



'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' *Matthew 25:21*

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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19 November 2023

Thirty Third 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 18 - 26 November 2023

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)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Pauline Archbold (dec.)
<i>World Day of Prayer for the Poor</i>	3.00pm	St Mary	Annual Service of Light (*see notice below)
Monday 20 November			
Tuesday 21 November <i>Presentation of the BVM</i>	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Dennis Michael George RIP
Wednesday 22 November <i>St Cecilia</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Holy Souls
Thursday 23 November	9.30am	St Mary	Turnbull Family (liv. & dec.)
Friday 24 November <i>Martyrs of Vietnam</i>			
Saturday 25 November	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Margaret & Christopher Daunt (dec.)
Sunday 26 November	9.00am	St Mary	Deceased of the Cunningham Family (dec.)
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Young People*</i>			

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 33 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 Ava Rae Campbell and Roman Elijah Watson into the Family of the Church

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Dennis Michael George who died recently and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on Tuesday 21 November at St Mary's Church followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May he 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).

***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.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY Next Sunday 26 November we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King and World Youth Sunday when the Church across the globe reflects on the gift of young people and offers our prayers and support as we accompany them on their faith journey. Here in the Diocese, the Youth Ministry Team (YMT) provides a variety of opportunities to support young people. Check out YMT on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and the website www.ymt.org **There will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses next weekend to support YMT (envelopes will be available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation).**

THE SYNOD In the XVI General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality, there is a renewed look at the world and the Church and their demands. After four weeks of work, which began on 4 October in the Paul VI Hall, the General Assembly concluded its first session in the Vatican on 28 October.

To read the Letter to the People of God published on 25 October, please visit

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-10/letter-to-the-people-of-god.html>

To read the full Synthesis Report of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops published on 28 October, please visit

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/11/vatican-synthesis-report-eng-oct23.pdf>

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.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION 2023 The Fund remains open until next Sunday 26 November and there are envelopes at the back of church for any donations you may wish to make.

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.

ST PHILIP NERI SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR St Philip Neri School are having a Christmas Fair in school on Tuesday 5 December 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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 by this Sunday 19 November:

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

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, teabags, coffee, pasta sauce, tinned carrots, potatoes, rice pudding, custard, soup, jam, shower gel.

OTHER priority items: all tinned vegetables garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, hotdogs, meatballs, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), cereal, dried pasta, long grain rice, biscuits, sugar, crisps, gravy granules, squash, cooking oil, mayonnaise, tomato ketchup, tomato purée, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, feminine hygiene (especially tampons), toilet rolls, anti-perspiration, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry powder/liquid.

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

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.

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.

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 - APPEAL FOR HELPERS TO WRAP PRESENTS!

Please, please, please come along to the Packing and Wrapping session on Tuesday 12 December (there'll be two opportunities for you - one following Mass at 10am the second at 6.30pm). Why not become a Santa's Little Helper for a couple of hours at Immaculate Heart Church? Everyone really enjoyed being involved in this 'nice bit' last year. So don't be shy, you will be welcomed with open arms - **you plus your scissors & sellotape if possible!**

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.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE We invite you to come and hear Emma Wells speaking about her book 'Heaven on Earth: The Lives and Legacies of the World's Greatest Cathedrals' at St Mary's Church Hall, Cullercoats on Wednesday 29 November at 7.30pm. Dr Emma J. Wells is a historian, author and broadcaster. She is a historic buildings consultant, formerly Lecturer in Ecclesiastical and Architectural History at the University of York and now Research Fellow in Archaeology at Durham University. Her book is a glorious illustrated history of sixteen of the world's greatest cathedrals, interwoven with the extraordinary stories of the people who built them. The Times calls it 'An impeccable guide to the golden age of ecclesiastical architecture'.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC SOCIETY The next lecture from the North East Catholic Society will be on Wednesday 6 December at 2pm at St Joseph's Centre, High Street West, Gateshead on the subject of The Italian links with Ushaw College. The lecturer will be Lucia Luck. Non-members welcome for a fee of £1.00. Refreshments available.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR ANGELA CORRIGAN'S REQUIEM MASS

The Corrigan Family members would like to thank most sincerely, Canon Leighton for our Mother's beautiful Requiem Mass; Warren Gray for providing music, Patricia Mc Cusker and ladies who helped prepare the church, the wonderful floral arrangement and lighting of the votive candles, all in thanksgiving to God for our beloved Mother's life. Sincere thanks also to those who attended her Requiem Mass and for the Mass offerings, donations and many cards of condolence. Unfortunately, timings for the crematorium made it difficult for our family to thank individuals personally, but we are very appreciative of the many precious friendships Mother had in the parish community.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 23 November.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The night sky shimmered and glowed
almost hidden by its ribbons of purple/blue cloud,
the moon shone and across the deep velvet sky
an incredible necklace of diamonds
lay suspended glowing and enthralling.
No sound, just peace filled silence a sacred moment
to feel protected, held and loved for a force greater
than we can understand had grafted this masterpiece.
Each wondrous beauty of day or night is a gift
to treasure, cherish and bring comfort,
for there are occasions when silence
is the greatest love we can offer or give to one another,
it is our hug, smile and hand of comfort.
Our natural world gifts to us treasures so vast
we cannot count them.
Help us to value and preserve these wonders
which are freely available to all,
they offer hope and light in darkness,
peace tranquility and love.

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First Reading*Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31*

A perfect wife - who can find her?
 She is far beyond the price of pearls.
 Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
 from her he will derive no little profit.
 Advantage and not hurt she brings him
 all the days of her life.
 She is always busy with wool and with flax,
 she does her work with eager hands.
 She sets her hands to the distaff,
 her fingers grasp the spindle.
 She holds out her hand to the poor,
 she opens her arms to the needy.
 Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
 the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
 Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
 and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 127:1-5. R/ v.1*

R/ O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.
- Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.
- Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

Second Reading*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Revelation 2:10*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
 keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
 Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 25:14-30*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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