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Matthew 13:44

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Lobley Hill
St Mary - Whickham
St Philip Neri - Dunston

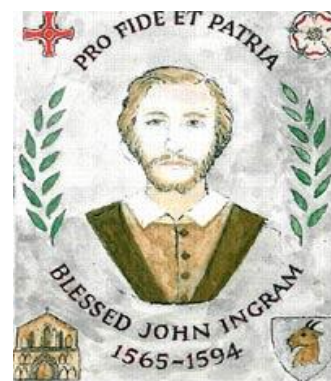
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

30 July 2023

Seventeenth 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 29 July - 6 August 2023

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.)
Monday 31 July <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>			
Tuesday 1 August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	<u>12.00 noon</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Bernard Hearne RIP
Wednesday 2 August	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Cathy Hardy (dec.)
Thursday 3 August <i>St Oswald</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Philip Arkless (ann.)
Friday 4 August <i>St John Vianney</i>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>	Special Intention (PC)
Saturday 5 August	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 6 August	9.00am	St Mary	Maureen Clearkin (dec.)
The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 17 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on 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 at St Mary's Church at 12 noon on Tuesday 1 August, followed by interment at Garden House Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for Fr Michael McKenna will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 12.05pm on Friday 25 August. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Terence Barker, Veronica Coleman, 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).

BISHOP STEPHEN As we welcome Bishop Stephen to our Diocese, we continue to pray for him and for his 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/>

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER - A CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN OUR PARISH!

St Mary's, Whickham - Parish established 1948 (75 years);

St Mary's New Church - built 1973 (50 years);

Canon Peter Leighton - ordained priest in 1983 (40 years);

and, of course, it is the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday!

Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Whickham at 6.30pm, then there will be a shared table in the hall afterwards.

To identify the number of attendees, we would appreciate it if you could add your name (and number of people in your family name) onto the sheet at the entrance to the church. Also, we would appreciate it if you could let us know, if you are able, what food for the shared table you could bring. If baking isn't for you, we would be happy for you to give a donation and our wonderful volunteers will either bake on your behalf, make sandwiches etc. Please feel free to bring your own alcohol. Tea, coffee, juice, corporation pop (water) and a little fizz for a toast will be provided!

The sheet will be at the back of church until 19/20 August.

Any questions, please contact Katie Wilkinson 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron 07554 445679. Thank you!

CAN YOU HELP? Also 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.

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: pasta sauce, dried pasta, ketchup, coffee, tinned sliced carrots, baked beans, soup, custard, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), toilet roll.

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

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: shampoo, antiperspirant, washing up liquid feminine hygiene, 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

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.

RAINBOWS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GREAT BRITAIN (GB) is a well-respected National Charity which supports Children and Young People who have experienced a significant loss through death, relationship breakdown or any other Adverse Childhood Experience. Volunteers are needed to join the North East Team.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Ruth Higginbottom, Rainbows North East Secretary, on 01670 518546 or rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com

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 3 August.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The late twilight colours of a summer garden
present an almost impressionistic vista to behold
as the fading light blends and folds across trees
coating and enfolding them.

Colour remains for the shrubs,
producing deeper colours visible still
yet coated with a thin veil.

Calmness surrounds and allows the mind
to find its sense of peace from deep within.

This same sense of calmness can be felt
in the gentle rhythm and melody of music
which lightens our heart and soul
as does the calming and tender touch of love
from those we hold close.

In times of stress, anxiety and worry we can be revived
and once again feel we can be open
to the light and healing strength we have been given.

Grant that we may fully embrace
these extraordinary moments
and cherish the light of hope and love gifted to us.

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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



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

First Reading*1 Kings 3:5. 7-12*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great? It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R/v.97*

R/ O Lord how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Second Reading*Romans 8:28-30*

We know that by turning everything to their good, God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 13:44-52*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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