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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

Year A

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 5 - 13 August 2023

Saturday 5 August	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 6 August	9.00am	St Mary	Maureen Clearkin (dec.)
<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)</i>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)
Monday 7 August			
Tuesday 8 August <i>St Dominic</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 9 August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 10 August <i>St Laurence</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Maire Oxley (dec.)
Friday 11 August <i>St Clare of Assisi</i>			
Saturday 12 August	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 13 August	9.00am	St Mary	Kathleen Lee (dec.)
<i>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)</i>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Diane Elizabeth Johnson (ann.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 18 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on 15 August and is a Holyday of Obligation.

***There will be 6.30pm Vigil Mass at Immaculate Heart Church on Monday 14 August
and 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 15 August at St Philip Neri Church.***

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Fr Michael McKenna who died recently. May he 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).

FR MICHAEL MCKENNA RIP Fr Michael McKenna's body will be received into the chapel at St Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, Westmorland Road, Newcastle NE4 7QA on Thursday 24 August 2023 at 5.00 pm and Mass will be celebrated. **His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.05 pm on Friday 25 August at St Mary's Cathedral.**

Father Michael was ordained to the priesthood on 16 June 1962. He has faithfully served the people of our Diocese in the following parishes -

Curate:

Wrekenton: St Oswald's Oct 1962 - Aug 1969; South Moor: St Mary's Aug 1969 - Jan 1974; Newcastle: St Anthony's Jan 1974 - Mar 1974; Durham: St Cuthbert's Mar 1974 - Nov 1978

Chaplain: Apostleship of the Sea Nov 1978 - Sep 1986

Parish Priest:

Felling: St Augustine's Sep 1986 - Sep 1995
Ashington: St Aidan's Sep 1995 - Sep 2002
Annfield Plain and Dipton Sep 2002 - Sep 2008
Bellingham: St Oswald's Sep 2008 - May 2014
Retired: Whickham: St Mary's May 2014 - Sep 2018
Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle Sep 2018 - July 2023

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 the number of people coming with you) onto the sheet at the entrance to the church. Also, if you are able, please bring a little something for the shared table. If baking isn't for you, we would be happy for you to give a small 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.

*****Special Request*** To help the day to run smoothly, please try to bring your food offering during the day rather than on the evening and also indicate the contents on the outer packaging.**

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.

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: cereal, pasta sauce, dried pasta, tinned meatballs, meat (mince, corned beef, pek) rice pudding, custard, coffee, mayonnaise, ketchup, tomato purée, long grain rice, cooking oil, toilet roll.

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, gravy granules, tinned fruit, tuna, potatoes, sweetcorn, sliced carrots, garden peas, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, biscuits, 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, 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

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.

THANK YOU The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Diocesan Church Collection in aid of replacing the passenger lifts at St Joseph's Home (Newcastle). We are extremely grateful for the kindness shown to us. We ask God to bless and reward you and your families for all you have done to help us continue the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan in caring for our elderly residents. Assuring you of our grateful prayers.

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 the Cathedral Bookshop now has 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

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

LITURGICAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Date: Saturday 23 September 2023

Times: 10.30am-3.00pm, arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am

Location: St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Cost: £10.00 per person

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. The day will include celebration of Mass.

This Day of Reflection will be funded by the parish and you can indicate the parish payment preference on the online booking form. **Booking Deadline: Monday 18 September.**

Booking: please book your place by accessing the online form at [Liturgy Course - Extraordinary Ministers](#) or putting your details on sign-up sheet at the back of church.

For further information please

email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

DIOCESAN VACANCY The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancy:

Darlington, St Anne – Parish Secretary. 8 hours per week. Initial six-month contract. Closing date: 13 Aug. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Natures incredible choreography once again brought healing and peace, red/gold clouds surrounded an opaque opal lake image fading into a soft luminous glow outlined by a darkened tracery of leaves through which glimmered star like spots of light transforming the landscape into a dramatic, awesome backdrop of natural beauty. A treasured moment where one can feel transported to a place where no harm can reach and be at peace, revelling in a unique time and place.

No sound, simply silence, a huge gift to hear perfect stillness, to give thanks for the wonder that has been revealed. A sacred moment, the silent leaves danced to a gentle silent breeze which made the tiny spots of light glimmer and shine, diamonds of nature's wonder.

May the light always guide us, as we face the sometimes-turbulent motions of our times to find a place of peace and harmony, not divisions but wholeness.

Joy as we witness seemingly small pockets of wondrous people and events, ordinary yet extraordinary gifts of hope, healing and renewed strength.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 1- 6 AUGUST 2023 LISBON



World Youth Day Prayer

Our Lady of the Visitation,
you who arose and went with haste
into the hill country to meet Elizabeth,
lead us also to encounter all those who await us
to deliver them the living Gospel:
Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!
We, too, will go in haste, without distraction or delay,
but with readiness and joy.
We will go with peace because those who bring Christ
bring peace, and well-being comes from being generous
and loving in our deeds.

Our Lady of the Visitation,
through your inspiration, this World Youth Day
will be a shared celebration of Christ,
whom we bring to others, just as you did.
Please make this a time of testimony and sharing,
of fraternity and thanksgiving,
with each of us looking for opportunities
to give to those who are waiting to receive.
With you, we will continue on this path of encounter
so that our world will join us, too,
in fraternity, justice, and peace.

Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone, in obedience to the Father
and in the love of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

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First Reading*Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14*

As I watched:
 Thrones were set in place
 and one of great age took his seat.
 His robe was white as snow,
 the hair of his head as pure as wool.
 His throne was a blaze of flames
 its wheels were a burning fire.
 A stream of fire poured out,
 issuing from his presence.
 A thousand thousand waited on him,
 ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
 A court was held and the books were opened.
 I gazed into the visions of the night.
 And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
 One like a son of man.
 He came to the one of great age
 and was led into his presence.
 On him was conferred sovereignty,
 glory and kingship,
 and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his
 servants.
 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
 which shall never pass away,
 nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R/vv.1.9***R/ The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
 let all the coastlands be glad.
 Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
 his throne, justice and right.
2. The mountains melt like wax
 before the Lord of all the earth.
 The skies proclaim his justice;
 all peoples see his glory.
3. For you indeed are the Lord
 most high above all the earth
 exalted far above all spirits.

Second Reading*II Peter 1:16-19*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Matthew 17:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 This is my Son, the Beloved,
 he enjoys my favour;
 listen to him.
 Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 17:1-9*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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