



For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill

St Mary ▪ Wickham

St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston

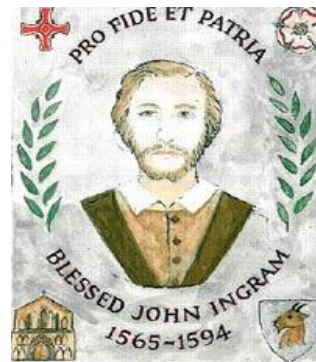
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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

28 August 2022

Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

Year C

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### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 27 AUGUST - 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

<b>Saturday 27 August</b> <i>St Monica</i>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 28 August</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Ant Turner (dec.)
<b>Twenty Second Sunday of the Year (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Tony Tempest (ann.)
Monday 29 August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>			
Tuesday 30 August	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (AC)
Wednesday 31 August <i>St Aidan</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	In Thanksgiving (MT)
Thursday 1 September	9.30am	St Mary	Edna & Wilf Murray (ann.)
Friday 2 September	12.45pm	Immaculate Heart	Funeral Service - Michael Jobe RIP
<b>Saturday 3 September</b> <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 4 September</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Ursula Purvis-Kelly (ann.)
<b>Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Joan McStea (dec.)

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri,  
9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart and on Thursday at St Mary's

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Neave & Freya Ruddick into the Family of the Church*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Michael Jobe who has died recently. The Funeral Service for Michael will be on Friday 2 September at 12.45pm in Immaculate Heart Church. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Clare Jolly-Lingard, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, Kath Lee, John Leitch, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Brigitte Rankin, Joseph Relph, Barbara Stephenson, Simon Turnbull.

*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)*

### Current Diocesan COVID Controls

**Until further notice, arrangements for our three churches will be as follows:**

- If you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 you should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person
- Stewards will continue for the time being
- Hand sanitiser will continue to be offered as you enter and leave church
- Face coverings - those who wish to wear a face covering may do so during the celebration of Mass
- Social Distancing - there is no requirement for social distancing but we should continue to be sensitive to the wishes of other people
- Ventilation – it is still important to ventilate our buildings. This has the effect of diluting and dispersing viral particles
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one kind

For the most recent guidance published by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) and the Government, please follow the link below:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship/>

### TEAS AND COFFEES AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS

We are pleased to announce that from next Sunday 4 September, teas and coffee will once again be served after Sunday morning Masses at St Mary's (initially on the first Sunday of the month) and at Immaculate Heart (every Sunday).

**ST MARY'S** Teas and coffees will be available in the Church Hall. If you could support us once every three or four months to help out, please get in touch with Sue Sacco at Mass or telephone 07914 266642.

**IMMACULATE HEART** A special thank-you to all those who worked so hard last Wednesday washing all the crockery and cleaning the cupboards to ensure everything is clean and ready.

**Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have made this possible!**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 September 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.

**LITURGICAL FORMATION AND DAYS OF REFLECTION** The Vicariate for Faith & Mission is pleased to share their Autumn calendar for Liturgical Formation (i.e. for new Readers - speak to Fr Peter if you interested in this) and Days of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Please visit <http://bit.ly/Liturgy2022> for further details or see the poster and information sheet on the parish notice board. Bookings should be made via the Parish Office. Further dates for other ministries will be announced in due course.

**FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE** 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. Every week we follow the Trussell Trust guidance for the items we provide - please click on the link for more details: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-parcel/>

**We are short of most produce - even if you can only bring 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out.**

**Priority items:** tinned meat (corned beef, pek, spam), tinned chickpeas, kidney beans, fruit, custard, sweetcorn, soup, jam, UHT milk, cereal, laundry powder/liquid & antiperspirant, feminine hygiene (tampons especially).

**Other items we put into the weekly food bags:** long grain rice, squash, dried pasta, pasta sauce, cooking oil, coffee, tinned produce (hot dogs, meatballs, tuna, baked beans, custard, rice pudding, all vegetables & potatoes), sugar, tomato purée, sweets, crisps, biscuits, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toilet roll & all other non-perishable items.

Every Thursday volunteers are in 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)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC)** The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 14 September 2022. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives:

Immaculate Heart - Allan Bell, Ann Short, Wendy O'Reilly, Maveen Pereira

St Mary's - Phil Cunningham Janice Hall, Jen Jones, Tony Sacco  
St Philip Neri - Denise Hebron, John Pinchen, Michael Waugh, Katie Wilkinson

Youth issues - David Khachikian, Joe Wheatley

Financial matters - Malcolm Shield

**JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP RCIA 2022-23** Are you interested in finding more about what being a Catholic means? Or are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Then this is the course for you. **Meetings will be held each Tuesday night at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling beginning on Tuesday 13 September at 7.00pm.** For further information please speak to Fr Peter or to Alan Egdell tel. 07976 402023.

**FIRST STEPS - EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE** Are you looking to explore the Catholic Faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church.

We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. **The course starts on Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm.** If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire and/ or register using the Online Enquiry Form - <https://forms.office.com/r/4jwBpFuRvb> or email us at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

**ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022** In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will undertake a very special pilgrimage, journeying from Lourdes in France to cathedrals and churches across England, Scotland, and Wales. The relics will be arriving in our diocese at St Mary's Cathedral from 11am on Saturday 1 October until 11am on Sunday 2 October. For further information, please visit [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS 2022-2023)** The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2022-2023 and there is a short presentation which is now available on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>  
If anyone would like further information, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on tel. 0191 243 3313 or email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

**THE VICARIATE FOR FAITH AND MISSION** has produced the 'Encountering the Holy Spirit' booklet which is the third in the series of reflection booklets booklet to accompany the Year of the Eucharist. The booklet is available to view on the Diocesan website from the following link: <https://bit.ly/3R2gJRZ>

#### THE UNIVERSAL SYNOD

**REFLECTION ON THE NATIONAL SYNTHESIS** The Bishops of England and Wales, having carefully considered the Synodal National Synthesis, have now offered their initial reflections in the light of our shared faith in Christ and our shared belonging to his Church. To view these reflections, please go to [www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-reflection-synodal-national-synthesis/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-reflection-synodal-national-synthesis/)

**THE NATIONAL SYNTHESIS** reflects on the Synod reports received by the Bishops' Conference National Synthesis Team, discerning the main themes that have emerged from the listening conversations, and collating them together to give a picture of the synodal process in England and Wales. This can be viewed at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>

**THE DIOCESAN SUBMISSION TO THE UNIVERSAL SYNOD** has been completed and published - it can be viewed online at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-submission-to-universal-synod/>

**THE EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SERVICE** Whilst family and friends can be immensely supportive in coping with a bereavement, sometimes a bereaved person may wish to talk to someone outside of their immediate circle. The Emmaus Bereavement Support Team, trained in the Ministry of Consolation, is available to support those who wish to talk about their loss. As the post-COVID restrictions have eased, support can now be offered face to face once again. The Emmaus Bereavement Support Service number is 07732 980740 - please leave your name and number and a member of the team will get in touch with you. Emmaus information cards are also available at the back of each of our churches.

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

**Cleaner, Blaydon, St Joseph and Winlaton, St Anne** - part-time (8 hours), permanent

**Refugee Project Worker, Newcastle** - part-time (12 hours), initial 12-month contract

Closing date for applications: 30 August

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 1 September.**

#### Jen's Weekly Prayer

Night moves silently and gently  
as it weaves its colours across the sky.  
They gradually move from bright blue, peach,  
or many of the soft hues as they fade into a covering  
of many dark but gentle shades of purple, blue  
underpinned by a greenish light.  
The gentleness brings a sense of peace and of hope  
a beginning and an end a total continuum  
of strength warmth and comfort often punctuated  
by a shimmer of stars or brilliant moonlight.  
Night is not one colour, a matt landscape,  
but a wonderful restful covering.  
We too can rest and leave within its folds  
our worries, fears anxieties and stresses  
knowing that just as we cannot change  
the shape, texture or form of the sky  
we cannot always alone change our situation in an instant.  
We can however place all of our concerns with you,  
your loving spirit can enfold them and help us cope  
even if it takes some time; for how do we measure time.  
Some days appear longer than others  
and many fly by as if in seconds.  
May we keep reaching out and take the helping hands  
offered to us, your hands, and be filled  
with peace, strength, light and hope  
to greet the sunrise of tomorrow.

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**First Reading***Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,  
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.  
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,  
and then you will find favour with the Lord;  
for great though the power of the Lord is,  
he accepts the homage of the humble.  
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,  
Since an evil growth has taken root in him.  
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,  
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalms 67:4-7. 10-11. R/ cf. v.11*

**Response: In your goodness, O God,  
you prepared a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:  
when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

**Second Reading***Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Luke 14:1. 7-14*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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