



There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength...
 Glory to God our Father, for ever and ever.
 Amen. *Philippians 4:13. 20*

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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

15 October 2023

Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year

Year A

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 14 - 22 October 2023

Saturday 14 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 15 October	9.00am	St Mary	Lawrence Regan (dec.)
Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Payne (dec.)
Monday 16 October			
Tuesday 17 October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Wednesday 18 October <i>St Luke</i>	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Thursday 19 October	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Friday 20 October			
Saturday 21 October	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 22 October	9.00am	St Mary	Living and deceased of the Arkless Family
Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Barney & Veronica Hayes (60 th Wed. Ann.)
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>			

Weekday Readings *Ordinary Time Week 28 Year 1*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Angela Corrigan, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, Barney & Veronica Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Dickie Lindsley, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Nora Miller, Pauline Mulholland, Margaret Murphy, Astrid Muse (Gower), Mary Reid, 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).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is next Sunday 22 October. On this day, the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity, and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: *'Hearts on fire, feet on the move'* (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for *'everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.'* Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Our donations help build the Church, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places. **There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend 21/22 October.** Thank you for your ongoing support of *Missio* through prayer and charity. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit www.missio.org.uk/wms

LAUDATE DEUM On 4 October, Pope Francis published part two of his exhortation on the environment (part one being his Apostolic Letter [Laudato Si'](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html) published in 2015). If you would like to read *Laudate Deum* and its important message on the climate crisis facing our world, please visit https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html For more information on *Laudate Deum*, please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/laudate-deum-explained>

CONFIRMATION MASS 1 OCTOBER 2023 Fr Peter writes: *Many thanks to everyone who helped to prepare for and celebrate the Confirmation Mass on Sunday 1 October when we were delighted to welcome Bishop Stephen to our parish. It was a joyful and uplifting occasion both in the celebration of the Mass and the reception afterwards, including the wonderful cakes! Prayerful congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation - May God who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfilment. Amen.*

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: dried pasta, long grain rice, cereal, sugar, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, gravy granules, feminine hygiene (tampons), tinned potatoes, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), squash, teabags, cooking oil, antiperspirant.

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, pasta sauce, coffee, tomato purée, tinned fruit, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, garden peas, sweetcorn, sliced carrots, rice pudding, custard, meatballs, hotdogs coffee, biscuits, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, toilet rolls.

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

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

GIFT FOR LIFE – '100 CLUB' Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest in the *Gift for Life* 100 Club – we still need a few more people to make this viable. A '100 Club' in the parish would be a different way of fundraising for the causes you all so generously support in Kenya, India and more locally. Those participating would pay £24 for the year with monthly draws taking place after Mass on a Sunday morning during parish refreshments. The prize level would depend on the number of participants but, for example, if there were 100 people involved, there might be a first prize of say £50 and a second prize of around £25 each month. We will only be in a position to run the 100 club if we have enough people wishing to participate so are keen to gauge the level of potential interest. Please have a word with one of the *Gift for Life* Group members or drop us an e-mail on giftforlife20@gmail.com to let us know if you would be interested in participating or to find out more. Thank you for your very generous support – more details and 'official sign up' will follow as soon as we have sufficient interest.

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.

FIRST STEPS Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? *First Steps* is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you, this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF> **First Steps online begins on Wednesday 11 October at 7pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom.** Further information and the registration link can be found at www.diocesehn.org.uk

HOLY ISLAND CAMP Holy Island Vinnies Camp is looking for new helpers to help in their kitchens on Holy Island. The Camp runs holidays for many of our Catholic Schools in the North East during the months of April to July and then September to November, but relies on volunteers to do caretaking duties and kitchen helpers to wash up, serve meals and help prepare light meals, salads and sandwiches etc for the groups staying on site. Commitment can be as little as a few days a year or more if you are able to and willing!
Anyone who is thinking they might like to volunteer in 2024 could contact Barbara Taws via BarbaraT@svp.org.uk to find more information about the Camp and the process of becoming a volunteer. We hope to see you soon!

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.

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.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 19 October.**

GAUDETE! Calling all parish musicians - a workshop with Will Todd to learn his Mass setting, *Gaudete*. A free event open to all within the diocese - registration necessary. **Sunday 12 November, St Joseph's Catholic Academy (Main Hall), Mill Lane, Hebburn, NE31 2ET, 2.30 - 4.30pm.** *Gaudete* is a new Mass setting commissioned by the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and is being made available for use in all parishes across our diocese. *Gaudete* will appeal to schools and parishes alike; it is tuneful and accessible and comes with a range of musical resources - including backing tracks for those parishes without many incumbent musicians. At the same time, it comes with both a melody and 3-part choir arrangement for the more musically ambitious parishes. The afternoon workshop will be led by the composer Will Todd, and it will consist of a learning session followed by a chance to meet/socialise with musicians from other parishes across the diocese. There will be an opportunity to learn the choral parts, or just sing along with the melody. Find out more about the composer at <https://willtodd.co.uk/>. You may have already attended one of Will's very popular workshops and singing days, or community events such as 'The Great Northeast Passion' in South Shields. Either way this promises to be a fun and rewarding afternoon. **Entry is free - with a retiring collection - but this event is likely to be popular and registration is vital. To register places please follow this link <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/a-workshop-to-learn-the-new-diocesan-mass-setting-gaudete/> or scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church. If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Diocesan Church Music Association at dcma@diocesehn.org.uk.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

High above, resembling a magnificent large petal
surrounded by an incredible ring of opals
which shimmered and glowed,
the moon sat wrapped around with Prussian blue silk.
Autumn brings many changes and blessings,
harvest gathered, seeds replanted, a pallet of colours.
The leaves on trees as they sway in the gentle wind
begin to fall, sending carpets of yellow and amber colours
into our paths.

Some autumnal changes challenge us,
they can bring winds which are harsh and strong,
they rip roots of trees, dismantle course pain.
Rain can lash like a whip or it can be a caress
as it strokes the face.

Many in our world at this time are facing more harshness
from dramatic climate changes causing fires and floods
or facing destruction by human hands.

Violence, trafficking, forced labour
or lack of basic human needs.

As we watch the harvest season unfold,
help us to give thanks for the many blessings
we have been gifted,

grant that we may be generous to those
whose lives have been irreparably damaged
by violence, poverty, lack of food and water.

Spirit of wisdom and strength, guide those who make
decisions which have repercussions for others,
to act justly, wisely and prudently

and grant that we may all play our individual parts
in preserving the natural wonders we have been gifted.

Fill us with the light of love and hope.

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First Reading*Isaiah 25:6-10*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 22. R/v.6*

R/ In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my dropping spirit.
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second Reading*Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 1:12. 14*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 22:1-14*

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 chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came into to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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