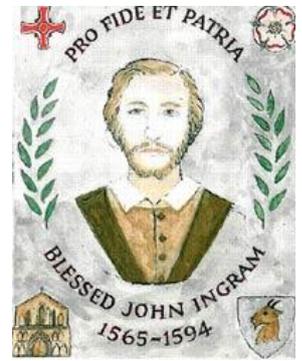




'Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.' John 15:5

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The John Ingram Partnership  
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**2 May 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Year B**

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, can be contacted this week by email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205, **Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm**

- **THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH** During the National Lockdown, and with the support of our volunteer stewards and cleaners, Fr Peter is continuing to celebrate Sunday Morning Mass with a congregation at 10.00am. All other Masses will be celebrated without a congregation. Remember that in the present circumstances, you are under no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays of Obligation. If you intend to come to church on Sunday, please follow the 'booking-in' system detailed on the next page. If you are unable to attend Mass in church, Sunday Morning Mass will continue to be available to view on our Parish YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3webHIXzcgAMFoHdfuCFUQ> and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/) - The Parish of Our Lady & St Philip Neri.
- Live broadcasts of Mass from various locations and at various times can be found at the following website: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)
- As part of the pastoral care of parishioners and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the pandemic. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

*Mass times listed below indicate Masses to be celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - if you wish to attend, please 'book-in' (see over page)*

<b>Sunday 2 May Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 3 May <i>SS Philip &amp; James</i>		Christine Nealon (ann.)
Tuesday 4 May <i>The English Martyrs (Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse)</i>		Priest's Intention
Wednesday 5 May		Mary Dent (dec.)
Thursday 6 May		Priest's Intention
Friday 7 May		Mr & Mrs Morris & Family (dec.)
Saturday 8 May		Priest's Intention
<b>Sunday 9 May Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish

*Readings at Mass 3 - 8 May: Fifth Week of Eastertide*

**Ascension Thursday will be celebrated this year on Thursday 13 May and there will be Mass celebrated in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 9.30am. If you would like to attend, please 'book-in' in the usual way (see over page).**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Paul Elliott and Anthony Turner who have died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Matty Bullock, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Joseph Howstan, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Barbara Stephenson, Geoff Taylor.

**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: Rev. Peter Jones). For the RVI and Freeman Hospitals in Newcastle, tel. 0191 233 6161 (Catholic Chaplain: Fr Mariadass 0191 273 3903).**

**SUNDAY MORNING 10.00am MASS + ASCENSION  
THURSDAY 9.30am MASS (13 MAY)**

In order to ensure that all those coming to church can have a seat and be safely accommodated, there is a dedicated telephone 'booking in' system - the telephone number is 07388 814715 and you can contact this number Monday - Wednesday, 11am - 6pm. Please note this number does not accept text messaging and there is no facility to leave a message.

*For those who have booked-in and are attending Mass, the church will open half an hour before the published Mass time.*

***The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this. At all times, when travelling to and from church, and whilst in church, you must observe strict social distancing (i.e. 2 metres) from anyone not in your household or support bubble and you must not mingle with anyone not in your household or support bubble before, during or after Mass.***

*A one-way system is in place in the church, plus hand sanitisers at the entrance (Main Doors) and exit (Day Chapel). Once in church, please be guided by the volunteer stewards.*

*There is also a poster on display with Immaculate Heart's QR code which can be scanned using the NHS COVID-19 app if you have downloaded it onto your mobile phone. Contact details will also still be requested, manually noted and safely stored for 21 days.*

***Sunday Morning Mass will also be available online and can be viewed on our YouTube channel [here](#).***

**A MESSAGE FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** *The Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more demanding. The emergency lockdown measures we implemented to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our residents safe have had a massive impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the daily running costs of the Home.*

***We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with our work of caring for the Elderly and to enable us to carry out essential fire prevention upgrades to our Home. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping our Home.***

**MAKE A DONATION** *Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: St. Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be [made here](#). (Envelopes are also available at the back of Immaculate Heart Church.)*

*We ask God to bless and reward you and your families for your continued support.*

**ACTIVITIES SHEETS WEEK 56** This Bank Holiday weekend we've a May Day quiz, an Events Word Search, a Quick Crossword and TWO May Day mindfulness colouring sheets. In addition, there's a Star Wars activity sheet and the missing Rock Painting sheet, from last week, for you all to enjoy. All activities can be found on the parish website just under the link for that week's newsletter. Enjoy!

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) MEETING** A message from Katie Wilkinson (Chair): *Firstly, my apologies for the absence of any PPC meetings since the beginning of last year, however, I think we've all been rather busy with other things on our minds! However, great news - there's to be a virtual PPC Meeting of parish representatives on Wednesday 5 May at 6.30pm. A quick reminder of who your reps are:*

*Immaculate Heart - Wendy O'Reilly, Maveen Pereira, Christine Crawley & Allan Bell*

*St Mary - Janice Hall, Phil Cunningham, Tony Sacco & Malcolm Shield*

*St Philip Neri - John Pinchen, Denise Hebron, Michael Waugh & Katie Wilkinson*

*Schools reps - Joe Wheatley & Val Douglass*

*Youth rep - David Khachikian*

**A MARATHON OF PRAYER 2021** The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle welcomes Pope Francis' invitation to encourage the Universal Church to pray the Rosary during May. At the heart of the Holy Father's wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a marathon of prayer from the theme "From the whole Church the prayer to God went up incessantly" (Acts 12:5). The initiative will involve in a special way all the Sanctuaries of the world, so that they become promoters to the faithful, families and communities of the recitation of the Rosary to invoke the end of the pandemic. [Read more here](#) about the Marathon of Prayer in our Diocese and the resources available.

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12 noon. This will be both an open Mass and live streamed. Under the Government's roadmap for reopening England, restrictions, on numbers to be confirmed, are likely to remain applicable. However, we intend to issue an open invitation via the Diocesan website and appropriate social media. The invitation will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2021 but is open to engaged couples preparing for marriage, those who were married in the months prior to lockdown and since our last Mass in 2019 and all married couples. We include too those widowed and bereaved who were unable to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes prior to their deaths. In these unprecedented times we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships. We wish all to know that none is forgotten and that the Sacramental life, despite Covid, is very much alive and prayed for. We will live stream the Mass as we recognise that many may feel uneasy about attending in person and for all others who may exceed the limit.

**Due to the limited capacity and in keeping with the current COVID restrictions, anyone wishing to attend the Mass MUST BOOK in advance by contacting the Cathedral Office on 0191 232 6953 or emailing [office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk).** Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered.

**BLESSED JOHN INGRAM** As many of you will know, Blessed John Ingram (1565 - 1594), who is patron of our local Partnership, was a Reformation martyr who was executed on Gateshead High Street for ministering to the faithful of this region. During his ministry, he was assisted and sheltered by local aristocrats, but was eventually apprehended and convicted on a charge of high treason. We ask you to please pray for the canonisation of this dedicated and selfless martyr. An on-line petition has been set up to gain support for his cause. For the petition and more information on Blessed John Ingram, please [click here](#). You can also [read more](#) about him on the Diocesan website's *Northern Saints* pages.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year are now available at the back of Immaculate of Mary Church.** If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving and would like to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk) or tel. 0191 460 4274.

**PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC** Many thanks to all our parishioners who have continued to make contributions through individual donations, planned-giving envelopes and standing orders or bank transfers. If you would like to set up a standing order for your regular contributions, or to make a one-off contribution, please make arrangements with your bank. The Parish account details you will need to do this are:

*DHN Gateshead Our Lady and St Philip Neri*

*Sort code: 40-34-45 Account number: 21167936*

*Reference for standing orders: insert your own name; commencing: e.g. 6th of each month; frequency: each month, quarterly or annually.* Alternatively, if you have Planned Giving envelopes or *Gift for Life* envelopes you can always put them through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery or bring them with you if you are coming to Immaculate Heart Church for Sunday Mass or to drop off items for the Food Appeal. Thank you.

**UPDATE - FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT** Please note if you're not able to or would rather not shop for the Food Bank we're happy to accept a cash donation to shop on your behalf.

Currently we are well stocked with: teabags, lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans & feminine hygiene. **Please could you focus upon donating: cereal, tinned tomatoes, sweet corn, fruit, corned beef, tinned meat (mince, stewing steak etc), meatballs, hot dogs and sweets.** We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: UHT milk, pasta sauce, squash, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, hot dogs, tuna, long grain rice etc. all gratefully received.

Every Thursday volunteers are in church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop donations off then if they wish. If you are dropping off donations at church, please don't enter the church, but give a shout and leave any donations inside the open door. You can also bring donations if you are coming to church for Mass. Thank you.

**Drop off points - for donations of food or cash remain the same:**

**Dunston area** - John Pinchen, 316 Dunston Road, Dunston (leave in the porch).

**Lobley Hill area** - Maveen Pereira, 41, Beechwood Gardens, Lobley Hill, (leave in the porch).

**Whickham area** - Katie Wilkinson, 1 Mayfield, Whickham (mobile 07837 386760) - leave donations in the back garden.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION (NORTHERN BRETHERN FUND)** There is collection basket at the back of Immaculate Heart Church or you can post any donations through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery (please mark your envelope **NBF**). Please make any cheques payable to *Northern Brethren Fund*. The Fund will remain open until this Sunday 2 May.

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

Speak to us in the stillness of silence.

May we hear you in the glory of the changing seasons in the murmur of the sea.

Enfold us with arms wide and strong to face the challenges and difficulties of our daily lives.

May we rejoice in your loving strength as we travel our varied roads.

Help us to emerge clothed with the mantle of your love to embrace our days in the fullness of your light which shines even in our darkness.

As we look upon the wondrous beauty of nature's natural colours and shapes enable us to see with seeing eyes the true beauty shape and form of our varied landscapes.

We have not always valued the precious planet gifted to us.

With humble thanks may we endeavour to play our part in ensuring this gift of wonder and splendour is not further destroyed but enriched by loving care and gentle nurturing be available for others in order that they may treasure the awesomeness and majesty of our natural world.

With gentle caring hands working in unity or alone we can all be joined in a continued rhythm of regeneration and renewal.

Watered with constant love and tender care not indifference or neglect may we preserve these incredible gifts of majesty wonder awesomeness and beauty.

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### A Prayer for Healing & Reconciliation

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope.

Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.

Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*In consultation with survivors, the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales (this year, Tuesday 4 May).*

*Further information and resources can be found [here](#).*

**First Reading***Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started going round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 21:26-28. 30-32. R/v. 26*

*Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
These things the Lord has done.'

**Second Reading***1 John 3:18-24*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 15:4-5***Alleluia, alleluia!**

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

**Alleluia!****Gospel Reading***John 15:1-8*

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 his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make you home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.**