



Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.' *John 10:11*

**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

**21 April 2024**

**Fourth 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 10am - 4pm, Wednesday 1pm - 4pm and Friday 10am - 2pm by email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205. Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL*

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 20 - 28 April 2024**

<b>Saturday 20 April</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Norma & Michael Kavanagh (dec.)
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Michael Short (dec.)
<i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>			
Monday 22 April			
Tuesday 23 April <i>St George, Martyr</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Samuel O'Reilly
Wednesday 24 April	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Private Intention (DH)
Thursday 25 April <i>St Mark, Evangelist</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Joe Welsh (dec.)
Friday 26 April			
<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 28 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Paul Elliott (ann.)
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Doreen Campbell (dec.)

**Weekday Readings**  
*Fourth 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 & Thursday at St Mary's*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

*9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Monsignor Philip Carroll and William (Bill) Smith who have died recently. Mgr Carroll's body will be received into St Agnes Church, Crawcrook on Wednesday 1 May with Mass at 7.00pm. His Requiem Mass will be at St Mary's Cathedral at 12.05pm on Thursday 2 May. The Funeral Service for Bill Smith will be at 12 noon on Thursday 2 May at Saltwell Cemetery Chapel, followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. 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 this weekend 20/21 April - envelopes are 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/](http://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](mailto:blackhall.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk) or Fr Peter Stott tel. 01670 513410, email [peter.stott@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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**  
**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: UHT milk, tinned hotdogs, baked beans, soup, sweetcorn, potatoes, carrots, garden peas, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), chopped tomatoes, toilet rolls, antiperspirant.**

**OTHER priority items:** gravy granules, tomato purée, squash, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, cereal, dried pasta, pasta sauce, cooking oil, tinned meatballs, custard, rice pudding, fruit, long grained rice, crisps, jam, teabags, coffee, sugar, biscuits, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, feminine hygiene - (towels & tampons), shampoo, shower gel, 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](mailto: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](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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 this Sunday 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 VACANCY**

IT Field Engineer, Diocesan Offices, full time 9 month fixed term contract, closing date for applications 21 April. For further information, please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/](http://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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

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

#### **Jen's Weekly Prayer**

Spring time beauty once again captivates and enthrals.  
Surrounded by a huge canopy of cherry blossom,  
the air was still, the boughs of the blossom  
enfolding all who sat beneath its shelter.  
This was a special awesome experience  
being absorbed by the peace of the moment.  
Gentle drizzle did not dampen the pure beauty  
and serenity of the moment,  
allowing oneself to be still and be at one  
with it, wrapped in calming, soothing, healing peace.  
A huge contrast to the sad and brutal events happening  
across the world where individuals are struggling with not  
peaceful space but violence, hunger, fear and pain.  
May all who are suffering be comforted, and bring  
wisdom and right judgement to those in positions  
to change the cause of conflict.  
Grant that peace and protection replace  
anger and aggression and may love hope and light  
be their guide to choose peace not destruction.

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**First Reading***Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R/v.22*

*Response: **The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.***

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.
2. I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

**Second Reading***1 John 3:1-2*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 10:14*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading***John 10:11-18*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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