



There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving.  
*Philippians 4:6*

## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**8 October 2023**

**Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year**

**Year A**

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### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 7 - 15 October 2023

<b>Saturday 7 October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Private Intention (CS)
<b>Sunday 8 October</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year (Year A)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Cecelia, Tony & Raymond McCusker (ann.)
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants</i>			
Monday 9 October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>			
Tuesday 10 October <i>St Paulinus of York</i>	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Wednesday 11 October <i>Pope St John XXIII</i>	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Thursday 12 October <i>St Wilfrid</i>	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
Friday 13 October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>			
<b>Saturday 14 October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 15 October</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Lawrence Regan (dec.)
<b>Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (Year A)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Bob Payne (dec.)

### *Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 27 Year 1*

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri*

**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), Mary Reid, 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).*

**PRISONERS' SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER** This weekend at Mass we remember and pray for prisoners and their families. *Pact* is the Prison Advice and Care Service which supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families to live lives that bear good fruit. For more information and to donate to *Pact*, please visit [www.prisonadvise.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvise.org.uk)

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL** Friday 6 October was CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help fast to where it's needed most - 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](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**LAUDATE DEUM** On 4 October, Pope Francis published part two of his exhortation on the environment (part one being his Apostolic Letter *Laudato Si'* published in 2015). If you would like to read *Laudate Deum* and its important message on the climate crisis facing our world, please visit [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html)  
For more information on *Laudate Deum*, please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/laudate-deum-explained>

**CONFIRMATION MASS 1 OCTOBER 2023** Fr Peter writes: *Many thanks to everyone who helped to prepare for and celebrate the Confirmation Mass last Sunday when we were delighted to welcome Bishop Stephen to our parish. It was a joyful and uplifting occasion both in the celebration of the Mass and the reception afterwards, including the wonderful cakes! Prayerful congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation - May God who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfilment. Amen.*

**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:** dried pasta, long grain rice, cereal, sugar, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, gravy granules, feminine hygiene (tampons), tinned potatoes, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), squash, teabags, cooking oil, antiperspirant.

**OTHER priority items:** UHT milk, pasta sauce, coffee, tomato purée, tinned fruit, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, garden peas, sweetcorn, sliced carrots, rice pudding, custard, meatballs, hotdogs coffee, biscuits, 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**FIRST STEPS** Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? *First Steps* is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you, this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF> **First Steps online begins on Wednesday 11 October at 7pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom.** Further information and the registration link can be found at [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

**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!

Anyone who is thinking they might like to volunteer in 2024 could contact Barbara Taws via [BarbaraT@svp.org.uk](mailto:BarbaraT@svp.org.uk) to find more information about the Camp and the process of becoming a volunteer. We hope to see you soon!

**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 12 October.**

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

**Department for Education**

Administrator - full-time, permanent. Closing date: 10 October  
The above role is based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle.

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

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

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

Enfolded in a circle of loving hands  
the strength of your peace brings calmness.  
Individual thoughts linked into a chain of love  
surround and warm the coldness of fear.  
Hope, which had been vanquished, is allowed to flourish.  
Positive love filled strength enfolds and soothes.  
Grant me the courage to retain this love  
and be wrapped in the wisdom of gifted love.  
To find peace when difficulties arise  
and recognise your hand in the love and support of others.

*Jen Jones © 2005 revised 2021*

### Prisoners Week Prayer



Prisoners · Families · Communities  
A Fresh Start Together

Lord Jesus, you know what it is to be held captive. We pray for all those residents in prison and their families. May they be aware of your presence with them and may your spirit bring them peace and the hope of new life in Jesus Christ. May the walls of prison provide a secure place for them to discover both their need for you and that they are loved unconditionally by you. We pray for all who work in prisons, keep them safe and help them to know and demonstrate your compassion and grace in their daily lives. We pray for all victims of crime; may your spirit bring them healing and peace as they rebuild their lives. Gracious God, whose love extends over all the Earth, across all time and for all people, hear our prayer. Amen.

*Written for Pact by the Venerable Peter Leonard, formerly  
Anglican Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight.*

[www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk)

**First Reading***Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R/ Isaiah 5:7***R/ The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field.
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.
4. And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading***Philippians 4:6-9*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your mind with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***cf. John 15:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I chose you from the world  
to go out and bear fruit,  
fruit that will last, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Matthew 21:33-43*

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, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce but the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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