



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
 Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
 St Mary ▪ Whickham
 St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston



The John Ingram Partnership
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

Mark 11:9-10

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday 10am - 4pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday 10am - 4pm & Wednesday 12noon - 4pm by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 23 - 31 March 2024

Saturday 23 March	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 24 March	9.00am	St Mary	Special Intention (MD)
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Angela Corrigan (dec.)
Monday of Holy Week 25 March			
Tuesday of Holy Week 26 March	9.30am	<u>St Mary</u>	Maureen Embley (dec.) (St Mary's School attending)
Wednesday of Holy Week 27 March	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Private Intention (DH) (St Philip Neri School attending)

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Holy Thursday 28 March at 11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral
 (Principal Celebrant: Bishop Stephen Wright)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday 28 March			
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	6.30pm	St Mary	People of the Parish
<i>At the end of Mass there will be a period of silent watching at the Altar of Repose</i>			
Good Friday 29 March	3.00pm	St Philip Neri	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
<i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>			
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 (dec.)

Weekday Readings - Holy Week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday 23 March at St Philip Neri

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, Barney & 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).

HOLY PLACES RETIRING COLLECTION This weekend 23/24 March, there will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

SUMMARY OF LISTENING EXERCISES, RESULT OF QUESTIONNAIRE AND BISHOP STEPHEN'S RESPONSE All of the summaries from the various listening exercises that have been running in the Diocese since the summer of 2023, the results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery of Bishops Report from March 2023 and Bishop Stephen's response to what has been presented to him are available at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/bishop-stephens-response-to-the-listening-exercises/>

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.

SENIOR MOMENTS Celebrate the Easter Season by coming along on Wednesday 3 April at 11.30am at St Mary's Hall Whickham. Pie and pea lunch with entertainment only £3 per person. **Please add your name to the list at the church entrance by this Sunday 24 March.** All welcome!

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.

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.

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.** Monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

FOOD ITEMS IN SHORT SUPPLY: UHT milk, dried pasta, tinned chopped tomatoes, meatballs, hotdogs, tuna, custard, rice pudding, antiperspirant.

Other priority items: breakfast cereal, pasta sauce, tomato purée, tinned meat (mince, corned beef, pek), 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, toothpaste, spray cleaner, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), shampoo, 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 church between 9.30am -10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off here 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 386 760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

EASTER WALK WITH ME booklets giving a daily reflection for each day during Eastertide will be available from Holy Thursday Evening, price £1.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY The North East Catholic History Society is 50 years old this year. It was founded to encourage and promote the very rich Catholic History of our region. They meet five times a year for lectures, and have the excellent magazine "Northern Catholic History" published yearly. Excursions to places of interest are organised for members. The Society is looking to attract new members. Currently, they meet on Wednesday afternoons at St Joseph's Centre, Gateshead, directly opposite the Metro and bus interchange. We welcome visitors too. After many years of excellent service, their Programme Secretary is retiring and they are looking for a replacement to organise talks. In recent years, they have established great contact with Ushaw and their fine group of researchers. You can read about The Society on the diocesan website, or contact Margaret Henderson margaret@coopuk.com

DIOCESAN VACANCY The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancy:

HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle - full-time. Closing date: 28 March

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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 Our Lady of Lourdes invites us to come to the Holy Grotto at Lourdes to experience the love and healing of her Son. As a diocesan family we will be responding to her call as we make our diocesan pilgrimage from the 26 July - 2 August 2024. Everyone is welcome. We will welcome back our youth pilgrims and offer a special welcome to those who have never been to Lourdes before. The theme in Lourdes this year is, "come here in procession." It is the third part of the theme over the last three years based on Our Lady's words to St Bernadette, "Go tell the priests to build a chapel here and people are to come here in procession." The theme fits well with 2024 being a year of prayer. We will join thousands of pilgrims from around the world in coming to Lourdes in procession and prayer. Please consider coming on pilgrimage. If that is not possible then please do participate with your prayers from home. You may wish to participate via the live streams from the Lourdes Sanctuary, which are available online every day. For further details, <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/>, please pray for the success of our diocesan pilgrimage.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Wednesday 27 March.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

We traverse many and varied roads
as we travel on our journeys,
some lead us to shaded glades where flowers bloom
and trees give shelter, shade and soft turf,
yet others seem bleak, devoid of rich colours,
sparse shelter or shade where thorns and stones trip us
as we travel along these roads.
It is then we look for comfort from someone, something
to encourage us, to have the strength
to keep moving forward ,to find the bend in road
which will guide us back to the colour, shade and shelter
of a gentler smoother path.
When we return to see beauty and safety once again,
help us to give thanks for the gift we have before us
of warmth, of light, which nourishes, refreshes
and heals us, to be filled with love and hope,
to then take that love and hope
and share it with others,
for paths intersect and widen and love which is shared
is strong, allowing light to shine and enfold.

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Holy Week and Easter Services in Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish

Tuesday of Holy Week 26 March

9,30am Mass at St Mary's (St Mary's School attending)

Wednesday of Holy Week 27 March

9.30am Mass at St Philip Neri (St Philip Neri School attending)

Holy Thursday 28 March

11.00am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

EASTER TRIDUUM

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3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Philip Neri

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7.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 31 March

10.00am Mass of Easter Morning at Immaculate Heart

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem**Gospel Reading***Mark 11:1-10*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly."' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**First Reading***Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R/v.2*

Response:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

Second Reading*Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Philippians 2:8-9***Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:**

Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark***Mark 14:1-15:47*

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