



'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.' Mark 10:25

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill

St Mary ▪ Whickham

St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston

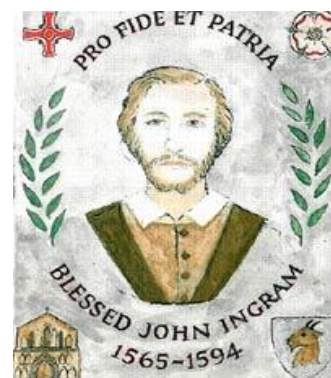
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13 October 2024

Twenty Eighth Sunday of The Year

Year B

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 12 - 20 October 2024

Saturday 12 October <i>St Wilfrid</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 13 October	9.00am	St Mary	Special Intention (PG)
Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)
<i>Prisoners' Sunday</i>			
Monday 14 October			
Tuesday 15 October <i>St Theresa of Avila</i>	<u>10.00am</u>	Immaculate Heart	Requiem Mass - Pauline Mulholland RIP
Wednesday 16 October	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Private Intention (AD)
Thursday 17 October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	<u>10.00am</u>	St. Mary	Requiem Mass - John Jukes RIP
Friday 18 October <i>St Luke</i>			
Saturday 19 October	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 20 October	9.00am	St Mary	Margaret & Sid Davis (liv.)
Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Barney & Veronica Hayes (dec.)
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>			

Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 28 Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Pauline Mulholland, John Jukes, Harry Attrill and Margaret Gaffney, who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Pauline Mulholland will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Tuesday 15 October at 10.00am followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. Requiem Mass for Margaret Gaffney will be celebrated at St. Wilfrid's Church, Gateshead on 15 October at 2pm followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for John Jukes will be celebrated at St Mary's Church on Thursday 17 October at 10.00am followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Harry Attrill will be celebrated at St Philip Neri Church on Tuesday 22 October at 10.00am followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Bill Martin, Frank McCoy, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Nora Miller, 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).

PRISONERS' SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER On this Prisoners' Sunday we are asked to remember and pray for prisoners and their families. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. PACT, the National Catholic Prison Charity, supports prisoners and their families, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. For further information, please visit the PACT website at www.prisonadvice.org.uk

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and conflict. **'Go and invite everyone to the banquet!'** is this year's theme chosen by Pope Francis. In his message the Holy Father reminds us that the heart of our mission is to invite everyone to experience the joy of Christ's resurrection, a gift meant to be shared with the whole world. Everyone deserves to know that they are welcome at God's table - to experience God's love, grace and forgiveness. Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Our donations help to sustain faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places. **There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend 19/20 October to support Missio.** For more information about World Mission Sunday and *Missio*, please visit missio.org.uk/wms

GIFT FOR LIFE - MAKING AN EVEN BIGGER DIFFERENCE

Thank you to everyone for your on-going support for *Gift for Life*. We are continuing to support The Little Sisters of St Francis in Kenya and Balamma Satram in India as well as the Justice and Peace Refugee Project here in our own Diocese. Indeed, we have been able to provide an extra £500 to India and Kenya recently – and £100 extra to the Refugee Project. Also, due to the success of the '100 Club', we are now in a position to offer one or two small grants (maximum of £500) to organisations and projects that meet certain criteria and support the most vulnerable and desperate in society. Any applications for these grants will need a proposer from within our parish community. For full details and an application form please contact giftforlife20@gmail.com. Watch this space for news about the **Gift for Life '100 Club'** for the coming year - which will start at the beginning of December. Thank you again, your contributions are making a huge difference.

Gift for Life '100 Club' - October Draw results

The *Gift for Life* '100 Club' October draw took place last weekend at Immaculate Heart and the lucky numbers were: 1st Prize (£50) number 23; 2nd Prize (£25) number 44 and 3rd Prize (£15) number 68. Congratulations to the winners! The November draw will take place at St Mary's on Sunday 3 November. We will provide details in next week's bulletin about arrangements for the '100 Club' for the coming year. Thank you for your very generous support.

MARY'S PLACE Mary's Place offers free meals to the homeless and socially disadvantaged. We do this in a cafe environment, every Monday from 10.00am - 1.00pm, in the Conference Centre at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. We would like more people to join us in this exceptionally rewarding ministry. If you are interested or would just like to find out more about Mary's Place, please contact: Ann Joyce on 07807 751896. Thank you.

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.

SHORT SUPPLY - cereal, tinned sweetcorn, custard, rice pudding, , biscuits teabags, coffee, toilet rolls spray cleaner, washing up liquid.

OTHER priority items - UHT milk, tinned fruit, potatoes, garden peas, carrots, meatballs, hotdogs, meat (corned beef, pek), chopped tomatoes, baked beans, pasta sauce, dried pasta, long grained rice, tomato purée cooking oil, sugar, laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), shower gel, shampoo, antiperspirant, 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 9.30 -10.30 so parishioners can drop donations off here 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

FOOD BANK CHANGES

Thank you all so much for your continued kind and generous donations to this outreach work that the Parish provides to others requiring extra support - it could not exist without your support. You may remember, in previous newsletters the Parish Finances article indicated that £13,000+ was held in the parish current account for our various outreach projects and special collections. However, to clarify, at the end of August the Food Bank's share stood at just over £2000. As food donations have decreased it has become necessary to purchase more food which is costing between £350-£500 per week, approximately £1300 per month. This level of spending is unsustainable as the monthly monetary donations to the food bank amount to around £700 per month. As a result the volunteers have had to respond to this decline by reducing the amount of food items given to the families which the parish supports. Can we please ask that parishioners, who have not previously engaged with this outreach work, to consider donating just 1 or 2 items per week - as every little helps and ultimately this will make a big difference to those in need. To those parishioners who regularly support the food bank please note we have taken the decision to only provide essential food items therefore we will no longer be providing sweets, crisps, squash, jam, mayonnaise, ketchup & gravy granules. We ask that you focus upon buying essential items only please and for your information there will be a list at the back of each church.

FLAME 2025 takes place on Saturday 15 March. The theme is **'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'**. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). **COST: £45** per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact mary.hughes@ymt.org

VOLUNTEER CENSUS The Diocese is carrying out a volunteer census. This is to ensure we identify all our volunteers, to offer support, appropriate training and recognition for the important part they all play in the life of our parish. A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely and regularly to assist anywhere within the Parish, School, or Diocese. **The census will be explained in more detail at all Masses next weekend 19/20 October.** If you volunteer within the Parish/School/Diocese, please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR Code. Volunteering is a grace from God. Volunteers are the strength of the Church.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF LIGHT You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Service of Light on Sunday 17 November at 3pm in St Mary's RC Church, Dockendale Lane, Whickham. The Service will be led by Revd Paul Nichol Catholic Chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. This is an opportunity for prayer and quiet reflection as we remember all those who have died in the Gateshead area. Tea and coffee in the Church Hall afterwards. All are welcome.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE Bishops are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP. The proposed legalisation undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely and will value human life. Please contact your local MP to express your views. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this with a provided factual letter. It can be found on the Bishops' Conference website together with materials explaining the Church's grave concerns about the proposed legislation at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE invites you to come and hear Veronica Whitty speak about Driving Mother Teresa. The meeting will be at Holy Name Parish Hall, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Thursday 14 November at 2.30pm.

THE NORTHERN CROSS October edition is now on sale, price £1.50.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 17 October.**

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.uk*

LOVE CHRISTMAS 2024 ADVANCE NOTICE - GET INVOLVED! Christmas is just **10 weeks away!** How can you become involved? Over the coming weeks buy in advance and be super ready.

- You could look for special offers and buy food items for the hampers (chocolate biscuits, tub of sweets, cheese biscuits, Christmas crackers etc) ready to donate in November
- You could purchase special gift offers appropriate for both genders ages 0 - 20 (we always struggle for older children, especially boys) and be ready for the Angel Tree launch the weekend of **Christ the King (weekend of 24/25 November)** you don't even need to wrap them (although putting the present in a gift bag with the tag would be greatly appreciated)
- From the weekend of **Christ the King (24/25 November)** there will be a food list of special food items for the hampers plus a box at church (food items already purchased can be handed in from this date)
- There will be an Angel Tree in each of our three churches the weekend of **24/25 November** - each tree will be have tags with gender & age of gifts required - please take one - or two!
- All gifts and food donations need to be handed in by **Sunday 15 December**
- Become a Santa's Little Helper - **save the day Tuesday 17 December** - come along to Immaculate Heart Church and help wrap all the donated presents plus organise the food hampers - details of times will be announced
- One final important date for our Seniors' diaries (and all volunteers) - the annual Christmas Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 4 December. There will be the opportunity to attend Mass at 11am then lunch, in St Mary's Hall, will follow**

Finally - please remember, if you would prefer someone else to shop on your behalf, feel free to donate cash. Any queries please contact either Katie Wilkinson via email teachkate1@gmail.com telephone 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron via email deinsehebron@yahoo.co.uk telephone 07554 445679.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Without hope life would be monochrome
like a tree which never grew leaf or flowered,
devoid of colour or like the thick autumn pearl-like mist
which blots out everything in sight leaving us
floundering, afraid, unsure how to move forward.

Hope allows us to project ourselves forward
when days seem bleak and the light within us
is very faint, for hope gives us courage to imagine
a time past when we were at peace with ourselves
and others and when our world was full of radiant light,
colour, warmth, calm, contentment and love.

Many people across the world are broken because of
famine disease disasters, man-made or natural,
war, oppression, injustice.

Grant that your healing and gentle touch of love
can replace the bleak world they now inhabit
and surround them with the light of peace, compassion
courage and a renewed glow of hope, colour and love.

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First Reading*Wisdom 7:7-11*

I prayed and understanding was given me;
 I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
 I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
 compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
 I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
 for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
 and beside her silver ranks as mud.
 I loved her more than health or beauty,
 preferred her to the light,
 since her radiance never sleeps.
 In her company all good things came to be,
 at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 89:12-17. R/ v.14*

R/ Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
 Show pity to your servants.
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Give us joy to balance our affliction
 for the years when we knew misfortune.
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
 let your glory shine on their children.
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading*Hebrews 4:12-13*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 How happy are the poor in spirit;
 theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Alleluia!

Gospel*Mark 10:17-27*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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