



Remembrance Sunday 2023

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Laurence Binyon (1869 - 1943)

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Lobley Hill

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Thirty Second 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 11 - 19 November 2023

Saturday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 November	9.00am	St Mary	Philip Arkless (ann.)
Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (Year A) <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Maria Foy (dec.)
Monday 13 November	<u>9.45am</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>	Requiem Mass - Angela Corrigan RIP
Tuesday 14 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased of the Rossi & Corrigan Families (AC)
Wednesday 15 November	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Thursday 16 November	9.30am	St Mary	Holy Souls
Friday 17 November <i>St Hilda of Whitby</i>	<u>10.45am</u>	<u>St Philip Neri</u>	Funeral Service - Arthur Purvis RIP
	<u>11.15am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - David Linfoot RIP
Saturday 18 November	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 November	9.00am	St Mary	Brenda Rebecca Robson (ann.)
Thirty Third Sunday of the Year (Year A) <i>World Day of Prayer for the Poor</i>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Pauline Archbold (dec.)
	3.00pm	St Mary	<i>Annual Service of Light</i>

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 32 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Angela Milda Maria Corrigan, Dennis Michael George, David Leonard Linfoot and Arthur Purvis who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Angela Corrigan will be at 9.45am on Monday 13 November at Immaculate Heart Church followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. The Funeral Service for Arthur Purvis will be at 10.45am on Friday 17 November at St Philip Neri Church followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for David Linfoot will be at 11.15am on Friday 17 November at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Dennis George will be at 10.00am on Tuesday 21 November at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, Barney & Veronica Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Dickie Lindsley, Godfrey Mallett, 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 2023 The Fund remains open until Sunday 26 November and there are envelopes at the back of church for any donations you may wish to make.

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.

CALLING ALL SENIOR MOMENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY VOLUNTEERS 2023! If you are interested in helping with the planning, organisation and preparation of the Seniors Christmas Lunch, please join us at **10am on Tuesday 14 November at St Mary's Hall, Whickham**. If you are unable to attend, but are interested in helping, please contact Denise Hebron 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760. Thank you.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY Our Christmas Party this year is on Wednesday 6 December at St Mary's Hall. Mass will be celebrated at 11.15am followed by lunch and festivities in St Mary's Hall. There are lists at the back of each Church - if you would like to attend, please put your name on the list by 25/26 November Also, if you know of anyone who would like to attend but is unable to get to church, let us know and we may be able to arrange transport for them. Contact details are Denise Hebron 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760. Thank you.

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' - NUMBERS STILL AVAILABLE
The good news is we've had a great start with people purchasing numbers for the '100 Club' – the even better news is you still have time to get yours! The first draw will take place on Sunday 3 December and numbers will be available after weekend Masses at our 3 churches until 26 November. Payment is in advance for the year either by cash or cheque (payable to *Our Lady and St Philip Neri*) and is £24 per number. 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 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22 November 2023. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives:
Immaculate Heart - Allen Bell, Ann Short, Wendy O'Reilly, Maveen Pereira
St Mary's - Phil Cunningham Janice Hall, Jen Jones, Tony Sacco
St Philip Neri - Denise Hebron, John Pinchen, Michael Waugh, Katie Wilkinson
Youth issues - David Khachikian & Joe Wheatley
Financial matters - Malcolm Shield

ANNUAL SERVICE OF LIGHT You are cordially invited to join us for the **Annual Service of Light**, at **St Mary's RC Church, Dockendale Lane, Whickham, this 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.

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, tinned soup, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), sugar, anti-perspirant, shampoo.

OTHER priority items: all tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes), hotdogs, meatballs, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, rice pudding, custard, tuna, cereal, dried pasta, pasta sauce, long grain rice, biscuits, crisps, gravy granules, squash, mayonnaise, tomato ketchup, tomato purée, teabags, coffee, cooking oil, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, shower gel, toilet rolls, toothpaste, feminine hygiene (especially tampons).

Other items we put into the monthly food bags for the Refugee Project: 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

PARISH HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT The Parish Financial Report for the 6 months April - September 2023 reveals parish funds have fallen by just under £7,000 to £251,845.

Income is primarily made up of offertory collections of £28,120 and rental income of £11,742 from the presbytery, hall and cottage at St Mary's, Whickham. Fundraising, donations and votive candles contribute a further £2,352.

Expenditure is spread over a number of categories including utilities (£9,390), staff wages (£9,041), clergy costs (£6,134), diocesan levy (£5,360), repairs (£4,326), insurance premiums (£3,770), gardening services (£2,990), Joe's Place donation (£1,494), anniversary celebration expenses (£1,177) council tax (£1,049) and various church requisites and parish office costs (£4,468).

One benefit still to be received is the Gift Aid claim for the 2022/23 tax year which should, hopefully, be in excess of £10,000. On the downside is an anticipated increase in spend on repairs with both Immaculate Heart and St Philip's church heaters in need of replacement and the spectre of St Philip's roof repair also hangs over us.

Therefore, your ongoing generosity in the form of offertory collections is vital for us to continue to maintain our buildings in the best condition possible and, of course, to support our missionary outreach. While it is pleasing to report that the offertory figure of £28,120 quoted above is a £768 (+2.8%) increase on the same time period last year, it is actually £4,275 less than the pre-Covid closure collections of April to September 2019 - hence the difficulty in growing parish funds. The parish continues to hold monies on behalf of Gift for Life, Foodbank and special collections totalling £12,640.

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.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - CHRISTMAS FAYRE The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle, 1pm - 4pm on Saturday 25 November. All are welcome.

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: A Service for those who mourn the loss of a child will take place this Sunday 19 November, 3.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Gateshead. All welcome.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 16 November**.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

As daylight quickly becomes night at this point in autumn, help us to truly appreciate the artistic palette of nature's gift to cheer and support us. Leaves of burgundy, russet, deep holly green, gleaming heavy with scarlet red berries, leaves of ruby red, gold and burnished bronze, their glowing splendour delights and nourishes calms and soothes.

We can revisit these beautiful scenes now etched into our memories to help when wind and rain, troubles or worries consume us.

They are our comforts when there isn't a hand to hold, a voice to be heard.

For many, the thought of darkness brings fear and anxiety and when accompanied by the cacophony of weapons or explosions, they may not have vivid, warming scenes to keep them calm.

Enable all who are in distress to have the threads of beauty and peace within them, to gather, soothe comfort and enfold them and may the eternal light of hope and love be their blanket of warmth.

Jen Jones @ November 2023



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae 1872 - 1918

First Reading*Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
 By those who love her she is readily seen,
 and found by those who look for her.
 Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself
 known to them.
 Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
 you will find her sitting at your gates.
 Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
 be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
 She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of
 her and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
 in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 62:2-8. R/ v.2***R/ For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
 for you my soul is thirsting.
 My body pines for you
 like a dry, weary land without water.
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
 to see your strength and your glory.
 For your love is better than life,
 my lips will speak your praise.
3. So I will bless you all my life,
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 my soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
 My mouth shall praise you with joy.
4. On my bed I remember you.
 On you I muse through the night
 for you have been my help;
 in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Second Reading*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who
 have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them,
 like the other people who have no hope. We believe that
 Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for
 those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.
 We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of
 us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any
 advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God,
 the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the
 Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have
 died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who
 are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with
 them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the
 Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort
 one another.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Matthew 24:42. 44*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Stay awake and stand ready,
 because you do not know the hour
 when the Son of Man is coming.
 Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 25:1-13*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven
 will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
 meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were
 sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they
 brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as
 well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew
 drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The
 bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those
 bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish
 ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our
 lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be
 enough for us and for you; you had better go off to those who
 sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy
 it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went
 in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The
 other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open
 the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not
 know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either
 the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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