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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill

St Mary ▪ Whickham

St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston

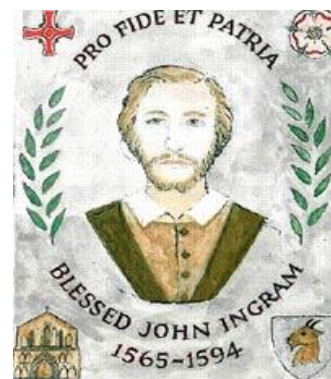
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18 August 2024

Twentieth 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 17 - 25 August 2024

Saturday 17 August	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of The Parish
Sunday 18 August	9.00am	St Mary	Teresa Kelly (dec.)
Twentieth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Michael Jobe (ann.)
Monday 19 August			
Tuesday 20 August <i>St Bernard</i>	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Norman James RIP
Wednesday 21 August <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 22 August <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Turnbull Family (Liv. & Dec.)
Friday 23 August			
Saturday 24 August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Diane Johnson (ann.)
Sunday 25 August	9.00am	St Mary	Kathleen Cunningham (dec.)
Twenty First Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 20 Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's

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 Relf, 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).

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 on Sunday 4 August 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

PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT 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, pasta sauce, dried pasta, tinned chopped tomatoes, baked beans, potatoes, soup, tuna, meat (corned beef, pek), custard, fruit, toothpaste.

OTHER priority items: cereal, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn, rice pudding, meatballs, hotdogs, long grained rice, tomato purée, cooking oil, crisps, gravy granules, biscuits, coffee, teabags, sugar, jam, toilet rolls, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, shower gel, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), 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 a few 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: *People's Missal*

Cash payments can also be made - please place in an envelope with your name on it, adding *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).**

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.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 22 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

The brilliant bright late evening sun gleamed and glowed
turning the uppermost heavily laden branches
of the copper beech to vibrant newly polished copper,
shimmering with an inner light
and the pale turquoise sky was strewn
with ivory clouds tinged with the pale flame red and gold
of the setting sun's radiant light.

An all consuming, spectacular sight.

We are gifted many of these special moments
from our natural world for they can
soothe and calm us on days when our lives seem
out of kilter, bleak or troublesome.

We need the comfort of gentle memories to help us
and those we care for cope with the many challenges,
pain, anxiety and distress we experience,
for they are gifts of love.

The bright strength of the sun warms and enfolds
as does the smile and kind word of stranger or loved one.

Like the natural world we flourish
with acts of care and compassion,
may we continue to keep reaching out
with the light of love to strangers and to friends.

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First Reading*Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 33:2-3. 10-15. 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. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.
3. Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

Second Reading*Ephesians 5:15-20*

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation*John 6:56*

Alleluia, alleluia!
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me, and I live in him, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel*John 6:51-58*

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 the crowd: '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.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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