



'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.'
John 17:11

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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

12 May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday & Friday 10am - 4pm. She can also be contacted Tuesday & Friday 10am - 4pm & Thursday 1.30pm - 5.30pm by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205.
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 11 - 19 May 2024

Saturday 11 May	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Olga Maddison (dec.)
Sunday 12 May	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Seventh Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joan Stephenson (dec.)
<i>World Communications Day</i>			
Monday 13 May		<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	
Tuesday 14 May	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Bernard Hearne (dec.)
Wednesday 15 May	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Mgr Philip Carroll (dec.)
Thursday 16 May	9.30am	St Mary	Stephen Airey (dec.)
Friday 17 May	<u>10.45am</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart</u>	Requiem Mass - Veronica Elizabeth Hayes RIP
Friday 17 May	<u>10.45am</u>	<u>St Philip Neri</u>	Requiem Mass - Pauline Ann Thompson RIP
Saturday 18 May	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 May	9.00am	St Mary	Bernard & Anne McKenna (ann.)
Pentecost Sunday	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)

Weekday Readings

Seventh 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 - 9.25am On Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

Baptism

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Mila Rachel Victoria Proud into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Veronica Elizabeth Hayes and Pauline Ann Thompson who have died recently. Veronica Hayes will be received into Immaculate Heart Church at 5.00pm on Thursday 16 May and the Requiem Mass for Veronica will be at Immaculate Heart Church on Friday 17 May at 10.45am followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Pauline Thompson will be at St Philip Neri Church on Friday 17 May at 10.45am 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, 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).

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY This Sunday 12 May is World Communications Day, when we take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. Vital to this is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The theme of this year's World Communications Day is *Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Full Human Communication*. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. **There will be a retiring collection to support this work at all Masses this weekend 11/12 May.** For further information, and to read Pope Francis' message for this day, please visit: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/

GIFT FOR LIFE

Gift for Life '100 Club' - May Draw results

The *Gift for Life* '100 Club' May draw took place last weekend at St Mary's and the lucky numbers were: 1st Prize (£50) number 5; 2nd Prize (£25) number 7; 3rd Prize (£15) number 47. Congratulations to the winners! The next draw will take place at Immaculate Heart Church on Sunday 2 June. Thank you for your very generous support.

Gift for Life Summer Social - Sunday 30 June

The *Gift for Life* Summer Social takes place at 2pm on Sunday 30th June at St Mary's Hall (and, weather permitting, the Walled Garden.) The planning team is looking for a few more helpers to make the event a big success. Also, if you wish to donate a raffle prize or plants, make/buy cakes we would love to hear from you at giftforlife20@gmail.com More details to follow - but think tea, cakes, scones, crafts, stalls, raffle, games for the kids, 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. Sign-up sheets and boxes for raffle prizes will be available at the back of each church in the near future. Thank you!

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, long grained rice, pasta sauce, tinned custard, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), chopped tomatoes, teabags, sugar, toilet rolls.

OTHER priority items: dried pasta, tomato purée, gravy granules, cooking oil, squash, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, cereal, tinned hotdogs, meatballs, baked beans, potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, soup, rice pudding, fruit, crisps, jam, coffee, 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 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

RECENT PARISH COLLECTIONS Many thanks to all who contributed to the following recent collections:

Northern Brethren Fund (N.B.F.) £646.87

Little Sisters of the Poor £760.02

Comboni Missionaries Appeal £899.75

FAITH EVENTS AT USHAW

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.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND - 29 JUNE 2024

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team (YMT) look forward to welcoming you to the Significance Festival Weekend this June, in particular for the main event on Saturday 29th June, from 10am onwards. There will be a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music, spread across the Emmaus Youth Village, which will be open for you to enjoy in the beautiful Derwent Valley! We welcome everyone to gather for Mass for the Feast of St Peter and Paul at 3.15pm, with Bishop Stephen, followed by a BBQ and Ceilidh in the evening.

Individuals, families, and parish groups are all welcome. For additional details and to book, please email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org. Single or shared accommodation and camping areas are available to book (all self-catered), for Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets for the Saturday evening BBQ are £10 each.

Entry on Saturday for the speakers, fayre, Mass, and ceilidh is FREE (additional charges apply for accommodation, camping and the BBQ) - but we hope this day will be welcoming, fun and affordable for all the family and individuals of all ages!

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

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

Parish Secretary, Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Gateshead and St Anne, Winlaton - 26 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May**

HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – 15 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May

Cleaner, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley – 12 hours per week. Closing date: 22 May

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

****FAREWELL TO JULIE HINDMARSH - Fr Peter writes:**

You will see from the Parish Secretary vacancy advertised above that we need a new Parish Secretary for Our Lady and St Philip Neri. This follows Julie's recent successful appointment as full time Administrator for the City Centre Parishes based at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. We offer Julie many congratulations on her new appointment, assuring her of our prayers and wishing her every success as she takes on this new role beginning on 28 May. For my part, I should like to sincerely thank Julie for her seven years with us here and to acknowledge her dedication and much valued support for our parish and indeed for me as parish priest. Au revoir!

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 16 May.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

A brilliant rainbow blest the sky with its radiant colours
and as the late evening sun was almost set,
the deep cream clouds shone bright with light.

The new green buds upon the sycamore
were glinting with gold and the bare beech
shone like copper traceries.

A beautiful gift to accept with joyful thanks
and store as a treasured moment, fleeting yet everlasting.

With memory we can revisit these special times
and allow them to give us the strength we need
when difficult times arise

and we need something to soothe us.

You are at the centre of all of these times,

it is your love in the hands of others

who reach out to us, enfold and hold us.

Help us to be transformed like nature herself
and be clothed in a garment of love, light and hope.

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First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17. 20-26*

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers - there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus - after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours.

'In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. 'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us - and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.' 'Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20. R/cf. v.19*

Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord;
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

Second Reading*1 John 4:11-16*

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*cf. John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading*John 17:11-19*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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