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Luke 24:38-39

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

**Immaculate Heart of Mary - Lobley Hill
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14 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

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 or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 13 - 21 April 2024

Saturday 13 April	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Private Intention (DH)
Sunday 14 April	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Third Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Margaret Ord (dec.)
Monday 15 April			
Tuesday 16 April	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Expectant Families & Unborn Babies
Wednesday 17 April	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Fr Barry McAllister (dec.)
Thursday 18 April	<u>10.45am</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>	Requiem Mass - Doreen Campbell RIP
Friday 19 April	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Mary Millward (dec.)
Saturday 20 April	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 April	9.00am	St Mary	Norma & Michael Kavanagh (dec.)
Fourth Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Michael Short (dec.)

Weekday Readings

Third Week of Eastertide

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Friday at St Mary

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Doreen Campbell, Mary (Marie) Hogg (formerly of Whickham) and Muriel Taylor (née Thirlaway) who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Mary (Marie) Hogg will be at St Mary's RC Church, Old Bongate, Jedburgh TD8 6DZ at 11.00am on Monday 15 April. The Funeral Service for Muriel Taylor will be at 9.45am at Saltwell Crematorium on Tuesday 16 April. 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, John Jukes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Frank McCoy, 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)

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) urgently need to replace some of the kitchenettes and furnishings. Specialist flooring on the main corridors of the care units requires essential upgrades to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents and to maintain required standards of infection control. The flooring not only enhances the homeliness and comfort of St Joseph's Home but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety of the residents by providing a hygienic and comfortable surface, thus reducing the risk of trips and falls. **A collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken at all Masses next weekend 20/21 April (Good Shepherd Sunday) - envelopes available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.** Also, if you wish to make a private contribution, you can do so by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made at www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/ The Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply grateful for your continued support and prayers. Your generosity plays a significant role in enabling them to fulfil their mission of providing safe, affordable, and quality care to vulnerable older people in need. Please know that your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of the residents.

"SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL" The Northern Brethren Fund (NBF) 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 envelopes/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

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.

PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE
***PLEASE NOTE (THIS WEEK ONLY) THE FOOD BANK WILL BE OPEN 9am-10am ON THURSDAY 18 APRIL.**

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. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

FOOD ITEMS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY: biscuits, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, carrots, garden peas, custard, rice pudding, fruit, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), chopped tomatoes, antiperspirant.

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

Other items we put into the monthly food bags, especially for the Refugee Project: tinned chickpeas & kidney beans.

Every Thursday, volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am - 10.30am (*see note above about this Thursday 18 April) 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 SUMMER SOCIAL - SAVE THE DATE! Following the positive feedback on last year's gathering, the *Gift for Life* team is planning an afternoon event from **2pm on Sunday 30 June** at St Mary's Hall (and, weather permitting, the Walled Garden.) More details to follow - but think tea, cakes, scones, crafts, stalls, raffle, games, quizzes and a chance to catch up on the gossip! There will be something for all ages and it's a great way to build up our parish community. What's more, it's all in aid of *Gift for Life* so you'll be making a difference there too. Please put the date in your diary and if you wish to donate a raffle prize or plants, make cakes or would be prepared to get involved with the running of the event, we would love to hear from you: giftforlife20@gmail.com

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 Club' - APRIL DRAW RESULTS The *Gift for Life* '100 Club' April draw took place last weekend at Immaculate Heart and the lucky numbers were: 1st Prize (£50) number 51; 2nd Prize (£25) number 69 and 3rd Prize (£15) number 11. Congratulations to the winners! Thank you for your very generous support.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

SHOUT OUT FOR CATHOLICS FROM HONG KONG We are delighted to announce that Fr Bruno will be coming to Newcastle. A gathering will be held on 21 April 2024, an awesome chance to socialize together for Catholics from Hong Kong! It will begin at St Anne's RC Church, Winlaton, NE21 5RW, starts from 2pm. The program features sacrament of Reconciliation (2:00-2:45pm), Sunday Mass in Cantonese (3pm). Tea and dinner will be followed after mass for anyone interested. All are welcome to join. Please register ahead for ease of coordination. For further details and enquiries, please contact Maria Tel: 07901 194226.

龐樂培神父將於四月二十一日星期日到訪紐卡素，並於 St. Anne's RC Church 主祭廣東話彌撒，亦會為各位舉行修和聖事。彌撒後設有茶聚，歡迎大家參加！

日期：4月21日

地點：St. Anne's RC Church NE21 5RW

時間：14:00- 14:45 修和聖事

15:00 廣東話彌撒

16:00 茶聚

17:00 晚飯

聯絡人：Maria @07901 194226

PROFESSOR EAMON DUFFY TALK Holy Name Parish, Jesmond invites you to hear this eminent historian speak on: **Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World, on Saturday 4 May in Holy Name Church (North Jesmond Avenue NE2 3JX)**. Open at 11.00am for 11.30am start; ends at 12.30pm.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

1. Administrator, St Mary's Cathedral, full time, closing date for applications 16 April
2. IT Field Engineer, Diocesan Offices, full time 9 month fixed term contract, closing date for applications 21 April

For further information on these posts, please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/

TRUSTEE VACANCY WITH MARRIAGE CARE Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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

Jen's Weekly Prayer

As our world is facing so many difficulties, struggles and fears, we need to feel the gentle yet strong hand of hope, holding and calming us to continue to look outwards.

We need courage and guidance to light our way and to those who are in positions of influence, power and authority, right judgment, understanding, wisdom to be open to looking at the problems and man-made difficulties we are encountering and work together to find solutions that will enhance and empower individuals to begin to see a way to peace and understanding for everyone.

For a commitment to end wars, injustice, hatred, oppression, suppression, subjugation, intolerance. A commitment to truly begin to take greater care of our damaged planet in order that the very young will have a more caring, cleaner, safer world where generations can meet on equal terms and value the wisdom and insight the continuum has to offer.

With hope, peace, compassion and the light of love to guide us, may we walk together in peace.

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First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R/v.7*

Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me!
2. It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Second Reading*1 John 2:1-5*

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*cf. Luke 24:32*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading*Luke 24:35-48*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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