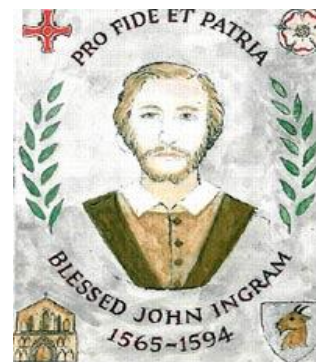




THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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Matthew 2:10-11

7 January 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Year B

*The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday 10am - 1.30pm and Friday 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday 10am - 1.30pm, Wednesday 10am - 4pm and Friday 10am - 2pm.
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 6 - 14 January 2024

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| Saturday 6 January | 5.30pm | St Philip Neri | Prayer Shawl Recipients |
| Sunday 7 January | 9.00am | St Mary | People of the Parish |
| <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> | 10.30am | Immaculate Heart | Jim & Anne McPhee (60 th Wedding Anniversary) |
| Monday 8 January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> | | | |
| Tuesday 9 January | 9.30am | Immaculate Heart | Deo Gratias |
| Wednesday 10 January | 9.30am | St Philip Neri | Priest's Intention |
| Thursday 11 January | 9.30am | St Mary | Private Intention (KC) |
| Friday 12 January <i>St Benet Biscop</i> | 10.30am | St Mary | Funeral Service - Mary Reid RIP |
| Saturday 13 January | 5.30pm | St Philip Neri | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 14 January | 9.00am | St Mary | Shelagh Kelly (liv.) |
| <i>Second Sunday of the Year (Year B)</i> | 10.30am | Immaculate Heart | Joe Welsh (dec.) |

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 1 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 Fr John Gibbons and Mary Reid who have died recently. The Funeral Service for Mary Reid will be at St Mary's on Friday 12 January at 10.30am followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. 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, 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).

LITURGICAL FORMATION COURSE FOR READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD This short course of two sessions (see below) supports new and existing Readers of the Liturgy of the Word and on completion will conclude with a Commissioning Service. The dates of the course are:

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. **Location:** St Mary's, Dockendale Lane, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE16 4EN. **Cost:** £12.50 per person (this will be met by the parish). **If any existing Readers would like to attend the course, please contact the Parish Office by this Wednesday 10 January. If you are interested in becoming a Reader, and would like to attend the course, please contact Fr Peter by this Wednesday 10 January.**

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 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, sand castle 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>

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

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

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

Cleaner, St Anne, Darlington - part-time. Closing date 11 January

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

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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, tinned garden peas, carrots, potatoes, sweetcorn, baked beans, soup, tomatoes, fruit, custard, rice pudding, sugar, gravy granules, cooking oil, mayonnaise, tomato ketchup, jam, spray cleaner.

Other priority items: dried pasta, long grained rice, tinned meat (mince, corned beef, pek), tuna, meatballs, hot dogs, pasta sauce, biscuits, cereal, crisps, squash, tomato purée, teabags, coffee, toothpaste, toilet rolls, feminine hygiene (especially tampons), anti-perspirant, shampoo, washing up liquid, 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

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 11 January.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The great feast we celebrate was the gift of a small child to bring peace to all mankind. Peace, a wondrous gift impossible to estimate its value. We all yearn for peace in micro and macro situations for without it there is chaos, conflict, confusion. The centre of peace is love, a caring for others as well as ourselves, it is all embracing, it belongs to everyone. Guide us as the star guided the first visitors to you so long ago, to truly value the true sense of peace within us and around us in our daily lives. Where it is missing during difficult personal, family, community. national and international situations, help us to increase our voices to you so that conflicts around the world will be resolved by cooperation, care and compassion and that the seeds of hope for the suffering will no longer be watered by pain but flourish with love and be wrapped in the garment of warming light and strength.

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First Reading*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13. R/cf. v.11*

Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Second Reading*Ephesians 3:2-23. 5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose
and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 2:1-12*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

