



Christians praise the Paschal victim, offer thankful sacrifice! Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, yes, Christ the Just One paid the price.

From the Easter Sequence

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Lobley Hill

St Mary - Whickham

St Philip Neri - Dunston

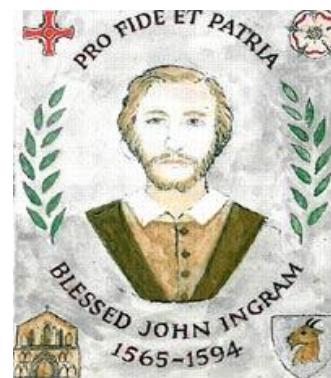
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

31 March 2024

Easter Sunday

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, is on annual leave this week, returning to the Office on Tuesday 9 April.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 30 March - 7 April 2023

Holy Saturday 30 March Vigil & First Mass of Easter	7.00pm	St Mary	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday 31 March Morning Mass	10.00am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh
Monday in the Easter Octave 1 April	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Tuesday in the Easter Octave 2 April	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Wednesday in the Easter Octave 3 April	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Thursday in the Easter Octave 4 April	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Friday in the Easter Octave 5 April	10.15am	St Philip Neri	Funeral Service - William Burke RIP
Saturday 6 April	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Expectant Families & Unborn Babies
Sunday 7 April	9.00am	St Mary	Kathleen Cunningham (dec.)
Second Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>			

Weekday Readings

Easter Octave

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday 6 April at St Philip Neri

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS William Burke, Barney Hayes and Doreen Campbell who have died recently. The Funeral Service for William Burke will be at 10.15am on Friday 5 April at St Philip Neri Church followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for Barney Hayes will be at 10.45am on Wednesday 10 April at Immaculate Heart Church followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Doreen Campbell will be at 10.45am on Thursday 18 April at Immaculate Heart Church followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, Veronica Hayes, Marie Hogg, John Jukes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Nora Miller, Pauline Mulholland, Margaret Murphy, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Tony Richardson.

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).

“SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL”

The Northern Brethren Fund (NBF) annual collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese will be taken next weekend 6 and 7 April 2023, and the Fund will remain open until Sunday 28 April for anyone who may wish to make further or individual donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese so well over many years. Recent years have been very difficult and income has dropped significantly. If you could give a suggested minimum of £5 or £10 per person (and if possible Gift Aid your donation and/or set up a Standing Order for regular contributions using the forms available) this would be much appreciated. Information about legacies, the setting up of regular standing orders or other NBF financial issues can be discussed with the NBF Treasurer, Fr Ian Jackson tel. 0191 586 4319, email blackhall.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk or Fr Peter Stott tel. 01670 513410, email peter.stott@diocesehn.org.uk

THANK YOU Phil and John Cunningham would like to thank everyone who attended the Requiem Mass for Kathleen. To know that she had touched the lives of so many people was a great consolation. Thanks also for the retiring collection which amounted to £1302 which is shared by CAFOD and St Cuthbert's Care.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year April 2024 - March 2025 are now available at the back of each church. If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving or standing order and would like to make arrangement to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274. If you have access to internet banking, you can, if you wish, set up a standing order online to make your regular parish contributions. The details required for you to do this are as follows:

Payee: DHN Gateshead Our Lady and St Philip Neri

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 21167936

Reference: insert your own name

Commencing: day/month/year

Frequency: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually.

EASTER WALK WITH ME booklets giving a daily reflection for each day during Eastertide are now available, price £1.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 April 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.

SENIOR MOMENTS LUNCH 11.30am WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 11.30AM IN ST MARY'S HALL We look forward to seeing all those who have signed up to attend! If you've missed the chance to sign up and would like to come, call Denise Hebron 07554 445679 this weekend.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office by 10.00am on Thursday 4 April.

PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE N.B. We are short of most produce - even if you can only bring along 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out.

FOOD ITEMS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY: UHT milk, pasta sauce, tinned meat (mince, corned beef, pek), chopped tomatoes, meatballs, hotdogs, tuna, custard, rice pudding, antiperspirant.

OTHER priority items: breakfast cereal, dried pasta, tomato purée, tinned baked beans, fruit, soup, potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, long grained rice, cooking oil, gravy granules, crisps, jam, squash, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, teabags, coffee, sugar, biscuits spray cleaner, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene - (towels & tampons), shampoo, toilet rolls, toothpaste.

Every Thursday, volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop off donations 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 either via mobile 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

GIFT FOR LIFE - MAKING AN EVEN BIGGER DIFFERENCE

Thank you to everyone for your on-going support for *Gift for Life*. Your generosity means that during the coming financial year we are able to continue our commitment to provide £3,600 each to The Little Sisters of St Francis in Kenya and Balamma Satram in India as well as £50 per month to the Justice and Peace Refugee Project here in our own Diocese. The even better news is that, due to the success of the '100 Club', we are now in a position to offer one or two small grants (maximum of £500) to organisations and projects that meet certain criteria and support the most vulnerable and desperate in society. Any applications for these grants will need a proposer from within our parish community. For full details and an application form please contact giftforlife20@gmail.com Thank you again, your contributions are making a huge difference.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

As the dawn breaks and the sky begins to glow
with hazy, pale, orange light,
help us recognise the tremendous blessings
such a morning heralds.

Each new precious moment to harness and treasure.
Darkness has vanished and radiance
replaces the absence of light.

Like the tree, which was absent and devoid of colour,
is now transformed, its resurrection complete.

We can rejoice in our new beginnings,
recognising every opportunity to live each moment,
celebrate strengths, share our joys, love, hope and fears,
be at one with ourselves and others.

Alive with wonder and hope, guide our step
as we begin this new day, filled with the light of peace,
to share with love and joy.

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**Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
St Mary's Church, Whickham
Holy Saturday 30 March, 7.00pm**



First Part - The Solemn beginning of the Vigil (Lucernarium)

- Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Candle
- Procession - Lumen Christi (*The Light of Christ*) **R/ Deo gratias (Thanks be to God).** (*sung three times*)
- Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*)

During the singing of the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) please respond

The Lord be with. **R/ And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **R/ We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R/ It is right and just.**

Second Part - The Liturgy of the Word

Before the readings begin, Fr Peter gives a brief instruction. Please note after the Responsorial Psalm following each of the three Old Testament readings, all stand and the celebrant recites a prayer.

First Reading: Genesis (1:1-2:2)

Responsorial Psalm: **R/ Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

Second Reading: Exodus (14:15-15:1)

Responsorial Psalm: **R/ I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!**

Third Reading: Ezekiel (36:16-28)

Responsorial Psalm: **As the deer pants for the water (Hymn No. 54)**

After the third Responsorial Psalm and its accompanying prayer, the Gloria is intoned and sung. The altar candles are lit and lights illuminated throughout the church.

The Collect

Epistle: Romans (6:3-11)

After the reading of the Epistle, all stand to sing Psalm 117 **R/ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark (16:1- 8)

Introduction to the Gospel (sung) The Lord be with you. **R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

Conclusion of the Gospel (sung) The Gospel of the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

Third Part - Baptismal Liturgy

Hymn during the sprinkling: Water of life, cleanse and refresh us No.401

General Intercessions **R/ Hear our prayer.**

Fourth Part - The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: In the earth No. 306

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Christ the Saviour

Communion Hymn(s): Christ the Lord is risen today! No. 112 The Lord is alive No. S22

At the end of Mass, Fr Peter sings The Mass is ended go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!

The congregation all sing **R/ Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Recessional Hymn: Thine be the glory No. 728

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23.R/v.24*

**Response: This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second Reading*Colossians 3:1-4*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Easter Sequence

Christians praise the Paschal victim
offer thankful sacrifice!
Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, yes,
Christ the Just One paid the price.
Death and Lord of life contested;
life the wondrous victory gains.
Joining sinners to the Father,
Christ once dead in glory reigns!

Mary, pray draw near and tell us
what you saw by morning light.
'See the tomb of Jesus empty
Christ appears now in my sight!
Shroud and grave cloth neatly folded,
angels attesting joyfully.
Christ, my hope, is glorious, risen.
Forth he goes to Galilee.'

Alleluia, alleluia!
Share the good news joyfully!
Alleluia, alleluia! Through his death is victory.
Alleluia, to Lord Jesus,
praises to him our Victor King.
Alleluia, alleluia! To us sinners mercy bring.

Gospel Acclamation*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed.
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 16:1-8*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

The Gospel of the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

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