



Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'  
*Matthew 11:28.30*

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**

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The John Ingram Partnership  
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**9 July 2023**

**Fourteenth Sunday of the Year**

**Year A**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 8 - 16 July 2023**

<b>Saturday 8 July</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 9 July</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Victoria Swinburn (1 <sup>st</sup> ann.)
<b>Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Joe Welsh (dec.)
<i>Sea Sunday (Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers)</i>			
Monday 10 July			
Tuesday 11 July <i>St Benedict, Patron of Europe</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Prayer Shawl Recipients
Wednesday 12 July	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 13 July	9.30am	St Mary	Northern Brethren Fund
Friday 14 July			
<b>Saturday 15 July</b> <i>St Bonaventure</i>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Daniel Harrison (ann.)
<b>Sunday 16 July</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Maureen Embley (dec.)
<b>Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (Year A)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish

**Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 14 Year 1**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, Barney Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Dickie Lindsley, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Pauline Mulholland, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, 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).*

**SEA SUNDAY** This Sunday 9 July is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Your financial support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

**Stella Maris is the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church and there will be a retiring collection at Masses this weekend to support their work. Envelopes are available if you wish to gift aid your donation.** If you wish, you can also donate by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) Thank you.

**DIOCESAN ORDINATIONS** Please remember in your prayers Revd Paul Kilduff and Revd Endre Kormos who are being ordained to the Priesthood, and Alison Rebello and Patrick Rutherford who are being ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Archbishop Malcolm at St Mary's Cathedral this Saturday 8 July.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE** On Wednesday, 14 June, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Right Reverend Stephen Wright as the Fifteenth Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. Bishop Stephen is currently an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He will be installed as our new Bishop in St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 19 July. We warmly welcome Bishop Stephen to our Diocese and assure him of our prayers and support as he prepares to begin his new ministry with us.

For further information and to read Bishop Stephen's letter following his appointment, please visit the diocesan website: [www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/new-bishop-for-hexham-and-newcastle/](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/new-bishop-for-hexham-and-newcastle/)

**PASTORAL LETTER AND LISTENING EXERCISE FOR THE LAITY** Archbishop Malcolm McMahon's Pastoral Letter read at Masses on 17/18 June & his letter concerning the Listening Exercise for the Laity can be read on the diocesan website at [www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/pastoral-letter-by-archbishop-malcolm-mcmahon-for-the-17-18-june-2023/](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/pastoral-letter-by-archbishop-malcolm-mcmahon-for-the-17-18-june-2023/)

In his letter, Archbishop Malcolm mentioned providing opportunities for people in the Diocese to be heard and to listen to others in the light of the recent reviews. **He invites lay people to attend one of four initial meetings:**

**Monday 10 July at St Mary's Church Hall, Great Lime Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 7AB (this meeting has been added to the initial three meetings offered)**

**Tuesday 11 July at St. Bede's Church Hall, Church Row, Bedlington NE22 5TZ**

**Wednesday 12 July at St Michael's Church Hall, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8NF**

**Thursday 13 July at English Martyrs and St. Peter & St Paul's, Redhill Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 9BY**

**These meetings will begin at 7pm (prompt) and finish at 8.30pm.** They will include time for listening and discussion, and a liturgy of healing for those who wish to partake. Amy Cameron from the Diocesan Vicariate of Faith & Mission will co-ordinate the Listening process and Dr Karen Kilby, Bede Chair at Durham University will provide the Archbishop with a summary of the meetings. He encourages everyone to be generous in taking part.

**PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE**  
**We welcome ALL non-perishable produce - even if you can only bring along 1 or 2 tins, please bring them along to church to help out.**

**FOOD ITEMS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY:** coffee, tinned sweetcorn, baked beans, soup, custard, hotdogs, meatballs, sugar, pasta, crisps.

**OTHER priority items:** UHT milk, pasta sauce, mayonnaise, ketchup, gravy granules, cereal, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tuna, potatoes, carrots, garden peas, meat (corned beef, Pek, mince, stewing steak etc), chopped tomatoes, tomato purée, biscuits, cooking oil, toilet rolls, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner.

*Other items we put into the weekly food bags:* shampoo, feminine hygiene, antiperspirant, washing up liquid, toothpaste, tinned chickpeas, kidney beans, long grain rice, fruit squash, teabags, sugar.

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart 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 386 760 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 12 July 2023. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives by this Sunday 9 July 2023.

Your representatives are:

Immaculate Heart - Allen 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

**ST PHILIP NERI PRIMARY SCHOOL** is looking for new governors to join the current Board of Governors. St Philip Neri School is part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust ([www.bwcet.com](http://www.bwcet.com)). If anyone is interested, or would like to know more about being a governor, please contact Amanda Stewart, Chair of Governors, at [amandastew4rt@gmail.com](mailto:amandastew4rt@gmail.com)

**RED MISSION BOXES** are now due to be emptied. Money can be given to Denise Hebron at St Philip's, Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart and Kathleen Cunningham at St Mary's. Thank you.

**COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED** We are very short of counters at St Mary's Church. We work in pairs and if we have a full quota of 8 counters, each couple only needs to volunteer once a month. The money is counted in the Parish room after 9am Sunday Mass and it usually takes about half an hour. There will be a brief meeting after Mass on Sunday July 2nd for existing and potential new counters to plan for the rest of the year and we will be delighted to see anyone who is interested in helping. Thank you.

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** The July edition of The Northern Cross is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

**CONCERT AT LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** The Newcastle Male Chorus will be performing a Sounds of Summer Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle NE4 7QA on Saturday 22 July 2023 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included) and are available from St Joseph's Home - 0191 273 1279.

**THE CHURCH'S MISSION - An Event with Cardinal Tagle.** The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican, was President of Caritas International (a global network of Catholic relief and development agencies) and is a fantastic speaker. We invite you to join us online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation** in which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between evangelisation (sharing Christ and his Good News) and social action. **Date and time: Friday 14 July, 7.00pm - 8.30pm.** For more information and to book a place for this webinar hosted by CAFOD, please go to:

[www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation)

**PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA, NEWCASTLE** (tel. 0191 230 6040, email [newcastle@pauline-uk.org](mailto:newcastle@pauline-uk.org)). Please note that from the Monday 10 July the Cathedral bookshop will have revised opening hours:

Monday & Tuesday - closed

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10.00am - 4.30pm

Saturday, 9.45am - 4.00pm

Sunday 9.30am - 1.15pm

For orders and enquires outside of these hours, please tel. 0151 7091328, email [orders@pauline-uk.org](mailto:orders@pauline-uk.org) or visit [www.paulineuk.org](http://www.paulineuk.org)

**CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) 2023-2024** 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 2023-2024 on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>

If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10am on Thursday 13 July.**

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

As the bright light of summer begins to fade  
into lilac tinted clouds to join faded blue  
and as the final pale pink glow diminishes  
we can rejoice and give thanks for the strength  
of the light we have seen and the warmth we have felt.  
We need warmth and light to ripen the fruits and crops  
and to graciously enhance the colours of the plants  
and flowers visible in their bounty at this time.  
Light also is tangible in the relationships we develop,  
for each time we allow a little more of ourselves  
to be revealed to others we allow them  
to share in our blossoming, our blooming,  
as if, petal by petal, leaf by leaf, we can grow,  
knowing we can trust and value each other.  
Burdens can be unbound and joy and happiness shared.  
As water is required for gardens and crops to grow  
we too need feeding and trust, love and light  
are our food and drink where peace can breathe  
and hope make roots.

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### A Prayer for Sea Sunday

Heavenly Father,  
we give thanks to you for your creation  
and all the beauty in this world.  
We thank you for the ocean, in its abundance,  
and for the people who toil on its surface.  
Without our brothers and sisters who are seafarers,  
we would not be able to enjoy  
all the blessings of this world.  
Enfold them in your fatherly love,  
guide their passage through storm, swell and darkness.  
May we always be mindful of our Global Family  
and be truly grateful  
for the sacrifices seafarers make each day.  
Amen.



**STELLA MARIS**

[www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/)

**First Reading***Zechariah 9:9-10*

The Lord says this:  
 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
 Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
 See now, your king comes to you;  
 he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
 humble and riding on a donkey.  
 He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
 and horses from Jerusalem;  
 the bow of war will be banished.  
 He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
 His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
 from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R/ v.1*

***R/ I will bless your name forever,  
 O God my king.***

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
 I will bless your name for ever.  
 I will bless you day after day  
 and praise your name for ever.
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
 slow to anger, abounding in love.  
 How good is the Lord to all,  
 compassionate to all his creatures.
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
 and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
 They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
 and declare your might, O God.
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
 and loving in all his deeds.  
 The Lord supports all who fall  
 and raises all who are bowed down.

**Second Reading***Romans 8:9. 11-13*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Cf. Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel***Matthew 11:25-30*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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