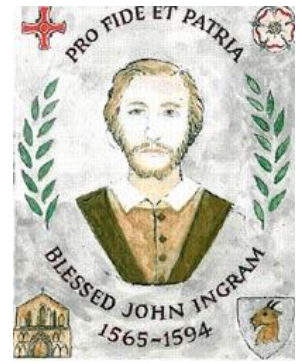




The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed which is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade. Cf. Mark 4:31-32

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill**  
**St Mary ▪ Wickham**  
**St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston**

Parish Priest Canon Peter Leighton  
 Parish Telephone 0191 460 4274  
 Parish E-mail [stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk](mailto:stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk)  
 Parish Website [www.theparish.org.uk](http://www.theparish.org.uk)  
 Diocesan Website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)



The John Ingram Partnership  
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**13 June 2021**

**The Eleventh Sunday of the Year**

**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 unless otherwise indicated. 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 13 June Eleventh Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 14 June <i>St Robert of Newminster</i>		Priest's Intention
Tuesday 15 June		Canon Michael McCoy (dec.)
Wednesday 16 June		John & Elizabeth Arnold (ann.)
Thursday 17 June		Mr & Mrs A Morgan (dec.)
Friday 18 June		Samuel Bateson & Edith Bateson (dec.)
Saturday 19 June		Priest's Intention
<b>Sunday 20 June Twelfth Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	People of the Parish
<i>Day of Prayer for Human Life</i>		

*Readings at Mass this week: Ordinary Time Week 11, Year 1*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** 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](#).***

**PARISH FINANCES 2020-2021** The annual financial returns for the year ended March 2021 have been completed and it is pleasing to report that total funds have increased from £286,096 to £303,354. Of this figure, £295,236 belongs to the Parish with other monies being held for Gift for Life, the Food Bank and special collections that are paid after year end closes. The £17,069 increase in parish money compares to a £26,828 increase last year. The £9,798 decrease is mainly attributable to a £21,776 (27.6%) decline in offertory collections which is due of course to the church closures during the whole year. Given the circumstances, this is quite an impressive performance and the impact has been reduced somewhat by lower spending in areas such as heating, repairs and church requisites.

We are in a more fortunate position than we would have been a few years ago when all offertory monies were collected in the form of cash. In any event, grateful thanks to all parishioners who continue to contribute financially by standing order (including those who have switched to this method over the past 12 months) and those who contribute to the weekly church collections or post their offertory envelopes through the presbytery letter box. If you would like to set up a standing order for your contributions, please see **Parish Offertory Donations** notice in the next column.

Looking to the this financial year, both the PPC and Finance Committee have approved a contribution of £6,000 towards the cost of a new kitchen at [Joe's Place](#) which supports some of the most needy and vulnerable people in the area. Other parishes in the Partnership have also contributed to the refurbishments at [Joe's Place](#).

**THE DAY OF PRAYER FOR HUMAN LIFE** is next Sunday 20 June. This is the day in the Church's Year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition, remembering that the Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. A special collection will be taken at Mass next Sunday to support pro-life organisations which raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. If you have Planned Giving Envelopes, please use the purple envelope dated 20 July. For further information visit the *Day for Life* website at [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org) Thank you.

**RED MISSION BOXES** The latest edition of *Mission Today*, *Summer 2021 Impact Report*, is now available. It can be found on the *Missio* website via this link [missio.org.uk/mission-today](http://missio.org.uk/mission-today). We will also deliver copies to all those Mission box holders that we have addresses on file for. If you don't receive your copy, and would like one, please inform the parish office and delivery will be arranged. We are still unable to empty Red Mission boxes in houses or at Church. If you attend Mass at Immaculate Heart Church you may place the money on the plate in a labelled envelope. Donations may also be made via the *Missio* website, by phone 02078 219755 or by cheque payable to Missio-Mill Hill and addressed to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU. Thank you from the local *Missio* secretaries.



**GIFT FOR LIFE Cameras at the ready!** Following the success of the 2021 *Gift for Life* Calendar, we are now planning the 2022 version and thought that all you budding photographers would appreciate an early warning. The theme this time is 'The Changing Seasons' and

full details of the competition are set out on the parish website or by clicking [here](#). You don't need to submit any entries until September but please get out with your camera during the year to support our fundraising. It would be great to have more of our young people involved this time too. Spread the word! The *Gift for Life* group continues to meet monthly by Zoom with our next meeting on 24 June at 7pm. If you would like to attend or find out more please contact us via [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)

**PARISH OFFERTORY DONATIONS** If you would like to set up a standing order for your regular contributions to the parish and/or *Gift for Life*, 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 Bank. Thank you.

**ACTIVITIES SHEETS WEEK 62** With the Euro Football Championship starting this weekend we've gone all out! Firstly, there's a list of all the matches, times and TV channels so you won't miss any, plus a wall chart to print off and complete so you can follow your team's progress. In addition we have a family football terms word search and a printable Father's Day card for you to simply colour, fold and add your own message in time for next Sunday. For those with other interests we've a Crafty Mindfulness Colouring activity and an Embroidery word search plus a quick little number puzzle. 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) or by clicking [here](#). You'll find all previous sheets there too. Enjoy!

**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 & cereal. **Please could you focus upon donating: long grained rice, dried pasta, tinned tomatoes, baked beans, all vegetables, fruit, custard, hot dogs, coffee, jam, toothpaste & sweets for the kids.** We appreciate any other non-perishable items such as: hot dogs, fruit squash, hot chocolate, toilet rolls, sugar, tuna 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.

**CONTINUING THE JOURNEY** Some people may feel that they would like to pause and reflect at the end of their RCIA journey, whilst others may be asking what next after RCIA? For anyone who has completed an RCIA programme, we are offering an opportunity to continue the process of learning and sharing the Faith, using video and group discussion, through five online Zoom sessions in June/July. These will take place on Wednesdays at 7.00pm beginning on 30 June, followed by 7, 14, 21 and 28 July. Each session will last for one hour. Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/LMPReCA8nK> or contact Faith & Mission by email at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk). **MINSTERACRES RETREAT CENTRE Volunteers Wanted!** Set in 110 acres of beautiful woodland and parkland, Minsteracres offers peaceful surroundings and a place to recharge batteries for those who need support after such challenging times. If you would like to share skills or make new ones or meet new people, please contact Minsteracres Retreat Centre at [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org) email [info@minsteracres.org](mailto:info@minsteracres.org)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM (YMT)** *Hope you are all well. We are happy to announce and invite you to an open day to reconnect at the Emmaus Youth Village on Saturday 3 July 2021. It is a little last minute due to the current climate.*

*The day will start at 11am and the timetable will run until 3pm with a 'Sing Along; Hymns Old and New', a quiz and a BBQ. It is £5 entry that can be paid on the door with cheque, cash or card which will cover you for the BBQ and quiz entry. The bar will also be open serving alcohol and soft drinks.*

*It is an outdoor event so depending on weather you may want to bring an umbrella or gazebo.*

*We hope you will come and are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday 3 July.*

*Please reply to email [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org) to let us know you're coming and how many in your group.*

#### **CAUSE FOR THE CANONISATION OF 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.

#### **Jen's Weekly Prayer**

A leaf unfurls eager to embrace the sun.

An almost translucent light shimmers through the gently unfurling branches.

As the tree begins once again to be clothed in a mantle of palest green to burnished bronzed copper red.

Another extraordinary transformation bringing shelter shade, rest, peace and harmony.

Our words and actions too can unfurl bringing comfort, joy, hope, reassurance, pain or anger.

Without the healing colour of balm words can wither, diminish, discourage.

With compassion and empathy they regenerate as they unfurl bringing wonder, hope, courage, peace, understanding and love.

*Jen J, June © 2021*

#### **Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed John Ingram**

God, you gave us Blessed John Ingram to inspire and encourage us.

Grant that we may know the benefit of his prayers so that we, your Church, can give witness to his sanctity.

We make our prayer

through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Blessed John Ingram - Pray for us.*

**First Reading***Ezekiel 17:22-24*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 91:2-3. 13-16. R/ cf. v.2*

*Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

**Second Reading***II Corinthians 5:6-10*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 4:26-34*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Scripture Readings from *The Jerusalem Bible* © 1966 by Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd and Doubleday and Company Ltd.  
Responsorial Psalm from *The Psalms: A New Translation* © 1963 The Grail (England) published by HarperCollins.

**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.**