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## THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill

St Mary ▪ Whickham

St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston

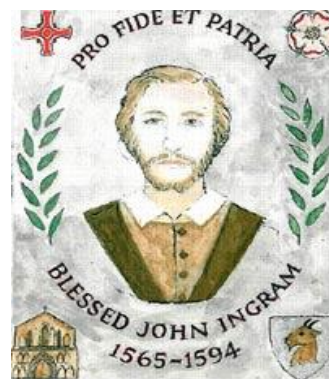
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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**22 September 2024**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday of The Year**

**Year B**

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### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 21 September - 29 September 2024

<b>Saturday 21 September</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 22 September</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Kathleen Cunningham (dec.)
<b>Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Ann Tate (dec.)
Monday 23 September			
Tuesday 24 September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>			
Wednesday 25 September			
Thursday 26 September <i>Sts, Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>			
Friday 27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>			
N.B. No Weekday Masses			
<b>Saturday 28 September</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Frances Rose O'Donnell (dec.)
<b>Sunday 29 September</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Private Intention (MT)
<b>Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish

#### **Weekday Readings**

*Ordinary Time Week 25 Year 2*

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Pauline Mulholland who died recently. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, John Jukes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Bill Martin, Frank McCoy, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Nora Miller, Margaret Murphy, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Tony Richardson.

*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).*

**NEW PARISH APPOINTMENTS** Bishop Stephen has asked Canon Peter to become Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Byermoor in addition to his current responsibilities as Parish Priest of the Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri. Bishop Stephen is also appointing Fr Endre Kormos as Assistant Priest for the Parishes of Our Lady and St Philip Neri and Sacred Heart, Byermoor.

#### **FOOD BANK & REFUGEE 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 but monetary donations are also very much appreciated.**

**SHORT SUPPLY - UHT milk, squash, biscuits, cereal, pasta, tinned soup, potatoes, crisps, feminine hygiene - (towels & tampons) & toilet rolls**

**OTHER priority items** - tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, tinned garden peas, rice pudding, meatballs, hotdogs, fruit, meat (corned beef, pek) carrots, sweetcorn, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, custard, pasta sauce, dried pasta, long grained rice, tomato purée, gravy granules, teabags, laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, shampoo, antiperspirant, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, cooking oil, sugar, jam, & coffee,

**Other items we put into the monthly food bags, especially for the refugee project, - tinned chickpeas & kidney beans.**

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart church between 9.30 -10.30 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, Whickam either via mobile 07837 386 760 or email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 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.

**LITURGY DAY FOR READERS** A Liturgy Day for Readers and the New Lectionary will take place on **Saturday 12 October, 10.30am - 3.30pm at St Patrick's, Victoria Road, Consett DH8 5AX.** This is an opportunity for those who proclaim the Scriptures at Sunday or Weekday Mass to look at the background of why we are going to be using a new translation of the Scriptures at Mass. We shall look at the steps to be taken to be ready to proclaim the Word of God with confidence and clarity using this new translation. **If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church by next weekend 21/22 September.** (N.B. the booking fee of £15 per person will be paid for by the Parish.)

**NOTICE FOR PARISH BULLETINS FOR FIRST STEPS 2024**  
**Exploring the Catholic Faith.** Are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start? Welcome to First Steps! Join Deacon Shaun and the First Steps team on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you, and it may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly online via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith. Starts on Wednesday 2 October at

**RED MISSION BOXES** are now due to be emptied. Money can be given to Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart and St Mary's or Denise Hebron at St Philip Neri. Copies of *Mission Today Autumn 2024* are now available but the magazine can also be read online by visiting the Mission website:

<https://missio.org.uk/mission-today/> Please contact Lilian Gray on 07717 853685 or [liliangray@sky.com](mailto:liliangray@sky.com) if you have any queries.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - PIE AND PEA SUPPER** The Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle are having a pie, pea and chip supper (vegetarians will be catered for) with bingo and raffle at St Joseph's Home on Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 7.00pm in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £7, available from St Joseph's Home, tel. 0191 273 1279.

#### **GIFT FOR LIFE – MAKING AN EVEN BIGGER DIFFERENCE**

Thank you to everyone for your on-going support for *Gift for Life*. We are continuing to support The Little Sisters of St Francis in Kenya and Balamma Satram in India as well as the Justice and Peace Refugee Project here in our own Diocese. Indeed, we have been able to provide an extra £500 to India and Kenya recently – and £100 extra to the Refugee Project. Also, due to the success of the '100 Club', we are now in a position to offer one or two small grants (maximum of £500) to organisations and projects that meet certain criteria and support the most vulnerable and desperate in society. Any applications for these grants will need a proposer from within our parish community. For full details and an application form please contact [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com). Watch this space for news about the **Gift for Life '100 Club'** for the coming year - which will start at the beginning of December. Thank you again, your contributions are making a huge difference.

**FLAME 2025** takes place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. The theme is **'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'**. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). **COST: £45** per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact [mary.hughes@ymt.org](mailto:mary.hughes@ymt.org)

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) supports adults who want to explore their spirituality and if they wish to become a Catholic. It is an informal system of regular meetings to explore what it means to be a Catholic. Meetings are generally held on Tuesday evenings at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling at 6.30 pm for one hour, only during school term times. These meetings allow participants to talk about topics in an open, non-judgemental way. Topics look at the history of the Church, The Bible, the Sacraments of the Church and prayer. You can suggest topics too. The meetings are based around the Sycamore Course approved by the Church. Participants do not have to make their mind up straight away but can decide as the course progresses. This decision is yours alone. You are encouraged to talk to Canon Peter or call Alan Edgell on 07976 402023.

7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their Journey in faith). You can register here:

<https://bit.ly/DHNFirstSteps>

#### **DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancies:

**Deputy Director of Education** – Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 1 October.

**Property Surveyor** – Full-time, maternity cover. Closing date: 23 September.

**Youth Safeguarding Adviser** – Full-time, 2-year fixed-term contract. Closing date: 23 September.

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

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT** Men aged 18+, who think God might be calling them to serve in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle as a Priest, are invited to explore their vocation with the Diocesan Priestly Vocations Team. Meetings take place each month between 18.00 and 20.00 at St Joseph's Church, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley. The next meetings will be on: Tuesday 1 October, Tuesday 5 November and Tuesday 3 December. If you would like more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Fr Shaun Purdy by email: [vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone: 01207 299012.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish **Office by 10.00am on Thursday 19 September.**

**SAFEGUARDING** *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan policies and procedures at all times. Each of our churches has a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) indicated on the Safeguarding posters in each church - Angela Bell (Immaculate Heart), Bernadette Salmon & Joe Wheatley (St Mary's), Denise Hebron (St Philip Neri). Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 243 3305 or [safeguarding@diocesehn.org](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org)*

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

The early rays of autumn sunshine gently turn the green leaves to dazzling gold.

Warmth begins to flood the air with quiet stillness. These beautiful rays spread joy and hope they carry within them a promise of growth and strength.

Our natural world gleams and glistens like an enormous flashing jewelled garment spreading delight and wonder.

May we stop and drink deeply of this unique gift. Lift our eyes and scenes and feel the velvet softness of its glory.

This extraordinary time brings colour and depth sweeping and swirling gliding and exploding with light not fading strength.

Help us allow healing and renewal to develop within us as we witness these treasures of light and beauty to envelop us with their warmth.

Allow them to support us in the challenges we face not alone but in unity with each other to care and value each person on our journey and spread love in its numerous forms to those who share our lives.

Jen Jones September 2021

**First Reading***Wisdom 2:12. 17-20*

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalms 53:3-6. 8. R/v.6*

**R/ The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth.
2. For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.
3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good.

**Second Reading***James 3:16 - 4:3*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John*

8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 9:30-37*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' they said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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