



And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.'

Mark 1:18

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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21 January 2024

Third Sunday of the Year

Year B

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 20 - 28 January 2024

Saturday 20 January	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 January	9.00am	St Mary	Deceased of the Mitchell & Turnbull Families
Third Sunday of the Year (Year B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Living & Deceased of the Hearne Family
Sunday of the Word of God			
Monday 22 January			
Tuesday 23 January	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Laura Hopkinson (dec.)
Wednesday 24 January <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 25 January <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Private Intention (AF)
Friday 26 January <i>Ss Timothy & Titus</i>			
Saturday 27 January	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 January	9.00am	St Mary	Pauline Archbold (dec.)
Fourth Sunday of the Year (Year B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joan Stephenson (1 st ann.)

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 3 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 REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Gordon Embley who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Gordon will be celebrated at 12.15pm on Friday 9 February at St Mary's 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, 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).

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD This Sunday, the Third Sunday of the Church's Year, is a day instituted by Pope Francis on 30 September 2019 (the Feast of St Jerome) devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture. Pope Francis encourages us to devote this Sunday 21 January to the Word of God so that we can 'experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world' (from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter [Aperuit Illis](#)).

Resources for this Sunday can be found at <https://fdlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Word-of-God-Sunday-2024-Year-B.pdf>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 - 25 JANUARY 2024 The theme chosen for this year is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Lk 10:27). Brothers and sisters from the Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou (Capital City of Burkina Faso, West Africa), Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies and the Chemin Neuf Community (CCN) in Burkina Faso, collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections and experienced their work together as a real path of ecumenical conversion. Daily prayers and Biblical reflections for each day of Unity Week can be found [here](#)

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 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 this year, 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.

MARY'S PLACE NEWCASTLE Mary's Place opens every Monday to provide meals and clothing for the homeless in Newcastle. **At present we are in urgent need of any unwanted sleeping bags you may have.** If you can help, please contact Ann Joyce on 07807 751896 or email ann.joyce49@yahoo.com. 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: tinned sweetcorn, potatoes, fruit, & mayonnaise.

Other priority items: pasta sauce, dried pasta, UHT milk, long grained rice, tinned hotdogs, meatballs, garden peas, carrots, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, soup, custard, rice pudding, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), tuna, cooking oil, gravy granules, crisps, biscuits, jam, cereal, squash, tomato purée, tomato ketchup, sugar, teabags, coffee, toothpaste, feminine hygiene (especially tampons), spray cleaner, washing up liquid laundry powder/liquid, shampoo, anti-perspirant, 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

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

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 or book online here: 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

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/ Closing date for applications is Monday 22 January.

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

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 for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 25 January.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The infectious sound of laughter from others
whether in passing by or being part
brings smiles and joy.

The tender look of a parent at their very young child,
the gentleness of their touch of one to the other
and the unconditional trust of a small hand
reaching out and holding the hand of a loved one
is a special and extraordinary gift which fills the heart
not only with joy but privilege.

When trust is shattered,
it may never all fit back together again,
shards may be lost and it takes courage to rebuild trust,
some small chinks may still require replacing
or realigning yet wherever possible to take the risk again
can be the opening of unexpected joys, wonders
and unexpected peace. For peace brings love and hope.
Grant that all who are facing challenges, pain,
stress, brokenness, conflict or distress,
may reach out to the offered hand to find the strength
to allow the fragile yet strong threads of trust
to entwine and therein find joy and inner peace.

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Prayer for Christian Unity (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January)

Lord Jesus, who prayed that all might be one,
we pray to you for the unity of all Christians,
according to your will, according to your means.

May your Spirit enable us
to experience the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin,
and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

www.ctbi.org.uk

First Reading*Jonah 3:1-5. 10*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 24:4-9. R/ v4*

R/ Lord, make me know your ways.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Mark 1:15*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand;
repent and believe the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 1:14-20*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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