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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

17 September 2023

Twenty Fourth 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 16 - 24 September 2023

Saturday 16 September <i>SS Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 17 September	9.00am	St Mary	Maire Oxley (dec.)
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Margaret Hilliard (dec.)
Monday 18 September			
Tuesday 19 September	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (EV)
Wednesday 20 September <i>The Korean Martyrs</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 21 September <i>St Matthew</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Walter & Elizabeth Jukes (dec.) <i>St Mary's School attending</i>
Friday 22 September			
Saturday 23 September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 24 September	9.00am	St Mary	Bernard Hearne (dec.)
Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Lost Babies (dec.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 24 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 & Wednesday at St Philip Neri

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Veronica Griggs who has died recently. The Funeral Service for Veronica will be at 11.30am on Wednesday 27 September at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Terence Barker, Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, Barney & Veronica 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).

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER - PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 IN FAITH AND PRAYER Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel)* calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. This Sunday we are invited to support the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. A key focus of this work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative, the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on: 1. The Liturgy 2. The Word of God 3. The Church 4. The Role of the Church in The Modern World. For further information, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>. A range of resources is being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which includes a Lenten course on the Lord's Prayer for small groups and encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. **Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and by contributing to the second collection which will be taken at all Masses this weekend.** However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

THANK YOU FROM CANON PETER *A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make last Friday's Anniversary Mass and reception afterwards such a great success. It was a wonderful evening and I am very grateful to all those who worked so hard to make it so. I should also like to express my sincere gratitude for the many cards, individual gifts and the most generous parish gift that I received. They, and of course the cakes, are greatly appreciated!*

75th & 50th ANNIVERSARIES OF ST MARY'S BOOKLET 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.

ANNIVERSARY QUIZ ANSWERS will be available at the back of each church, on the Parish website and the Parish Facebook page.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023 The third preparation session will take place on Thursday 21 September at St Mary's Dockendale Lane NE16 4EN. **The Confirmation Mass, at which we look forward to welcoming Bishop Stephen who will preside and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation, will be celebrated during the 10.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Sunday 1 October.**

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, dried pasta, gravy granules, tinned tuna, potatoes, garden peas, sweetcorn, sliced carrots, custard, meatballs, hotdogs, meat Mince (corned beef, pek), teabags, shower gel, feminine hygiene.

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

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

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart of Mary 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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – TRAINING PROGRAMME The Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team is offering a training programme to both parishioners who are currently involved in the ministry of Children's Liturgy of the Word and those who are new/interested in it. Please find below some key information about this two-session programme which will begin at the end of October.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Autumn Programme for those serving and those who are interested in serving in this ministry.

The Church makes especial provision for helping children at Mass. On Sunday if sufficient numbers of children are present, they can share in a form of the Liturgy of the Word shaped to their needs and understanding. It is a wonderful way of helping the young grow in their knowledge of the Gospel and the message of Jesus Christ.

Lay people lead these young Christians in listening and responding to the Word of God and help to discover what the Lord is saying to us.

The Church provides principles and guidelines to help adults in this great work. In our diocese we are offering an opportunity for those who are new to this ministry (and anyone who would like a refresher).

There will be two sessions looking at principles, practicalities and resources for Children's Liturgy of the Word. The programme ends with a Blessing and participants will receive a Certificate recognising their training.

The programme consists of two sessions:

When:

Session 1 Monday 30 October, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Session 2 Monday 6 November, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Venue: Saint Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY

Cost: £10.00 per participant (paid for by the parish).

Booking Deadline: Monday 23 October 2023

If you would like to come along, please contact Fr Peter to discuss it with him and then he will arrange for your registration for the course to be completed.

WEBINAR ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND COMMUNITY ORGANISING On Wednesday 27 September, there will be an online Webinar, called 'Discipleship, Politics and Anger: Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising'. This webinar will explore how principles of Catholic Social Teaching can be applied to current political and social Issues. We will hear from members of the diocese who are involved with a variety of campaigns, as well as Catholic Social activists from across the country including Sir John Battle. Please see poster for more details. To sign up please go to:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/discipleship-politics-and-anger-catholic-social-teaching-and-community-organising/>

DISCERNMENT EVENING The next Discernment Evening for those thinking about Priesthood will take place on **Tuesday 3 October** at 6.00pm at the Cloister Café, St Mary's Cathedral. The evening will consist of a time of prayer, a talk, and will end with a meal together. If you would like to attend, please contact Father Shaun Purdy by Saturday 30 September. Email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or Telephone 01207 299 012.

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.

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

Department for Education

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

The role is based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. 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 10.00am on Thursday 21 September.**

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 Egdell on 07976 402023 or speak to Fr Peter.

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Jen's Weekly Prayer

The evening landscape shimmers with light
formed from opal coloured clouds
basking in a pearlised blue sky.

The evening sky demonstrates its majestic beauty
in a seemingly endless glowing light.

These wondrous scenes are available for us
to witness and to cherish as examples of a much greater
force, the wonders of our natural world.

The natural world brings comfort, balm,
peace and serenity in times of pain and distress.

Summer brings a carpet of delights as colours
and scents pervade our sense with their delights.

The kaleidoscope of golden red orange
and brown of autumn leaves.

The joy as green shoots emerge from snow filled gardens
heralding new life.

May we strive as we witness these fleeting
yet intense moments to value them sufficiently
and allow them to continue and flourish.

These are treasures and many more
incredible natural wonders, trees, plants,
creatures of the oceans and rivers, animals, insects
we are in danger of losing by our unthinking actions.
Grant us the humility to begin again to save and nurture
for generations to come these extraordinary blessed
jewels which have been gifted to us.

Our natural world begs our kindness,
may we accept its challenge,
give thanks for the endless glory and beauty they provide
by our loving sharing actions.

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First Reading*Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 102:1-4. 9-12. R/v.8*

**R/ The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

Second Reading*Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life. it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*1 Sam 3:9; John 6:68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 18:21-35*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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