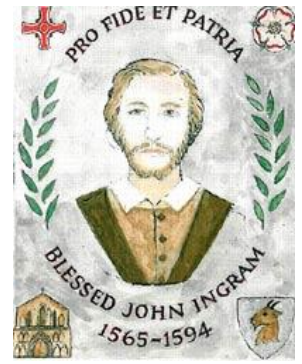


'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.'  
John 15:9-10

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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**9 May 2021**

**Sixth 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/UC3webHIXzcgAMFoHdfuCFLQ> 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 9 May Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 10 May		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 11 May		Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (dec.)
Wednesday 12 May		Mary Olga Maddison (ann.)
<b>Thursday 13 May The Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish
Friday 14 May St Matthias		Joseph Borthwick (ann.)
Saturday 15 May		Private Intention (MA)
<b>Sunday 16 May Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish

*Readings at Mass 10 -15 May: Sixth 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 who died recently. May he 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 is also available online and can be viewed on our YouTube channel [here](#).**

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY is next Sunday 16 May and there will be a special collection at Mass to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Communications Office. If you have planned giving envelopes, please use the purple envelope dated 16 May.** On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications, particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country. The Communications Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The Office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.

**THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** are appealing for urgent donations to help to continue with their work of caring for the elderly and to enable them to carry out essential fire prevention upgrades to St Joseph's Home in Newcastle. **If you would like to 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.)

**ACTIVITIES SHEETS WEEK 57** Here are this week's offerings to keep you busy over these cold May days. We've got 2 word puzzles for you plus a children's double activity sheet and of course the regular mindfulness colouring sheet. All activities can be found on the parish website together with the previous week's answers (just under the link for that week's newsletter). You'll find all previous sheets there too. Enjoy!

**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. 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* page.

**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. **Please could you focus upon donating: uht milk, cereal, tinned tomatoes, sweet corn, fruit, corned beef, tinned meat (mince, stewing steak etc), meatballs, hot dogs, feminine hygiene and sweets.**

**We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: pasta, pasta sauce, squash, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, sugar, 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.

**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.

**ST PHILIP NERI PRIMARY SCHOOL ACADEMISATION** A letter recently sent to parents and FAQ's about the Diocesan Academisation consultation process can be viewed [here](#).

**BE SAFE, BE FRAUD AWARE** There is currently a high volume of impersonation fraud messages being sent by email and the best protection we have is to be fraud aware. The Diocese has issued some practical advice on how to protect yourself and be fraud aware which can be viewed [here](#).



**GIFT FOR LIFE AND COVID** Thank you for your on-going generosity in contributing financially to *Gift for Life* throughout the lockdown. Your donations are making a huge difference to those we support in India and Kenya and, more locally, at the Justice and Peace Refugee Project. We have prepared a short

update (available [here](#) on the parish website) which explains what your funds are helping with – and also some of the difficulties that Covid is creating for these projects. The *Gift for Life* Group continues to meet monthly by Zoom with our next meeting on Thursday 20 May at 7pm. If you would like to attend or find out more, please contact us via [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

Our family land is woven with many paths  
we can walk alone or join with others on the journey  
these paths can converge, run parallel or disappear.

The choice of path is ours. Sometimes we need  
the company of fellow travellers  
and we welcome their warmth and being.

Yet there are many occasions when alone is all we seek to  
find the other self within to touch the self which seeks no  
paths which finds no roads but stretches for the hand to  
engage the traveller in a journey of enlightenment.

Our family is infinite yet at the same time finite.

The boundless energy of changing force which takes us  
forth from each encounter to the brink of new challenges.

Our task is to travel not stand still.

To reach for the peaks enjoy the valleys  
as they breathe life again.

And take the gentle look of reason  
when she shows the way.

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### Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy

Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you, we cry, as children of God,  
joined as one with our wounded world,  
with hearts full of hope for a home transformed.

Mother of Creation,  
look upon us we pray,  
so we may come to see God's earthly garden  
through the radiant light of wisdom.

Holy Mary, Mother of all,  
make us worthy we pray,  
to treasure the earth our common home,  
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. Amen.

*A Prayer for May inspired by the 'Salve Regina'*  
[www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**First Reading**      *Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself the said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**      *Psalms 97:1-4. R/cf. v.2*

*Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

**Second Reading**      *1 John 4:7-10*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*John 14:23*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

**Alleluia!****Gospel Reading**

*John 15:9-17*

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:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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.**