



Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you
lenient to all. *Wisdom 12:16*

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

23 July 2023

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

Year A

*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be on annual leave this week, returning to the office on Tuesday 1 August
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 22 - 30 July 2023

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.)
<i>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</i>			
Monday 24 July <i>The Martyrs of the Diocese</i>			
Tuesday 25 July <i>St James</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention
Wednesday 26 July <i>SS Joachim & Anne</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 27 July	9.30am	St Mary	Prayer Shawl Recipients
Friday 28 July			
Saturday 29 July <i>SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 July	9.00am	St Mary	Mary Turnbull (liv.)
Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Staunton Family (ann.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 16 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & on 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

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Fr Michael McKenna and Bernard Hearne who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Bernard will be celebrated in St Mary's Church at 12 noon on Tuesday 1 August, followed by interment at Garden House Cemetery.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: 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 Pope Francis has appointed the Right Reverend Stephen Wright as the Fifteenth Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. As we welcome Bishop Stephen to our Diocese, we pray for him and for his new ministry amongst us. The Installation of Bishop Stephen was celebrated during Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Wednesday 19 July and this can be viewed via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKwdwOIJ7QM>

For the text of Bishop Stephen's homily please visit:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/bishop-stephen-wright-installed-as-fifteenth-bishop-of-hexham-and-newcastle/>

CAN YOU HELP? For the Anniversary Celebrations on **Friday 8 September 2023**, we would like to create a collage of any photographs parishioners may have of the original St Mary's Church or the current Church or any special functions you may have recorded to posterity.

We appreciate these will be very precious to you so photocopies of the originals will be gratefully received or alternatively we can arrange to photocopy them and promptly return the originals.

Many thanks any queries please contact Katie Wilkinson 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron 07554 445679.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 August 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 (PPC) The agenda and approved minutes of the PPC meeting held in May are now available to read at the back of each church.

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.

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.

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.

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: ketchup, coffee, tinned baked beans, soup, custard, meat (mince, corned beef, pek) Sugar.

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

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.

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

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

THE NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE invites you to come and hear **Kathryn Mannix** on **The Art of Listening** at St Mary's Church Hall, Farringdon Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY on Wednesday 26 July at 7.30pm

Dr Kathryn Mannix has spent her medical career working with people who have incurable, advanced illnesses. Starting in cancer care and changing career to become a pioneer of the new discipline of palliative medicine, she has worked as a palliative care consultant in hospices, hospitals and patients' own homes, optimising quality of life even as death is approaching. She is passionate about public education and, having qualified as a Cognitive Behaviour Therapist, she started the UK's first CBT clinic exclusively for palliative care patients. She is the author of 'With the End in Mind: How to Live and Die Well', a Sunday Times bestseller, and 'Listen: How to Find the Words for Tender Conversations'.

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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10am on Thursday 27 July.**

**The Rt Revd Stephen Wright
Fifteenth Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle
19 July 2023**



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



*Our Blessed Lady Immaculate - pray for him
St Cuthbert - pray for him*

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The torrential rain drummed upon roof and road turning the sky a strange eerie grey underpinned with cream whilst pale blue appeared alongside almost showing two separate spaces in time and place.

Our natural world continues to enhance and on occasions scare us with its rapidly changing moods and pictures. Rain cleanses, refreshes, the sun provides warmth and together they bring renewal light and hope.

It is our responsibility to help our natural world to be safe because gifts ought to be cherished and cared for and we are charged with caring for our natural world as well as our own natural gifts. Both need to be able to blossom and grow. In these challenging and changing environmental times we cannot allow the very elements and beauty we rely upon so much to become victims of lack of care, constant pollution, destruction and waste.

Without colour all we would have is aridness, without shelter from trees many species would become extinct, just as without bees and other pollinators we would not have crops nor fruits nor our almost infinite array of trees, plants and flowers which provide us with food, shelter, comfort and beauty.

Guide us that we may all value the food we have to eat, water to drink, the huge variety of animals, fish, plants and insects we have all are enablers for our everyday existence. Grant that we can cherish them as your gift to us another gift of love.

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First Reading*Wisdom 12:13. 16-19*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R/v.5***R/ O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice
- All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.
- But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Second Reading*Romans 8:26-27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Cf. Ephesians 1:17.18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 13:24-43*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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