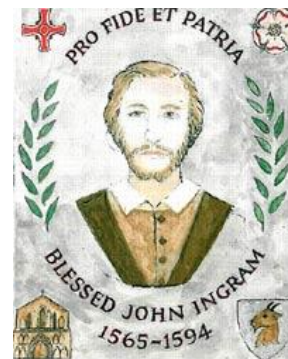


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John 17:11

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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

16 May 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, can be contacted this week by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274/07891 162205, Tuesday 11.30am - 3.30pm, Thursday & 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/ - 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
- 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)

Sunday 16 May Seventh Sunday of Easter	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 17 May		Tom Airey (ann.)
Tuesday 18 May		Bernard & Anne McKenna (ann.)
Wednesday 19 May		Deceased of the Elliott Family (dec.)
Thursday 20 May		Canon Michael McCoy (dec.)
Friday 21 May		Patricia Flynn (dec.)
Saturday 22 May		Priest's Intention
Sunday 23 May Pentecost Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish

Readings at Mass 17 - 22 May: Seventh Week of Eastertide

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

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 this 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. Today we 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.

LAY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION Next Sunday 23 May there will be a special collection for the Diocesan Lay Training Fund. If you have planned giving envelopes, please use the purple envelope dated 23 May.

BLESSED JOHN INGRAM Blessed John Ingram (1565 - 1594) 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. 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.

ACTIVITIES SHEETS Week 58 Here are this week's offerings to keep you busy over these damp May days. In celebration of things opening up even more tomorrow and we can now go to the cinemas and theatres we've got a Broadway word search & mindfulness colouring page for you. In addition there's also Eurovision quiz plus 8 different Eurovision Bingo Cards to have a game with if you're watching the show next Saturday. And of course there's a children's activity sheet too. All activities can be found on the parish website together with the previous week's answers or by clicking [here](#). 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 will preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral next Saturday 22 May 2021 at 12 noon. This will be both an open Mass and live streamed. 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. 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.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2021 will take place from May 16 - 25 with global events and hundreds of local and regional events organized by partners around the world. This week will also be the culmination of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year (proposed by Pope Francis from May 2020 to May 2021) and the celebration of the great progress the entire Church has made on its journey towards ecological conversion. *Laudato Si' Week 2021* will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and to prepare for the future with hope. For more information [visit our Diocesan Laudato Si' page](#). You can find out more about the Laudato Si' week, how you can register for the event and access all of the resources available through the [official website](#).

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: cereal, tinned tomatoes, fruit, corned beef, tinned meat (mince, stewing steak etc.), meatballs, hot dogs, coffee, feminine hygiene and sweets. We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: uht milk, pasta, pasta sauce, squash, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, sugar, tuna, long grain rice - 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.

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.

FAITH WITNESS AGAINST HASSOCKFIELD In October this year, the UK Government plans to open an Immigration Removal Centre at Hassockfield on the site of the former Medomsley Detention Centre, nr Consett. This will be for 80 women seeking asylum in the UK. Along with many other organisations, our Diocesan Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council has condemned this proposal as inhumane and unjust. Migrant women are not criminals and deserve our utmost respect, protection and compassion as they make their case for asylum. An Interfaith Prayer Service will take place on **Sunday 23 May at 3.00pm** in several churches and places of worship across the region as part of a united faith response against Hassockfield. The Youth Ministry Team (YMT) will join with the Faith Witness and will go live at the same time on YMT's Facebook which can be accessed [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

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](#).

Jen's Weekly Prayer

As the sunlight brightens the sky following darkness
Your light enlightens us with strength and power.

We can carry you with us each and every day.

There is never a time when we need
to be parted from you.

As a Father and a Friend you listen and do not judge

We make mistakes and you hold us.

We cry and you comfort us.

We laugh and you share our humour.

In silence you bring us peace.

Enfolded in your hand we and all those we hold dear to us
are free.

May we, through you, bring to all those we meet in joy
or in sorrow, in pain or in distress your love.

May they feel the strength of your unending love and find
peace, hope and rest.

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Memorare of St Bernard

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled
to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought
thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee,

O Virgin of virgins, my mother;

to thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,

despise not my petitions,

but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

First Reading*Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17. 20-26*

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours.

‘In the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20. R/cf. v.19*

*Response: **The Lord has set his sway in heaven.***

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord;
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

Second Reading*1 John 4:11-16*

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*cf. John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading*John 17:11-19*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be list, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

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.