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*John 1:35-36*

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill**

**St Mary ▪ Whickham**

**St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston**

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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**14 January 2024**

**Second Sunday of the Year**

**Year B**

*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday 10am - 4pm & Friday 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm and Friday 10am - 2pm by email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.*

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 13 - 21 January 2024**

<b>Saturday 13 January</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 14 January</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Shelagh Kelly (liv.)
<b>Second Sunday of the Year (Year B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Joe Welsh (dec.)
<b>Day of Prayer for Peace</b>			
Monday 15 January			
Tuesday 16 January	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deo Gratias (AC)
Wednesday 17 January <i>St Anthony</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	N.B.F.
Thursday 18 January	9.30am	St Mary	Priest's Intention
Friday 19 January			
<b>Saturday 20 January</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21 January</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Deceased of the Mitchill & Turnbull families
<b>Third Sunday of the Year (Year B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Living & Deceased of the Hearne Family

**Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 2 Year 2**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart and Thursday at St Mary's*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

*9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's*

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

**PEACE SUNDAY** Every year, with the support of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, *Pax Christi* (International Catholic Movement for Peace) promotes Peace Sunday as a way of observing the World Day of Peace. Peace Sunday 2024 is this Sunday 14 January and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. You can read a full copy of his message for the World Day of Peace at <https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Pope-Francis-Message-for-World-Day-of-Peace-2024.pdf> For further information on Peace Sunday or any of our resources, please contact us on [info@paxchristi.org.uk](mailto:info@paxchristi.org.uk) or visit our website [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

**LITURGICAL FORMATION COURSE FOR READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD** Just a reminder of the dates and times for those who signed up for the Readers Course:

**Session 1:** Monday 15 January 2024, 7.00-9.00pm.

**Session 2:** Saturday 20 January 2024, 10.30am-3.00pm (including a Commissioning Service).

Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch for the day event - tea and coffee will be provided.

**Venue:** St Mary's, Dockendale Lane, Whickham.

**GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' - JANUARY DRAW RESULTS** Many thanks to everyone who purchased numbers for the Gift for Life '100 Club'. The January draw took place last weekend at St Mary's and the lucky numbers were: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£50) number 30; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£25) number 141 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£15) number 80. Congratulations to the winners! Thank you for your very generous support.

**RED MISSION BOXES** are now due to be emptied. Money can be given to Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart, Denise Hebron at St Philip Neri and Kathleen Cunningham 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](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or tel. 0191 460 4274, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

**HOLY ISLAND SVP CAMP** Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2024? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island. They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sandcastle building, swimming and scavenger hunts.

Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs a donation of £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

**FOOD BANK & REFUGEE 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, crisps, tinned hotdogs, meatballs, carrots, sweetcorn, custard, rice pudding, sugar, gravy granules, cooking oil, mayonnaise, tomato ketchup, jam, spray cleaner.

**Other priority items:** dried pasta, long grained rice, tinned garden peas, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, soup, fruit, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), tuna, biscuits, cereal, squash, tomato purée, teabags, coffee, toothpaste, feminine hygiene (especially tampons), anti-perspirant, shampoo, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, toilet rolls.

**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)

**NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE** invites you to come and hear about **Root & Branch** - an exciting new forum for reform, working for 'a safe, just and inclusive Roman Catholic Church'. The meeting will be at Holy Name Parish Hall, 7 North Jesmond Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle NE2 3JX [N.B. new venue], on Thursday, 25 January at 7.30pm. For more information about Root & Branch, please see [www.rootandbranchsynod.org](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org)

**YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE - 3 FEBRUARY 2024** This Youth Ministry and Practical Theology Conference is YMT's first conference since the COVID-19 pandemic and we look forward to gathering with youth ministers, catechists, clergy, teachers, staff and volunteer co-workers from across the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and beyond! The theme for the conference is "Investing in the Fearlessness of Youth", inspired by a quote from Pope Francis' letter, *Christus Vivit* (Chapter 7 no. 233). We hope you can join us for this Youth Ministry Conference.

Booking is still open and you can either email [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or book online here: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam) Online booking will apply booking fees.

We are looking forward to welcoming keynote speaker, Reverend Professor David Wilkinson, Director of Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science, an international project based at St John's College, Durham, who will explore how we can engage young people in the Gospel when we live in a world of science. We are also pleased to welcome back David Wells, international speaker, best-selling author and friend of YMT, to guide us to reflect on our theme.

For more information about the conference visit [www.ymt.org/ymt-conference](http://www.ymt.org/ymt-conference)

**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN VACANCY** St Thomas More School, Blydon is wishing to recruit a School Chaplain. For further information, supporting documents and to download an application pack, please visit [www.bwcet.com/news-and-community/school-chaplain-3/](http://www.bwcet.com/news-and-community/school-chaplain-3/)

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

**HR Adviser**, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle - part-time. Closing date: 16 January

**HR Administrator**, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle - part-time. Closing date 16 January

**Cleaner**, St Cuthbert, Durham - part-time. Closing date 18 January

**Cleaner**, St Augustine, Darlington - part-time. Closing date 22 January

**Cleaner**, St Charles, Gosforth - part-time. Closing date 22 January

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** January edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 18 January.**

### **Jen's Weekly Prayer**

Endings and beginnings  
the opposite ends of our yearly continuum.  
At this time we can reflect upon  
the many blessings and generous acts of kindness  
and compassion gifted to us.

It is the simplest of many of these gifts  
that can restore and rejuvenate us,  
the seemingly ordinary everyday things  
which are transformed by a kind gesture  
into the extraordinary because they come  
with care and love a generosity of self.

The snowdrop and the crocus,  
which greet us in the early months of our year,  
brighten our days and fill us with joy and hope.  
If we reach out to others we can be their colour  
in a time of darkness, worry or anxiety,  
easing or soothing them as the sun warms the earth,  
to allow these early plants to bloom.

Guide our hearts and minds to be open  
to the small opportunities, to be the blooming sun,  
warmed plant and give thanks  
for the selfless and generous acts of others.

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### **Peace Sunday Prayer**

God our creator and sustainer,  
we thank you for the gifts of creativity you have given us,  
for the ability to explore science  
and understand your creation.

We ask your forgiveness for the times  
we have used science for evil and not for good,  
for war and not for peace.

Make us vigilant as we develop technology,  
that violence and discrimination may not take root,  
that injustice and inequality will not be fuelled,  
that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost.  
May all that we create contribute to peace and justice.

**Amen.**

[www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

## First Reading

*1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'here I am, since you called me.' He replied 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 39:2. 4. 7-10. R/ vv.8-9*

**R/ Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.
4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20*

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 1:41,17*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have found the Messiah - which means the Christ -  
grace and truth have come through him.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*John 1:35-42*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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