



Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.' *John 15:5*

## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

28 April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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 & Friday 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 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 27 April - 5 May 2024

Saturday 27 April	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 April	9.00am	St Mary	Paul Elliott (ann.)
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Doreen Campbell (dec.)
Monday 29 April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>			
Tuesday 30 April	N.B.	No Service	
Wednesday 1 May	N.B.	No Service	
Thursday 2 May <i>St Athanasius</i>	N.B.	No Service	
Friday 3 May <i>SS Philip &amp; James</i>			
Saturday 4 May <i>The English Martyrs</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 May	9.00am	St Mary	Maureen Clearkin (dec.)
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Matthew Bullock (ann.)

#### **Weekday Readings**

*Fifth Week of Eastertide*

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri*

**Advance Notice: The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is on Thursday 9 May and is a Holyday of Obligation.**

*There will be 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Wednesday 8 May at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and 9.30am Mass on Thursday 9 May at St Mary's Church.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Monsignor Philip Carroll, William (Bill) Smith and Mary Theresa Cookson 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. The Requiem Mass for Mary Cookson will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Thursday 9 May at 12.30pm 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)**

## MISSION APPEAL BY THE COMBONI MISSIONARIES

Next weekend 4/5 May, we look forward to welcoming Fr Melaku Tafesse Amente of the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers) who will be coming to celebrate the three Masses and also make a Mission Appeal (retiring collection) on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries. For more information, please visit [www.comboni.org.uk](http://www.comboni.org.uk)

### “SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL”

**The Northern Brethren Fund (NBF) Fund will remain open until this 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.*

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 May 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.

**SURVIVORS MASS** Tuesday 30 of April is the day nominated by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales as the National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. The Survivors Mass in the Diocese will be celebrated at 12.05pm on Tuesday 30 April at St Mary's Cathedral. All welcome.

**THANK YOU,** The Campbell family would like to thank everyone, who attended the Requiem of Doreen Campbell. Donations amounted to £1,122 and will be divided between Sightsavers and Smile Train.

**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 SHORT SUPPLY:** UHT milk, , tinned hotdogs, meatballs, baked beans, sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), chopped tomatoes, jam, toilet rolls.

**OTHER priority items:** gravy granules, tomato purée, squash, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, cereal, dried pasta, pasta sauce, cooking oil, tinned potatoes, soup, custard, rice pudding, fruit, long grained rice, crisps, , teabags, coffee, sugar, biscuits, spray cleaner, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), antiperspirant, 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)

**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.

## FAITH EVENTS AT USHAW

**Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)** On Sunday 5 May at 4pm, please join us for Sung Vespers in St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw. Please note that this is not a concert performance, but an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. As the format of this service may be new to some people, we will also be offering some reflections on praying Vespers as a group. All are welcome to join us for the service. No ticket is required.

**Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** On Sunday 2 June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> or on the sheet at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers - this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

**Workshop on Synodality** On Saturday 8 June, Ushaw will be holding a day workshop on what the Synod on Synodality means for us. There will be sessions on the current stage of the worldwide Synod, including an opportunity to look at some of the outputs of last October's General Assembly in Rome. The workshop will also look at some practical examples of synodality in our local parishes and church groups. The workshop costs £10. The day starts with welcome and refreshments at 10.30am and will finish by 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, or you will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. You can book for the workshop on Ushaw's website at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> For those who are new to synodality and would like to find out more about what the Synod is, and why it is important for our local church, there will be an optional introductory session starting at 9.30am.

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

**Cleaner**, St Cuthbert, Chester le Street- part-time. Closing date is 1 May.

**IT Field Engineer (two posts)** Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date is 6 May. For further details on both vacancies, please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) or tel. on 0191 243 3301.

**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 2 May.**

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

The early spring twilight provides an exquisite array  
of blues as it melds into night like an artist  
with their palette ready,  
the palest of blue washes are folded into an array of hues,  
some still glowing with light almost turquoise,  
whilst others deepen until they become navy velvet.  
The high bright moon shines forth as the stars begin  
their scattering dance across this masterpiece.  
A landscape of wonder and peace.  
May we value the everyday occurrences  
and give thanks that we are able to embrace their beauty  
unhindered by hunger, booming blasts and acrid smoke.  
We have the luxury of observing the sky in  
its clothes of night where peace is our companion.  
For those in pain mentally or physical, weak with fear,  
find shelter rest and comfort.  
Fill their hearts with hope and love and may they be given  
strength to cope and blest with healing and peace.

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**First Reading***Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started going round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 21:26-28. 30-32. R/v.26*

*Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
These things the Lord has done.'

**Second Reading***1 John 3:18-24*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 15:4-5*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading***John 15:1-8*

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 to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make you home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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