



The Lord sits as King forever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.  
*Psalm 28:10-11*

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary - Lobley Hill**  
**St Mary - Whickham**  
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**26 November 2023**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

**Year A**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 25 November - 3 December 2023**

<b>Saturday 25 November</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Margaret & Christopher Daunt (dec.)
<b>Sunday 26 November</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Deceased of the Cunningham Family (dec.)
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year A)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Young People</i>			
Monday 27 November			
Tuesday 28 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Angela Corrigan (dec.)
Wednesday 29 November	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Jenny Winton (dec.)
Thursday 30 November <i>St Andrew</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Special Intention (BS)
Friday 1 December			
<b>Saturday 2 December</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Kathleen & Gerard Cailey (dec.)
<b>Sunday 3 December</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Audrey Isobel Gleeson (dec.)
<b>First Sunday of Advent (Year B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish

***Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 34 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*

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Please remember in your prayers Edward Swanston, Godfrey Mallett and Sr Anne McCarthy RSCJ who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Edward Swanston will be celebrated at 10.00am on Tuesday 5 December at Immaculate Heart 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, 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 YOUTH SUNDAY** This 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](http://www.ymt.org) **There will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses this weekend to support YMT (envelopes are available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation).**

**CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION 2023** The Fund remains open until this 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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or tel. 0191 460 4274, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY** *Please add names by this weekend 25/26th November to avoid disappointment!* 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 - Contact details are Denise Hebron 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760. Thank you.

**GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' – LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE NUMBERS** This is the last weekend that you will be able to purchase numbers for the Gift for Life '100 Club'. The first draw will take place on Sunday 3 December. Payment is in advance for the year (either by cheque or cash) 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 final number of participants who sign up and will be notified in the parish newsletter before the first draw. By way of an example, for 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](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) to find out more. Thank you for your very generous support.

**ST PHILIP NERI SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR** St Philip Neri School is having a Christmas Fair in school on Tuesday 5 December 3.30pm - 5.00pm. Parishioners are very welcome attend. Any donations of toys, jigsaws, board games in good condition would be very gratefully received.

**IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** Any donations would be gratefully received for the Immaculate Heart Christmas raffle. All monies raised will go towards church funds. Tickets can be purchased from Ann Bullock.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 December 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.

**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, teabags, coffee, dried pasta, tinned carrots, potatoes, sweetcorn, potatoes, fruit, soup, tomatoes, hot dogs, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), cereal, crisps.

**OTHER priority items:** UHT milk, tinned garden peas, meatballs, baked beans, pasta sauce, long grain rice, biscuits, sugar, gravy granules, squash, mayonnaise, tomato ketchup, tomato purée, cooking oil, toothpaste, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, anti-perspirant, shampoo, 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](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR.** A big thank you from the Sisters for the collection of stamps - they are very grateful. Please save your Christmas postage stamps. They also collect foreign coins and gold/ silver jewellery. Collection boxes are in all three churches.

**NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE - CANCELLATION** The meeting of the Newman Association due to take place on Wednesday 29 November has been cancelled, as the speaker is ill.

**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.

**INVITATION FROM THE SACRED HEART SISTERS IN FENHAM** The Society of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) has spent the last year giving thanks and celebrating their arrival in England on 8 December 1842. This year the celebration of our 180 years in this country draws to a close on 8 December 2023. We, the Sisters in Fenham, would like to invite those who have shared our mission of Education in Fenham over the years as students, pupils, staff and friends from the Sacred Heart Schools or St Mary's Teacher Training College to join us for Mass in St Robert's Church, Bolbec Road, Fenham at 6.00pm on that day (Friday 8 December). Come along and meet old friends. Bishop Séamus Cunningham will be the celebrant as he was the College Chaplain for many years. To have some idea of numbers for the Mass leaflets please RSVP to [rscifenham@yahoo.com](mailto:rscifenham@yahoo.com) by 30 November or leave a message on 0191 4223840.

## 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 44 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](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com) telephone 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron via email [denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk) telephone 07554 445679.

## THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAUNCH OF THE ANGEL TREE APPEAL 2023 & FAREWELL TO ITS INSTIGATOR!

Brigitte Jones has organised this amazing outreach work for many years and this year, as always, it launches on the Feast of Christ The King (25/26 November). The Angel Trees will appear in each of our three churches. Most of you will already know that the labels on each of these trees bear the age and gender of a child at risk of not receiving a Christmas present. Brigitte has decided that this year is to be her final involvement with this amazing work. Her tireless, enthusiastic contribution over numerous years, in helping deprived children at Christmas, is nothing short of remarkable and awe inspiring. The Angel Tree project, introduced all those years ago, by Brigitte, was and still is one of the most wonderful Christian initiatives which truly makes the real meaning of Christmas come alive for all our parishioners. A heartfelt thank you seems insufficient. Again this year we are including tags for the 44 children who receive weekly support from the Parish Food Bank and the remaining presents will go to other children in need around Gateshead.

We ask that those of you who can afford it, to please take a label (or perhaps two), buy a gift, leave it unwrapped, and return it with the label to one of our three churches by Sunday 10 December.

If anyone wants to buy a gift but is unable to shop, we are very happy to accept cash and someone will shop on your behalf.

Any money given that is over and above the amount needed for gifts or food for the Christmas hampers will be donated to the Parish Food Bank to help continue with the weekly support required by 18 families.

**Please return all gifts to church by Sunday 10 December 2023. Thank you.**

**ADVENT WALK WITH ME PRAYER BOOKLETS** which give daily scripture readings and a reflection for each day of Advent are available at the back of each church, priced £1.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 30 November.**

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

Time is as transient as morning mist  
when touched by the sun. Vanished as if never there.

Yet we have seen it being awed  
by the beauty of ethereal mist.

All of our moments can only be relived  
within our memory of the special feelings, words,  
actions and treasures we have allowed ourselves to store,  
yet the moment they occurred cannot be reclaimed.  
Each small almost insignificant moment is significant  
because collectively they are great treasures.

We will not always choose or wish to retain  
those which caused pain or anguish,  
we can like autumn leaves allow them to float away  
yet they too allow us to become who we wish to be.

It is love which gives us courage and hope  
when all seems bleak .it is the encouragement  
of those who care for us which gives us strength.  
Help us to be open to the countless moments of joy  
we are gifted and treasure their priceless love and peace.

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**First Reading**

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 127:1-5. R/ v.1

**R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.
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**

I Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Mark 11:10

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Matthew 25:31-46

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: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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