



Jesus said 'And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.' Cf. Luke 21:27

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary • Lobley Hill**  
**St Mary • Whickham**  
**St Philip Neri • Dunston**  
**and**  
**THE PARISH OF SACRED HEART, BYERMOOR**

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**1 December 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Year C**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 30 November - 8 December 2024**

<b>Saturday 30 November</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Michael Morris (dec.)
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 1 December</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Maureen Miller (dec.)
<b>First Sunday of Advent (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Mary Cookson (dec.) [WC]
Monday 2 December	<u>2.30pm</u>	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 3 December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mary Cookson [WC]
Wednesday 4 December	<u>11.15am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Seniors' Mass
Thursday 5 December	9.30am	St Mary	Audrey Gleeson (dec.) [Mr G]
Friday 6 December <i>St Nicholas</i>			
Saturday 7 December <i>St Ambrose</i>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Michael Morris (dec.)
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 8 December</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Mark Rowlands (dec.) [ER]
<b>Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	In Thanksgiving [JMc]

**Weekday Readings First Week of Advent**

**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**

2.00pm - 2.25pm on Monday at Sacred Heart, 9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

**\*\*\* The times of the Christmas Eve/Day Masses in our two Parishes are on the back page of the Newsletter \*\*\***

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

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH** this Wednesday 4 December preceded by Mass at 11.15am at St Mary's. Last chance to attend this very popular annual event. Call or speak to either Katie on 07837 386760 or Denise on 07554 445679 today to book your place on this parish sponsored lunch.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 December 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.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** Spoor Methodist Church in Whickham are holding the Christmas Tree Festival from Thursday 5 December to Saturday 7 December between 10am and 4pm. Admission is free with refreshments. Any donations will go towards Blaydon Community Larder. Our Prayer Shawl Group are decorating a tree for the event!

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES** If you would like a candle to be lit during the Christmas season in memory of your deceased loved ones, please write their name(s) on one of the envelopes at the back of our four churches and include your donation. Please complete and return your envelopes by Wednesday 18 December and don't forget to indicate in which church you would like the candle to be lit. Completed envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets at weekend Masses or posted through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery or Sacred Heart Presbytery.

**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, pasta sauce, pasta, biscuits, tinned meat (mince, corned beef, pek), sweetcorn meatballs.

**OTHER priority items** - tinned carrots, garden peas, potatoes, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, custard fruit, rice pudding, hotdogs, tuna, long grained rice, cereal, teabags, coffee tomato purée, cooking oil, sugar, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, shampoo feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), antiperspirant, toilet rolls.

**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 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](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU** The Revd Paul Nichol extends a huge thank you to all those who attended the recent Annual Service of Light at St Mary's. It was a beautiful opportunity for quiet reflection and thanksgiving. Your generosity raised a total of £170 for St Bede's Unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. God Bless you all.

**GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' DRAW - THIS WEEKEND** A big thank you to all those who purchased numbers for our new *Gift for Life '100 Club'* - your support really makes a big difference to the lives of some very vulnerable people. The next draw takes place after Mass this Sunday (1 December) at Immaculate Heart with prizes of £50, £30 and £20. Come along for refreshments, good conversation and see the draw take place. It could be you!

**ADVENT WALK WITH ME PRAYER BOOKLETS** which give daily scripture readings and a reflection for each day of Advent are available at the back of each church, priced £1.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS** The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced an online booklet of Advent reflections, which can be found at <https://bit.ly/DHNAdvent2024>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2025** If your child is currently in Year 4 (or above) and they are not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2025, please contact the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart as soon as possible, e-mail [ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk) or tel. 0191 460 4274, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

**RED BOX HOLDERS - MISSION TODAY CALENDAR** The Mission today calendar is a small thank you to all Red Box holders and supporters for your prayers and donations throughout the year. The calendars are currently being distributed. If you don't receive a calendar over the next few weeks and would like one please contact Lilian Gray on 07717853685 or [liliangray@sky.com](mailto:liliangray@sky.com). Inside the 2025 calendar is information about the 2024 Christmas appeal. Please visit the *Missio* website [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) for further information or news and events. The next Parish collection of the Red Boxes will be in the Spring 2025.

**SACRED HEART BYERMOOR: PARISH CENSUS** We will be taking a parish census during the season of Advent so we have up-to-date records for pastoral ministry. Forms will be available at the back of Sacred Heart Church throughout Advent. Please include all people at your address - you can fit three people on each form, and you can use several forms if needed. All answers are voluntary, but the more detail you provide, the better the clergy will be able to carry out their duties towards you! Leave completed forms with Fr Endre — either in person, or just put it through the letterbox at Sacred Heart Presbytery. Please also take forms to those members of the Parish whom you have not seen in a while, especially if they are housebound.

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** December edition is available this weekend, price £1.50.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 5 December**.

## LOVE CHRISTMAS 2024

- There is now a list of special food items which we are requesting for the Christmas Food hampers. There is a box in each church for these Christmas food donations (food items already purchased can now be handed in).
- **Angel Trees** are now up in each of our three churches - each has tags with gender & age of gifts requested by social services, their list included over 700 children, so please take a tag - or maybe two! You don't need to wrap these generous gifts as Santa's little helpers will be busy at work doing this on your behalf during the sessions on Tuesday 17 December (however, your gift donated in a bag with the original tag would be greatly appreciated)
- **Please remember**, if you would prefer someone else to shop on your behalf feel free to donate cash (marking the donation 'Love Christmas')
- All gifts and food donations must be handed in by **Sunday 15 December**
- Arrangements have been made with Gateshead Social Services department to collect all the donated gift items on the morning of **Wednesday 18 December** from Immaculate Heart Church

Any queries please contact either Katie Wilkinson via email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com) telephone 07837386760 or Denise Hebron via email [denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk) telephone 07554445679

### • **APPEAL FOR HELPERS TO WRAP PRESENTS**

Please, please, please come along to the Packing and Wrapping session! -

**On Tuesday 17 December (there'll be two opportunities for you - one following Mass at 10am the second at 6.30pm)**

Why not become a Santa's Little Helper for a couple of hours at Immaculate Heart?, everyone really enjoyed being involved in this 'nice bit' last year. So don't be shy you will be welcomed with open arms - **you plus your scissors & sellotape if possible!**

Last year volunteers wrapped 297 gifts and prepared 20 Christmas Food hampers so as many volunteers as possible will be greatly appreciated

Any queries please contact either Katie Wilkinson via email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com) telephone 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron via email [denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk) telephone 07554 445679.

**Finally** - thank you so much for your continued support with this important annual outreach work undertaken by the parish. Last year due to your generosity the parish donated 297 gifts plus 20 Christmas food hampers (each hamper contained your donations plus a £25 Iceland voucher) Each and everyone of you made a huge difference to many families.

### Jen's weekly Prayer

The journey through Advent will be fraught with many challenges for so many peoples across the world.

War, persecution, disasters of many kinds, manmade or natural, mar many landscapes. Pain and suffering, abandonment, hunger, thirst, lack of food, lack of warmth in the coldest of temperatures.

As each carries their own burdens through this time, guide us all to remain filled with light that we will find our way on these darkened roads.

Enlighten all with the healing spirit of love to enable us to keep reaching out to others in the simple everyday moments of our lives wherever we reside.

There are monumental challenges facing the whole world but with courage we can make a difference in the small and large efforts we make to and for each other.

The journey may be rough terrain but there will always be a green leafed tree, a grassy path, to ease the journey if we look and see.

Enable those who are living in fear to find strength and be filled with light.

Those in pain, comfort, and those in power, reason and enlightenment.

Grant that when Advent ends, our world will be filled with the great light of peace, cooperation, stability and love we all yearn to find.

*Jen Jones © November 2022*

**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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

**First Reading***Jeremiah 33: 14-16*

Behold the days are coming, declares the Lord,  
When I will fulfil the promise I made to the house  
of Israel and the house of Judah.  
In those days and at that time  
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,  
and he shall execute justice and righteousness  
in the land.  
In those days Judah will be saved,  
and Jerusalem will dwell securely,  
And this is the name by which it will be called:  
'The Lord is our righteousness.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 25 (24) 4-5b. 8-9.10.14. R/1b***R/ To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

- O Lord make me know your ways.  
Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation.
- Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgement;  
to the humble he teaches his way.
- All the Lord's paths are mercy and faithfulness,  
For those who keep his covenant  
And commands.  
The Lord's secret is for those who fear him;  
to them he reveals his covenant.

**Second Reading***Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase  
and abound in love for one another and for all,  
as we do for you,  
so that he may establish your hearts  
blameless in holiness before our God and Father,  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.  
Finally, then, brothers and sisters,  
we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus,  
that as you received from us how you ought to walk  
and to please God, just as you are doing,  
that you do so more and more,  
for you know what instructions we gave  
you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation***Psalm 85(84): 8*

Allelula, alleluia.  
Show us, O Lord, your mercy,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Luke 21: 25-28,34-36*

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars,  
and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity  
because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,  
people fainting with fear and with foreboding  
of what is coming on the world.  
For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.  
And then they will see the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.  
Now when these things begin to take place,  
straighten up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.  
'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down  
with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life,  
and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.  
For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole  
earth but stay awake at all times,  
Praying that you may have strength to escape  
all these things that are going to take place,  
and to stand before the Son of Man.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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<b>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES</b> <i>(Carols will be sung 25 - 30 minutes before Masses on Christmas Eve/Day)</i>		
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>24 December</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>4.30pm</b>  <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Mass at Sacred Heart, Byermoor</b>  <b>Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lobley Hill</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>25 December</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass at St Mary, Whickham</b>