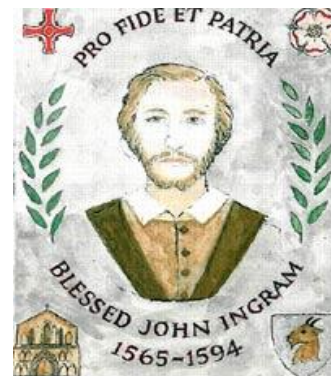




If our life in Christ means anything to you..... then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.
Philippians 2:1-2

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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

1 October 2023

Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

Year A

The Parish Secretary, Julie Hindmarsh, will be in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery this week on Tuesday 10am - 4pm and Friday 10am - 2pm. She can also be contacted by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 4pm and Friday 10am - 2pm.
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 30 September - 8 October 2023

Saturday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 October	9.00am	St Mary	Maire Oxley (dec.)
Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.)
			<i>Bishop Stephen presiding and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation</i>
Monday 2 October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>			
Tuesday 3 October	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Shelagh Kelly (liv.)
Wednesday 4 October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 5 October	9.30am	St Mary	Private Intention (MT)
Friday 6 October <i>CAFOD Family Fast Day</i>			
Saturday 7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Private Intention (CS)
Sunday 8 October	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Cecelia, Tony & Raymond McCusker (ann.)
			<i>Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants</i>

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 26 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & 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 Veronica Coleman, Angela Corrigan, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, Barney & Veronica Hayes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Dickie Lindsley, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Nora Miller, Pauline Mulholland, Margaret Murphy, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Simon Turnbull.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION This Sunday 1 October we are delighted to welcome Bishop Stephen to our parish as he presides at the 10.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and confers the Sacrament of Confirmation on William Alder, Sarah Elizabeth Butler, Harvey-Jay Campbell, Jennifer Clarke, James Cookson, Jacob James Crinnion, Liam Michael Currie, Lola Elizabeth Dilbo, Alaricka Caroline Dryden, Chidumeje Eze, Ryan Oscar Jeffreys, Katie Maeve Joyce, Tiari Nicole Kisten, Jude Thomas Lawlor, Jamie Victor Mallinson, Oliver Michael Mulholland, Emerald Chimbumbobi Nnanatu, Charlotte Mary O'Hara, Florence (Flossie) May O'Reilly, Megan Rose O'Reilly, Freya Leigh Stewart and Cora-Frances May Vickers.

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).

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL This coming Friday 6 October is the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today or next weekend so that more families can get the expert help they need. Envelopes are available this weekend or you can give online at www.cafod.org.uk. Thank you.

HOT DRINKS AND CAKE AFTER THE CONFIRMATION MASS
Following the Confirmation Mass 10.30am this Sunday 1 October at Immaculate Heart Church, there will be a coffee morning with, hopefully, lots of wonderful cakes! 'Hopefully' because again this is a special request to all the fine bakers of the parish to step up and once more make their delicious cakes. I'm sure all the young people, their sponsors, parents, relatives, friends and Bishop Stephen will enjoy the occasion immensely. **Please, if possible, will you drop your yummy offerings off at church before 10.30am Mass?** Many thanks, in advance, to those who always step up, you're amazing. Any queries please contact Joan McCoy 07931 337713 or Katie Wilkinson 07837 386760. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 October 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.

RED MISSION BOXES are now due to be emptied in our three churches. Money can be given to Denise Hebron at St Philips, Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart and Kathleen Cunningham at St Mary's.

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 SHORT SUPPLY: pasta sauce, sugar, mayonnaise, gravy granules, tinned baked beans, chopped tomatoes, garden peas, sliced carrots, rice pudding, custard, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), teabags, feminine hygiene (tampons).

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, cereal, dried pasta, long grain rice, coffee, tomato purée, ketchup, tinned meatballs, hotdogs, tuna, potatoes, sweetcorn, fruit, biscuits, cooking oil, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, spray cleaner, toilet rolls.

Other items we put into the weekly food bags: tinned chickpeas, kidney beans, fruit squash, toothpaste, antiperspirant, shower gel, shampoo.

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart of Mary 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

GIFT FOR LIFE - '100 CLUB' The *Gift for Life* Group is exploring the possibility of running a '100 Club' in the parish as a different way of fundraising for the causes you all so generously support in Kenya, India and more locally. Those participating would pay £24 for the year with monthly draws taking place after Mass on a Sunday morning during parish refreshments. The prize level would depend on the number of participants but, for example, if there were 100 people involved, there might be a first prize of say £50 and a second prize of around £25 each month. We would only be in a position to run the 100 club if we had enough people wishing to participate so are keen to gauge the level of potential interest. Please have a word with one of the *Gift for Life* Group members or drop us an e-mail on giftforlife20@gmail.com to let us know if you would be interested in participating or to find out more. Thank you for your very generous support.

JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP RCIA 2023-2024 Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is used in The Church to support adults who want to explore their spiritual feelings and if they wish can lead to them becoming a Catholic. It is an informal system of regular meetings where we can all explore what it means to be a Catholic. Previously around ten people per year have completed the course and have been received into the Church, most of them at The Easter Vigil service in their home parish. They also attend a Right of Election service at St Mary's Cathedral at the start of Lent each year where they are joined by hundreds of other people from across the diocese. **Meetings have now begun and are on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, High Street Felling, Gateshead NE10 9LT.** Please feel free to come along to the programme and to ask any questions you may have. If you need any more information, please contact Alan Egdell on 07976 402023 or speak to Fr Peter.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL RCIA 2023/24 PROGRAMME Is also underway. The meetings are 6.30pm to 8.30pm each Tuesday in the Conference Centre, St Mary's Cathedral. If you would like more information, please complete the online form at www.stmaryscathedral.org.uk.

DISCERNMENT EVENING The next Discernment Evening for those who may be thinking about Priesthood will take place on Tuesday 3 October at 6.00pm at the Cloister Café, St Mary's Cathedral. The evening will consist of a time of prayer, a talk, and will end with a meal together. If you would like to attend, please contact Father Shaun Purdy by Saturday 30 September. Email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or Telephone 01207 299 012.

ROSARY RALLY A Rosary procession will be held on Saturday 7 October 2023 from St Joseph's Church, Gateshead to Northumberland Street, Newcastle followed by public Rosary in Northumberland Street. The day will start with First Saturday Mass and devotions at 11.00am at St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead (near to Gateshead Metro Station), then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge before assembling in Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm. All are welcome and anyone can join at any stage of the event.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBITION The Association of the Eucharist will be hosting an Exhibition about Blessed Carlo Acutis and his documentation of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The Exhibition will be held at St Joseph's, Gateshead, NE8 1LX from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 28 October. On Saturday 14 October, Bishop Emeritus Séamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass to mark the opening of the Exhibition; there will also be a guest speaker and a time of Adoration. For the remaining two weeks, the Exhibition will be available to visit, for a period of time, on a daily basis. More details about the launch day and timings to follow. Event details can be found at <https://bit.ly/DHNCarloAcutis>. Parish groups are welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – TRAINING PROGRAMME The Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team is offering a training programme to both parishioners who are currently involved in the ministry of Children's Liturgy of the Word and those who are new/interested in it. Please find below some key information about this two-session programme which will begin at the end of October.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Autumn Programme for those serving and those who are interested in serving in this ministry.

The Church makes especial provision for helping children at Mass. On Sunday if sufficient numbers of children are present, they can share in a form of the Liturgy of the Word shaped to their needs and understanding. It is a wonderful way of helping the young grow in their knowledge of the Gospel and the message of Jesus Christ.

Lay people lead these young Christians in listening and responding to the Word of God and help to discover what the Lord is saying to us.

The Church provides principles and guidelines to help adults in this great work. In our diocese we are offering an opportunity for those who are new to this ministry (and anyone who would like a refresher).

There will be two sessions looking at principles, practicalities and resources for Children's Liturgy of the Word. The programme ends with a Blessing and participants will receive a Certificate recognising their training.

The programme consists of two sessions:

When:

Session 1 Monday 30 October, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Session 2 Monday 6 November, 7.00 - 9.00pm

Venue: Saint Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY

Cost: £10.00 per participant (paid for by the parish).

Booking Deadline: Monday 23 October 2023

If you would like to come along, please contact Fr Peter to discuss it with him and then he will arrange for your registration for the course to be completed.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 5 October.**

HOLY ISLAND CAMP Holy Island Vinnies Camp is looking for new helpers to help in their kitchens on Holy Island. The Camp runs holidays for many of our Catholic Schools in the North East during the months of April to July and then September to November, but relies on volunteers to do caretaking duties and kitchen helpers to wash up, serve meals and help prepare light meals, salads and sandwiches etc for the groups staying on site. Commitment can be as little as a few days a year or more if you are able to and willing!

We are running a camp afternoon tea at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newcastle airport, on Saturday 7th October from 2.15pm until 4.45pm. People who are interested in volunteering are more than welcome to join us, but would need to email John Flynn on JohnF@svp.org.uk to book a place. Anyone who is thinking they might like to volunteer in 2024 could also contact Barbara Taws via BarbaraT@svp.org.uk to find more information about Camp and the process of becoming a volunteer. We hope to see you soon!

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

Department for Education

Primary Adviser - RE and Catholic Ethos - Full time, term-time. Closing date: 5 October

Secondary Adviser - RE and Catholic Ethos - Part-time, term-time. Secondment may be considered. Closing date: 5 October

Administrator - full-time, permanent. Closing date: 10 October
All the above roles are based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle.

Cleaner, St Charles, Gosforth – part-time, permanent. Closing date: 11 October

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Dark clouds gathered
blotting out the bright rays of the sun.
The afternoon light submerged into a twilight phase.
Rumbles of thunder fill the air
as the clouds darken further.
These sounds were punctuated
by the almost floating bell like melody of the heavy rain.
Beneath this strange yet captivating beauty
there was a translucent light which began to glow
spreading a glorious gentle, calming, peaceful
almost mystical beauty.
For those suffering hardship, war, displacement
and disaster, sounds can be intensified.
Are those sharp sounds gunfire
or worse a drone or a bomb?
Fear not peace their first thought.
Spirit of wisdom and of light bring to all who are suffering
an inner peace, resilience and calm
to soothe and support them.
Grant that we may all be revived
like the earth following a late summer storm
as we are healed by your gifts of hope, peace and love.

Jen Jones © September 2023

First Reading*Ezekiel 18:25-28*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 24:4-9. R/ v.6***R/ Remember your mercy, Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Second Reading*Philippians 2:1-11*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

Gospel*Matthew 21:28-32*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Harvest Fast Day Prayer 2023: Seeds of Hope**

Generous God, we thank you
for the gifts you have given
for all people to share.

We plant seeds of hope
and nurture them as we seek
a harvest of plenty for all.

Forgive us for the times these seeds
fail to take root in our hearts.

We grieve when homes and crops
are washed away by floods,
when lives are uprooted by disaster,
or trampled by fear and greed.

Living God, you lead us
to a new way of being.

Move us to help one another
in our times of need,
to care for the earth and
to love one another,
sharing your harvest with all.

Amen.

Catherine Gorman

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