday 30 June			
Saturday 1 July	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Kathleen Cailey (ann.)
Sunday 2 July	9.00am	St Mary	Pauline Archbold (dec.)
Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Patricia Turnbull (dec.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 12 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Maire Therese Oxley and Robert McLachlan Matheson who have died recently. 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. The Requiem Mass for Robert Matheson will be on Tuesday 27 June at 12.30pm at St Philip Neri Church. 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).

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 (this collection supports the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministry).** If you wish, you can also donate online at www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/giornate-dell-obolo.html

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 at www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/new-bishop-for-hexham-and-newcastle/

PASTORAL LETTER AND LISTENING EXERCISE FOR THE LAITY Archbishop Malcolm McMahon's Pastoral Letter read at Masses last weekend 17/18 June & his letter concerning the Listening Exercise for the Laity can be read on the diocesan website at www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/pastoral-letter-by-archbishop-malcolm-mcmahon-for-the-17-18-june-2023/

In his letter last weekend, Archbishop Malcolm mentioned providing opportunities for people in the Diocese to be heard and to listen to others in the light of the recent reviews. **He invites lay people to attend one of three initial meetings:**
11 July at St. Bede's Church Hall, Bedlington NE22 5TZ
12 July at St Michael's Church Hall, Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 8NF
13 July at English Martyrs and St. Peter & St Paul's, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 9BY
These meetings will begin at 7pm (prompt) and finish at 8.30pm. They will include time for listening and discussion, and a liturgy of healing for those who wish to partake. Amy Cameron from the Diocesan Vicariate of Faith & Mission will co-ordinate the Listening process and Dr Karen Kilby, Bede Chair at Durham University will provide the Archbishop with a summary of the meetings. He encourages everyone to be generous in taking part.

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

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED We are very short of counters at St Mary's Church. We work in pairs and if we have a full quota of 8 counters, each couple only needs to volunteer once a month. The money is counted in the Parish room after 9am Sunday Mass and it usually takes about half an hour. There will be a brief meeting after Mass on Sunday July 2nd for existing and potential new counters to plan for the rest of the year and we will be delighted to see anyone who is interested in helping. 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: coffee, mayonnaise, pasta, gravy granules, crisps, tinned hotdogs, meatballs, custard, fruit, tuna, soup.**

OTHER priority items: toilet rolls, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, cooking oil, UHT milk, pasta sauce ketchup, sugar, cereal, tinned rice pudding, potatoes, baked beans, carrots, garden peas, sweetcorn, 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, antiperspirant, washing up liquid, toothpaste, tinned chickpeas, kidney beans, long grain rice, fruit squash, teabags, 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

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12 July 2023. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives by Sunday 9 July 2023.

Your representatives are:

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

INVITATION TO THE EMMAUS YOUTH VILLAGE OPEN DAY You are warmly invited to the Emmaus Youth Village on **Saturday 1 July** for a unique opportunity to learn about our new initiatives and redevelopment plans. The day is also a celebration, remembering Fr Dermott Donnelly's significant ministry on the first anniversary of his death. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham and young attendees will share inspiring stories about the impact of Fr Dermott's ministry. With a barbecue, a bar and music entertainment, it's bound to be a fantastic day out! Barbecue tickets: £10 (free for children under 16). Proceeds for the day will support Fr Dermott's charity "Significance," ensuring his work continues. Please confirm attendance for the Mass and/or barbecue tickets. Accommodation can also be booked. Contact: admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244.

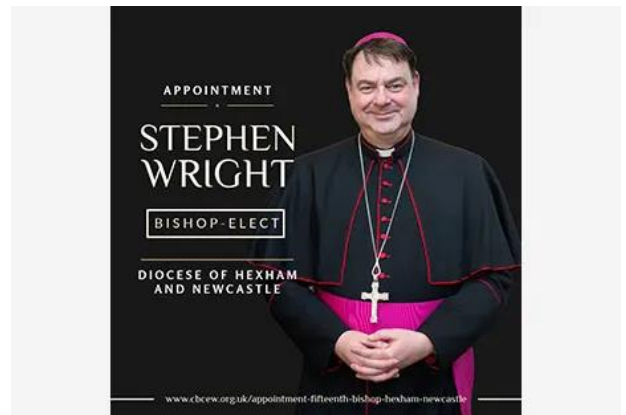
SPECIAL REQUEST FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR PETER'S PRIESTLY ORDINATION You are all aware that the parish is holding a special evening on Friday 8th September to celebrate numerous anniversaries within our parish, one of which is Fr Peter's 40th anniversary of priesthood. To celebrate this wonderful occasion there will be an evening Mass followed by a shared supper. Over the next two weekends Fr Peter will be away so we are taking advantage of his absence, to place this secret notice! We would like to take the opportunity to commemorate Fr Peter's significant anniversary by presenting a monetary thank you gift to our amazing Parish Priest on this special evening of celebration. To make this possible we are kindly requesting monetary gift donations from parishioners. Envelopes are now available at the back of each church for this purpose, and we ask that everyone who wishes to donate will take one then hand it in as discreetly as possible or place your donation in the envelope and place on the collection plate, where it will be removed before the collection plate is emptied. You will all recognise that Fr Peter is a very quiet individual who doesn't like 'any fuss' but we believe that this significant anniversary should be recognised. You may wish to mark this special anniversary with individual gifts, which will also be lovely, and will be gratefully received, however, we thought a joint gift from his grateful parishioners seemed very appropriate. Many thanks, please share this request with anyone you know may wish to be included in this appeal. Any questions please contact Katie Wilkinson 07837386760 or Denise Hebron 07554445679.

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, NE4 7QA on Saturday 1 July from 1pm-4pm. All are welcome.

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.

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](#)

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10am on Thursday 29 June**



Prayer for Bishop Stephen

Lord, rock of our hearts,
from a sea swept island you sent Aidan and Cuthbert
to sow your Word fruitfully throughout our Northern Land
and you inspired Bede to understand and speak your truth
reflected in our lives and in our history.

Grant to your servant, Stephen,
whom you have called to follow them,
a rich share in this heritage -
to speak your Word courageously
to teach wisely
and to lead with love. Amen.

Mgr Kevin Nichols

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Enable us that the flame of love and hope will ignite
and strengthen our commitment to each other and those
we meet as we travel our many and varied roads.

Empower us once again to accept your challenges
and have the courage to know that you are only a word
away when we ask for help or direction.

In times of darkness and of joy you hold us,
each of these involves a giving of ourselves,
in darkness we often need to seek the light
which is frequently dimmed yet the hand of stranger or
friend brings us support: in joy we glow
and that light spreads to others.

May your light burn with intensity
in troubled war-torn areas of the world
where great sacrifices are asked of many.

From the darkness of destruction,
reshape the path of beauty of renewed peace and
forgiveness, a new commitment
to tread the path of engagement not division.

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First Reading*Jeremiah 20:10-13*

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
 ‘“Terror from every side!”
 Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
 All those who used to be my friends
 watched for my downfall,
 ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
 Then we will master him
 and take our revenge!’
 But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
 my opponents will stumble, mastered,
 confounded by their failure;
 everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
 But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
 who scrutinise the loins and heart,
 let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
 for I have committed my cause to you.
 Sing to the Lord,
 praise the Lord,
 for he has delivered the soul of the needy
 from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 68:-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R/v.14*

R/ In your great love, answer me, O God.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
 that shame covers my face,
 that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
 an alien to my own mother's sons.
 I burn with zeal for your house.
 and taunts against you fall on me.
2. This is my prayer to you,
 my prayer for your favour.
 In your great love, answer me, O God,
 with your help that never fails:
 Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
 in your compassion, turn towards me.
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
 and God-seeking hearts will revive;
 for the Lord listens to the needy
 and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
 Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
 the sea and all its living creatures.

Second Reading*Romans 5:12-15*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given.

There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 1:14. 12*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
 to all who did accept him
 he gave power to become children of God.
 Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 10:26-33*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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