



Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Romans 13:10

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Lobley Hill

St Mary - Whickham

St Philip Neri - Dunston

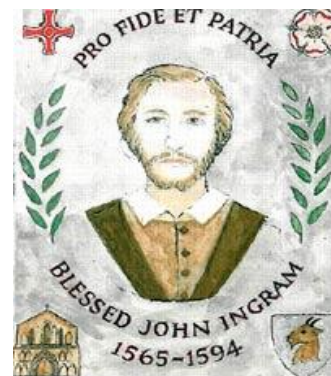
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

10 September 2023

Twenty Third 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 12 noon - 4pm. She can also be contacted by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm and Friday 12 noon - 4pm. Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 9 - 17 September 2023

Saturday 9 September	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Molly & John Pinchen (63 rd Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 10 September	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased of the McPhee & Mulligan Families
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Catholic Education</i>			
Monday 11 September			
Tuesday 12 September	<i>The Holy Name of Mary</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart
Wednesday 13 September	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri
Thursday 14 September	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.30am	St Mary
Friday 15 September	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>		
Saturday 16 September	<i>SS Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri
Sunday 17 September		9.00am	St Mary
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year (Year A)		10.30am	Immaculate Heart
			Maire Oxley (dec.)
			Margaret Hilliard (dec.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 23 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

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, Nora Miller, 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).

EDUCATION SUNDAY 2023 is this Sunday 10 September, a day on which Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country to Catholic Education and to pray for all those involved in it. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. The CES represents Catholic Education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish.

A retiring collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend to support the work of the Catholic Education Service in England and Wales.

75th & 50th ANNIVERSARIES OF ST MARY'S To commemorate these special anniversaries, an updated booklet has been produced, giving the history of the founding of St Mary's Parish in 1948, the building and opening of the present church in 1973 and bringing the St Mary's story right up to date. Many thanks to Thelma and David Rix for producing this revised third edition which is available at the back of church. To help cover the costs of printing, a suggested donation of £2 per copy would be much appreciated! Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023 This is a reminder for parents/carers and those young people in our parish who signed up to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. **The preparation sessions are now taking place at St Mary's, Dockendale Lane NE16 4EN. The next session is on Thursday 14 September then on Thursday 21 September, both beginning at 6.30pm and lasting no more than 45 minutes. Please note: the preparation sessions are for the candidates only - parents/carers/sponsors are not expected to attend.** The date for the Confirmation Mass has still to be decided and will be notified as soon as possible. **It would be much appreciated if parents/carers could please provide a contact email address by emailing the Parish Office at stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk. Thank you.**

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 SHORT SUPPLY: pasta sauce, cereal, dried pasta, gravy granules, tinned garden peas, sweetcorn, sliced carrots, meat(mince, corned beef, pek), teabags, shower gel, feminine hygiene.

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, tinned custard, long grain rice, coffee, tomato purée, mayonnaise, ketchup, , tinned baked beans, chopped tomatoes, rice pudding, meatballs, hotdogs, fruit, tuna, potatoes, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, biscuits, cooking oil, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, washing up liquid.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: tinned chickpeas, kidney beans, fruit squash, toothpaste, shampoo, antiperspirant.

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

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 the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

For further information please

email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP RCIA 2023-2024 Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is used in The Church to support adults who want to explore their spiritual feelings and if they wish can lead to them becoming a Catholic. It is an informal system of regular meetings where we can all explore what it means to be a Catholic. Previously around ten people per year have completed the course and have been received into the Church, most of them at The Easter Vigil service in their home parish. They also attend a Right of Election service at St Mary's Cathedral at the start of Lent each year where they are joined by hundreds of other people from across the diocese. **An initial meeting is to take place on Tuesday 19 September at 7.00pm at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, High Street Felling, Gateshead NE10 9LT.** Please feel free to come along on the night for a short introduction to the programme and a chance to ask any questions you may have. If you need any more information, please contact Alan Egdeell on 07976 402023 or speak to Fr Peter.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION OF THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE AND THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO

At St Anne's Church, Waverley Road, Harlow Greene, NE9 7UD on Saturday 16 September 2023.

Timetable:

13.30 Welcome

13.40 Rosary

14.15 Fatima film

15.30 Break. Tea and Coffee

16.00 Investiture in the Brown Scapular

16.15 Exposition/ Reconciliation

17.00 Benediction

17.05 Welcome

17.15 Procession

17.30 Mass

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Department for Education

Deputy Director of Education (Inspection) - Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 18 September

Senior Administrator - Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 11 September. The roles are based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

ROSARY RALLY A Rosary procession will be held on Saturday 7 October 2023 from St Joseph's Church, Gateshead to Northumberland Street, Newcastle followed by public Rosary in Northumberland Street. The day will start with First Saturday Mass and devotions at 11.00am at St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead (near to Gateshead Metro Station), then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge before assembling in Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm. All are welcome and anyone can join at any stage of the event.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBITION The Association of the Eucharist will be hosting an Exhibition about Blessed Carlo Acutis and his documentation of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The Exhibition will be held at St Joseph's, Gateshead, NE8 1LX from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 28 October. On Saturday 14 October, Bishop Emeritus Séamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass to mark the opening of the Exhibition; there will also be a guest speaker and a time of Adoration. For the remaining two weeks, the Exhibition will be available to visit, for a period of time, on a daily basis. More details about the launch day and timings to follow. Event details can be found at <https://bit.ly/DHNCarloAcutis>. Parish groups are welcome to attend.

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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 14 September.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Night moves silently and gently
as it weaves its colours across the sky.
They gradually move from bright blue, peach,
or many of the soft hues as they fade into
a covering of many dark but gentle shades
,of purple, blue underpinned by a greenish light.
The gentleness brings a sense of peace and of hope,
a beginning and an end, a total continuum
of strength warmth and comfort often punctuated
by a shimmer of stars or brilliant moonlight.
Night is not one colour, a matt landscape,
but a wonderful restful covering.
We too can rest and leave within its folds
our worries, fears, anxieties and stresses
knowing that just as we cannot change the shape,
texture or form of the sky, we cannot always
alone change our situation in an instant.
We can however place all of our concerns
with you, your loving spirit can enfold them
and help us cope even if it takes some time;
for how do we measure time?
Some days appear longer than others
and many fly by as if in seconds.
May we keep reaching out and take
the helping hands offered to us, your hands,
and be filled with peace, strength, light and hope
to greet the sunrise of tomorrow.

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First Reading*Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9. R/v.8*

R/ O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading*Romans 13:8-10*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 17:17*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 18:15-20*

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 his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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