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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary • Lobley Hill

St Mary • Whickham

St Philip Neri • Dunston

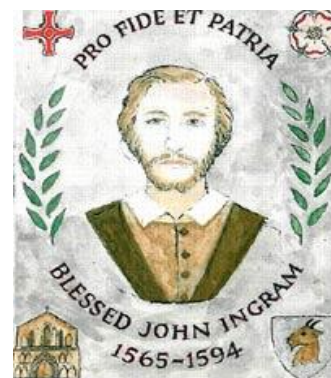
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

16 July 2023

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 15 - 23 July 2023

Saturday 15 July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Daniel Harrison (ann.)
Sunday 16 July	9.00am	St Mary	Maureen Embley (dec.)
Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 17 July			
Tuesday 18 July	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 19 July	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Prayer Shawl Recipients <i>St Philip Neri School attending</i>
Thursday 20 July	9.30am	St Mary	Joe Welsh (dec.) <i>St Mary's School attending</i>
Friday 21 July			
Saturday 22 July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 23 July	9.00am	St Mary	Myrna Baxter (dec.)
Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Geoffrey Taylor (ann.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 15 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

Baptism

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Éanna John McCloskey into the Family of the Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Fr Michael McKenna, Ann Crompton, 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).

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP STEPHEN WRIGHT AS THE FIFTEENTH BISHOP OF 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. He will be installed as our new Bishop by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon 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 prepares to begin 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.uk/news/new-bishop-for-hexham-and-newcastle/

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS As you know, the parish is holding a special evening of anniversary celebrations on Friday 8 September with a Mass followed by a shared supper. These events would not happen without the wonderful parishioners who so often happily volunteer for these things. Why don't you think about becoming involved in the organisation for this event?

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 18 July, 10am at St Mary's Hall** - apologies, we appreciate it is short notice, however, the school holidays are quickly approaching and some organisational matters need to be in place sooner rather than later.

If you'd like to be involved in any way, you'll enjoy it honestly, please do come along on **Tuesday 18 July, 10am at St Mary's Hall**. If you're unable to attend and would still like to contribute contact Katie Wilkinson 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron 07554 445679.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) The agenda and approved minutes of the PPC meeting held in May are now available to read at the back of each church.

ST PHILIP NERI PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking for new governors to join the current Board of Governors. St Philip Neri School is part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust (www.bwcet.com). If anyone is interested, or would like to know more about being a governor, please contact Amanda Stewart, Chair of Governors, at amandastew4rt@gmail.com

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

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 Mary's. Thank you.

THE NORTHERN CROSS The July edition of The Northern Cross is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE We welcome ALL non-perishable 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: tinned sweetcorn, baked beans, soup, custard, meatballs, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), ketchup, sugar, pasta & pasta sauce.

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, pasta sauce, mayonnaise, gravy granules, d, cooking oil, spray cleaner, cereal, tinned rice pudding, fruit, tuna, potatoes, carrots, garden peas, chopped tomatoes, tomato purée, biscuits, toilet rolls, laundry powder/liquid.

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

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off here 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

CONCERT AT LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR The Newcastle Male Chorus will be performing a Sounds of Summer Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle NE4 7QA on Saturday 22 July 2023 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included) and are available from St Joseph's Home - 0191 273 1279.

PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA, NEWCASTLE (tel. 0191 230 6040, email newcastle@pauline-uk.org). Please note that from the Monday 10 July the Cathedral bookshop will have revised opening hours:

Monday & Tuesday - closed

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10.00am - 4.30pm

Saturday, 9.45am - 4.00pm

Sunday 9.30am - 1.15pm

For orders and enquires outside of these hours, please tel. 0151 7091328, email orders@pauline-uk.org or visit www.paulineuk.org

JOHN INGRAM WALK The annual Blessed John Ingram Walk, organised by the SVP, will take place on Sunday 23 July and will be led by Deacon Peter Lavery. It begins at 2.30pm at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Newgate Street in Newcastle. It ends with an Ecumenical Service at St. Edmund's Chapel on Gateshead High Street followed by refreshments. Non-walkers are very welcome to join at 3.30pm at St. Edmund's Chapel.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10am on Thursday 20 July.**

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) 2023-

2024 The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2023-2024 on the Diocesan website:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The unique brush of nature the artist suffused the landscape with colour and depth of gold, red, violet, Peach, pink and translucent clear light.

Chimney pots glowed golden, fields were transformed by this wondrous brush to be not only green but shimmering gold.

A rainbow too completed this awesome masterpiece.

These spectacular masterpieces are free and available to us all if we grasp the unique moment and embrace the meaningful peace, joy and childlike thrill of the unexpected, when the day could have been troublesome, worrying, plagued with fears and doubts or filled with laughter and joy.

Many days can be likened to less colour-filled joys we witness, yet to look out, look up, look around the healing touch of the unexpected and pure joy before us can bring healing hope, strength and the power to embrace the love it all encompasses.

May we all have the courage to see the light even if on occasions it is only chinks we glimpse and be open to the incredible journey we can take if we have the courage to seek to find the radiant, healing light of wonder.

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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

First Reading*Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 64:10-14. R/ Luke 8:8*

***R/ Some seed fell into rich soil
and produced its crop.***

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth.
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Second Reading*Romans 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
whoever finds the seed will remain for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 13:1-23*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case the prophecy of Isaiah has being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, not sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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