



Jesus said "I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life." John 6:47-48

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill

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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

11 August 2024

Nineteenth Sunday of The Year

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Theresa Noble, will be available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery on Tuesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm. She can also be contacted by email ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 10 - 18 August 2024

Saturday 10 August <i>St Lawrence</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of The Parish
Sunday 11 August	9.00am	St Mary	Pauline Archibald (dec.)
Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joanne & Paddy Hayes (Pearl Wedding)
Monday 12 August			
Tuesday 13 August	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mary Cookson
Wednesday 14 August			
Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the BVM	6.30pm	Immaculate Heart	People of The Parish
Thursday 15 August Assumption of the BVM	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Joe Welsh (dec.)
Friday 16 August			
Saturday 17 August	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of The Parish
Sunday 18 August	9.00am	St Mary	Teresa Kelly (dec.)
Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Michael Jobe (ann.)

Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 19 Year 2

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 - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Norman James who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Norman James will be celebrated at 10.00am on Tuesday 20 August at St Mary's followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, John Jukes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Bill Martin, 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)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated on Thursday 15 August and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses in the Parish will be at the following times:
Wednesday 14 August Vigil Mass 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Thursday 15 August Morning Mass 9.30am at St Philip Neri.

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS The Diocese is currently undertaking the roll out of Microsoft 365 as the new online diocesan platform for communication and collaboration across the Diocese.

As part of this roll out, the parish email address is changing. For all future email communications to the Parish Office, please use this new email address:

ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk

Fr Peter, as Parish Priest, also has a new parish email address for any communications specifically for him:

pp.ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk

The parish telephone number and website address remain unchanged.

PARISH FINANCES The parish accounts for the three months April - June 2024 have been completed and show that funds have fallen by £5,683 to a figure of £263,431.

Offertory collections of £13,525 are 4.6% down on last year with Easter falling in March rather than April being a factor. Income from the three parish rental properties (St Mary's Presbytery, St Mary's Hall and Dockendale Cottage, Whickham) was £5,864 which after attributable costs saw a surplus of £2,977 bolstering parish funds. Without this benefit the deficit for the quarter would have been £8,660.

Church specific expenditure is spread over a number of categories including utilities (£2,926), staff wages (£4,708), clergy costs (£2,176), diocesan levy (£2,957), repairs (£3,301), insurance premiums (£1,461), gardening services (£1,535), council tax (£550) and various church requisites and parish office costs (£2,596).

As a separate item the parish continues to hold monies on behalf of Gift for Life, Foodbank and special collections which total £13,112.

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing generosity in the form of Offertory Collections and donations as we seek to maintain our parish in as healthy financial position as possible.

GIFT FOR LIFE – The Gift for Life '100 Club' August draw took place last weekend at Immaculate Heart and the lucky numbers were: 1st Prize (£50) number 93; 2nd Prize (£25) number 97 and 3rd Prize (£15) number 96. Congratulations to the winners! The September draw will take place at St Mary's on Sunday 1 September. Thank you for your very generous support.

RED BOX/MISSIO COLLECTIONS The next Red Box collection is scheduled for September when the next copy of the *Mission Today* magazine is due. Please look out for the notice in the newsletter. If you have any queries please contact your local *Missio* secretary, Lilian Gray, on 07717 853685 or liliangray@sky.com If you would like more information about the work of *Missio* please visit www.missio.org.uk

THE NORTHERN CROSS August edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE

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 but monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

IN SHORT SUPPLY - UHT milk, toilet rolls, cereal, pasta sauce, dried pasta, tinned chopped tomatoes, baked beans, potatoes, soup, tuna, meat (corned beef, pek), custard, fruit, washing up liquid.

OTHER priority items - tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn, rice pudding, meatballs, hotdogs, long grained rice, tomato purée, toothpaste, cooking oil, crisps, gravy granules, biscuits, coffee, teabags, sugar, jam, shower gel, feminine hygiene - (towels & tampons), laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, antiperspirant, shampoo.

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

THE NEW LECTIONARIES FOR MASS AND THE NEW PEOPLE'S SUNDAY MISSALS have now been ordered.

All twelve volumes of the Lectionary (i.e. four volumes per Lectionary for each of our three churches) have been sponsored and an anonymous donation has been received to purchase a Book of the Gospels. Many thanks to those parishioners who very generously sponsored the Lectionaries and the Book of the Gospels. Delivery of the Lectionaries, Book of the Gospels and the People's Sunday Missals is expected in October, in time for their introduction on the First Sunday of Advent (1 December). **Payment - there are still some outstanding payments to be made for the People's Sunday Missals so if you have yet to make your payment, the costs (minus 10% discount) are:**

- Red People's Sunday Missal **£18** (£19.95 -10%),
- Burgundy People's Sunday Missal **£27** (£29.95 -10%).

Cheque - If you wish to pay by cheque, please make cheques payable to *Our Lady and St Philip Neri*

Bank Transfer - If you wish to pay by bank transfer, the details you will need are:

Payee: DHN Gateshead Our Lady & St Philip Neri

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 21167936

Reference: *Lectionary or People's Missal*

Cash payments can also be made - please place in an envelope with your name on it, adding *Lectionary or People's Missal*

LITURGY DAY FOR READERS A Liturgy Day for Readers and the New Lectionary will take place on **Saturday 12 October, 10.30am - 3.30pm at St Patrick's, Victoria Road, Consett DH8 5AX.** This is an opportunity for those who proclaim the Scriptures at Sunday or Weekday Mass to look at the background of why we are going to be using a new translation of the Scriptures at Mass. We shall look at the steps to be taken to be ready to proclaim the Word of God with confidence and clarity using this new translation. **If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church (N.B. the booking fee of £15 per person will be paid for by the Parish).**

SPUC PETITION SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) is promoting a petition relating to the two-child benefit cap which has received recent publicity.

SPUC says: *One of the biggest drivers in the UK is poverty and one particular policy which penalises families and contributes to poverty is the current government policy on Universal Benefits. Some abortion providers themselves have identified that the government's punitive two-child Universal Credit limit is 'a significant factor' in many women deciding to abort their children. The two-child benefit cap targets the poor and vulnerable. Please help mothers to choose life and overturn the cruel and punitive two-child benefit cap by signing the petition cards at the back of church.*

If you wish to support the petition, please complete one of the cards at the back of church and return this weekend - please place cards in the basket at the back of church.

CAFOD - Would you like to take part in the Great North Run for CAFOD? If so, we'd love to invite you to take on the challenge. The Great North Run happens on Sunday 8 September in Newcastle and is the biggest Half Marathon in the world!

If you'd like a place to run for CAFOD, please follow this link here: [Great North Run](#) or email events@cafod.org.uk.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancies:

Parish Finance Officer, full-time, on a two-year fixed-term contract. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle, with travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date: 13 August.

Cleaner, St Charles, Gosforth - 5 hours a week. Closing date: 16 August.

Parish Secretary, Our Lady of Mercy, Sunderland - 20 hours a week. Closing date: 21 August.

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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 15 August**.

SAFEGUARDING *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times. Each of our churches has a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) indicated on the Safeguarding posters in each church - Angela Bell (Immaculate Heart), Bernadette Salmon & Joe Wheatley (St Mary's), Denise Hebron (St Philip Neri). Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 243 3305 or safeguarding@diocesehn.org*

Jen's Weekly Prayer

May the harsh stones of division and anger be cleansed by the gentle waters of compassion love and hope.

Division can drive wedges but love and reason can bring healing and courage.

In times of struggle, confusion, conflict and suffering the light of reason is often dimmed and cannot easily be distinguished.

The darkness it brings can hang like a huge cloud, deep and heavy.

Help that fragile light bring beams of hope to shine out as bright as the beams of the lighthouse to those searching for a safe harbour through the thick mists of fear.

Enable us to search for the light which never fades and find the safety, peace and shelter we cherish and be calmed and held, knowing we are loved.

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STATEMENT BY CEO OF CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK ON RECENT PUBLIC DISORDER

At Caritas Social Action Network, we have been shocked and disturbed at the violent scenes of public disorder in many parts of the UK in recent days and the levels of racism, Islamophobia and hatred against those seeking sanctuary in our country.

We grieve with the families of the three young girls tragically killed in Southport whose lives were so brutally cut short and we remember their families in our prayers at this unimaginably difficult time.

We have often seen good coming out of the most horrific circumstances, as people find in themselves their best instincts to repair and build community and stand against the forces of division and hatred. We hope that these tragic events mark a decisive turning away from the politics of hatred and division towards a spirit of solidarity and service. In the CSAN network, many of our members work in the most disadvantaged communities, seeking to restore human dignity and help to bring agency and hope to people on the margins of society.

In recent years, many of our members have supported people housed in hotels who are seeking asylum or awaiting more suitable accommodation. These people are often very isolated and vulnerable, many of them having fled violence and persecution in their home countries.

We stand in solidarity with all victims of violence, especially with our brothers and sisters seeking asylum, our Muslim brothers and sisters, and indeed with anyone feeling threatened because of who they are or where they are from. May they feel the love and support of their communities, and of those who hear Christ's call to love the stranger.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has commented, "Today, and always, we need to continue to pray, work and stand together for peace in our country. The actions of the few involved in violence stands in stark contrast to the work of charities, church groups and volunteers who tirelessly extend the hand of welcome to migrants in acts of solidarity. We hope and pray that they will re-double their efforts so that we can rebuild communities after the terrible events of the last few days."

Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network

First Reading*1 Kings 19:4-8*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 33:2-9. R/v.9*

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Second Reading*Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 6:51*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel*John 6:41-51*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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