



You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind....You must love your neighbour as yourself.
Matthew 22:37. 39

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29 October 2023

Thirtieth 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.
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 28 October - 5 November 2023

Saturday 28 October SS Simon & Jude	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 29 October	9.00am	St Mary	Priest's Intention
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving (JB)
<i>Clergy Training Fund</i>			
Monday 30 October			
Tuesday 31 October All Saints Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Madeleine James (dec.)
Wednesday 1 November All Saints	9.30am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Holy Day of Obligation			
Thursday 2 November <i>All Souls</i>	9.30am	St Mary	For the Faithful Departed
Friday 3 November			
Saturday 4 November	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 November	9.00am	St Mary	Holy Souls of Mitchell & Turnbull Families
Thirty First Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Freddy Bambrough (dec.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 30 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Thursday at St Mary's

Baptisms

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome
 Bruno James Farthing-Thompson and Evan Andrew Hornsby into the Family of the Church*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Angela Corrigan, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, Dennis George, 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).

CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION This weekend 28/29 October there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund (the Fund will remain open until Sunday 26 November). There are envelopes at the back of church for any donations you may wish to Gift Aid.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS is a Holyday of Obligation and will be celebrated on Wednesday 1 November. Masses in the Parish will be celebrated at the following times:

Vigil Mass Tuesday 31 October 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart Morning Mass Wednesday 1 November 9.30am at St Mary's

ALL SOULS Thursday 2 November is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls). Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am at St Mary's.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2023/2024 If your child is currently in Year 4 (or above) and they are not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2024, please contact the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart as soon as possible, e-mail stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 November 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.

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' LAUNCHING SOON! Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in the *Gift for Life* 100 Club - we are now in a position to run with this and the first draw will take place on Sunday 3 December. Numbers will be available after Mass at our 3 churches from this weekend. Payment is in advance for the year (either by cheque or cash) and is £24 per number - please make cheques payable to *Our Lady and St Philip Neri*. A '100 Club' in the parish will be a different way of fundraising for the causes you all so generously support in Kenya, India and more locally. The prize level will depend on the number of participants who sign up and will be notified in the parish newsletter before the first draw. By way of an example, if there were 100 numbers bought, there is likely to be a first prize of £50 and a second prize of £25 each month. 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.

DOUAI MARTYRS MASS AT USHAW COLLEGE on Friday 3 November at 12.30pm. During the centuries when it was illegal to be Catholic in this country, priests were trained at the College in Douai in France. Many of them came back to England to serve the Catholic population and were martyred for the Catholic faith. Ushaw is the successor to the College at Douai, and an annual Mass to commemorate the Douai Martyrs has always been an important event in Ushaw's calendar. The Martyrs' Feast Day falls on 30 October, but this year Ushaw's annual Mass to honour the Douai Martyrs will be celebrated on Friday 3 November at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is free.

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: UHT milk, pasta sauce, all tinned vegetables-peas, carrots, sweetcorn, rice pudding custard, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), teabags. feminine hygiene (especially tampons).

OTHER priority items: toilet rolls, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, antiperspirant, cereal, long grain rice, coffee, tomato purée, dried pasta, biscuits, tinned potatoes, hotdogs, chopped tomatoes, tuna, baked beans, rice pudding, meatballs, crisps, gravy granules, squash, sugar, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, coffee, cooking oil.

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

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off then 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, via mobile 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

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.**

LAUDATE DEUM On 4 October, Pope Francis published part two of his exhortation on the environment (part one being his Apostolic Letter [Laudato Si'](#) 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>

LOVE CHRISTMAS - GET INVOLVED - ADVANCE NOTICE

Every Christmas the parish offers support to those in need at Christmas, and this year we intend to continue with this invaluable outreach work, again under the umbrella of the ecumenical UK Charity 'Love Christmas'. Last year our parish supported over 300 individuals during the Christmas season. The parish would like to repeat the previous years' amazing effort of supplying Christmas food hampers, presents to all recipients of the weekly Foodbank plus Brigitte Jones will be liaising and organising the *Angel Tree Project* for children identified as at risk of not receiving a gift this Christmas (**for ease - exactly the same as we did last year - the gifts donated via The Angel Tree will include the 46 children from the food bank families we support**). Finally, *Gift for Life* intend to sell handmade Christmas decorations and Christmas cards to help with their ongoing fund raising for this worthy project (dates of sales to be announced).

So how can you become involved?

- At the back of church there will be a list of special food items for the Christmas food hampers which you can buy - remember if you would prefer someone else to shop for food or gifts on your behalf, please feel free to donate cash - there'll be a box at the back of each church for any food donations purchased.
- You can opt to take a tag from the Angel Tree and donate a gift (please leave all gifts unwrapped but with the age & gender gift tag attached)
- You can also buy some Christmas cards to support the parish *Gift for Life* project.

Whichever way you chose to commit to this year's 'Love Christmas Project' someone, somewhere will be benefiting from your amazing generosity and they will be truly grateful.

Reminders:

- At the back of each church there's a food list of special items for the Christmas hampers. **Please note, food items need to be handed in by weekend 9/10 December** - there will be a box at the back of each church for these food donations.
- Each of our three churches will have an Angel Tree - please remember the gifts are for the food bank children plus the children identified by Social Services as being at risk of not receiving a gift this Christmas.

Finally:

Nearer to Christmas we will be announcing dates requesting volunteers to come along to Immaculate Heart Church to help wrap all the presents for our Food Bank & Social Services children plus helping to organise the Christmas food hampers. This huge task can only be successful with your brilliant support - last year's volunteers were absolutely amazing plus we all had a fun day.

Any queries please contact either Katie Wilkinson via email teachkate1@gmail.com telephone 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron via email denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk telephone 07554 445679.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF LIGHT SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 3PM You are cordially invited to join us for the annual Prayer Service, at St Mary's RC Church, Dockendale Lane, Whickham, on Sunday 19 November at 3pm. This candle-lit Service is to remember all our loved ones who have died in the Gateshead area and will be led by Revd Paul Nichol from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Chaplaincy Team and staff from St Bede's Hospice Unit. Light refreshments will be available in the Church Hall afterwards. Donations of biscuits or sweet mince pies would be welcomed and can be left at the back of church. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 2 November**.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

As we grow, we weave our own cloaks,
sometimes our threads becomes tangled
and we need help to reset the loom
yet the alteration does not damage these garments
rather it enhances their value.
It is our task to encourage and allow the wealth of gifts
and talents within our young people to flourish -
they are the future -
may they be without too many burdens of the past.
Their cloaks will be extraordinary if we allow them
to carry on their task,
for we have woven our own garments.
Help us to reflect the joys and challenges
and keep seeking and revelling in the simple
and incredible images they are weaving
as part of their story.
Assist us as we look back upon our own weaving
and give thanks for the garments
we have made unique to each of us.
May we allow ourselves the privilege to listen
to their young voices gaining in strength and reassurance
to wear their garments and watch them lengthen
and glow like the bright light of morning
and the almost translucent light of oncoming night.
Fill them with the perseverance they need
to seek a future filled with love, peace, hope, light and joy,
sharing and enriching the lives of all.

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First Reading*Exodus 22:20-26*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 17:2-4. 47. 51. R/v.2*

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Second Reading*1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example of all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*cf. Acts of the Apostles 16:14*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 22:34-40*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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