



It is the Lord who speaks...the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.
Isaiah 55:8-9

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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The John Ingram Partnership
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

24 September 2023

Twenty Fifth 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 23 September - 1 October 2023

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| 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.) |
| Monday 25 September | | | |
| Tuesday 26 September | 9.30am | Immaculate Heart | Priest's Intention |
| Wednesday 27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i> | 9.30am | St Philip Neri | Priest's Intention <i>St Philip Neri School Attending</i> |
| | 11.30am | St Mary | Funeral Service - Veronica Griggs RIP |
| Thursday 28 September | 9.30am | St Mary | Mitchell & Turnbull Families (dec.) |
| Friday 29 September <i>SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i> | | | |
| Saturday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i> | 5.30pm | St Philip Neri | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 1 October | 9.00am | St Mary | Maire Oxley (dec.) |
| Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (Year A) | 10.30am | Immaculate Heart | Joe Welsh (dec.) |
| | | | <i>Bishop Stephen presiding and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation</i> |

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 25 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 & Thursday at St Mary's

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MASS 2023 We very much look forward to welcoming Bishop Stephen to our parish next Sunday 1 October when he will preside at the 10.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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).

HOT DRINKS AND CAKE AFTER THE CONFIRMATION MASS NEXT SUNDAY Following the Confirmation Mass 10.30am next Sunday 1 October at Immaculate Heart Church, there will be a coffee morning with, hopefully, lots of wonderful cakes! 'Hopefully' because again this is a special request to all the fine bakers of the parish to step up and once more make their delicious cakes. I'm sure all the young people, their sponsors, parents, relatives, friends and Bishop Stephen will enjoy the occasion immensely. Please, if possible, will you drop your yummy offerings off at church before 10.30am Mass? Many thanks, in advance, to those who always step up, you're amazing. Any queries please contact Joan McCoy mobile 07931 337713 or Katie Wilkinson 07837 386760. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 October 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.

RED MISSION BOXES are now due to be emptied in our three churches. Money can be given to Denise Hebron at St Philips, Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart and Kathleen Cunningham at St Mary's.

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: toilet rolls, cereal, gravy granules, feminine hygiene(tampons), tinned baked beans, chopped tomatoes, custard, meatballs, hotdogs, meat(mince, corned beef, pek), teabags.

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, pasta sauce, dried pasta, long grain rice, coffee, tomato purée, mayonnaise, ketchup, tinned tuna, potatoes, garden peas, sweetcorn, sliced carrots, rice pudding, fruit, chopped tomatoes, biscuits, cooking oil, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner.

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

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

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/>

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. **Meetings have now begun and are on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, High Street Felling, Gateshead NE10 9LT.** Please feel free to come along to the programme and 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.

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.

DISCERNMENT EVENING The next Discernment Evening for those who may be 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 VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Department for Education

Senior Administrator - Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 2 October

Primary Adviser - RE and Catholic Ethos - Full time, term-time. Closing date: 5 October

Secondary Adviser - RE and Catholic Ethos - Part-time, term-time. Secondment may be considered. Closing date: 5 October

All roles 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 28 September.**

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*Isaiah 55:6-9*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
 call to him while he is still near.
 Let the wicked man abandon his way,
 the evil man his thoughts.
 Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
 to our God who is rich in forgiving;
 for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
 Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
 as my ways are above your ways,
 my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R/v.18*

R/ The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day.
 and praise your name for ever.
 The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
 his greatness cannot be measured.
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
 slow to anger, abounding in love.
 How good is the Lord to all,
 compassionate to all his creatures.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
 and loving in all his deeds.
 He is close to all who call him,
 who call on him from their hearts.

Second Reading*Philippians 1:20-24. 27*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Luke 19:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessings on the King who comes,
 in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven
 and glory in the highest heavens!
 Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 20:1-16*

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: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too". In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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