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Deuteronomy 6:2a. 6

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Whickham
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston
and
THE PARISH OF SACRED HEART, BYERMoor

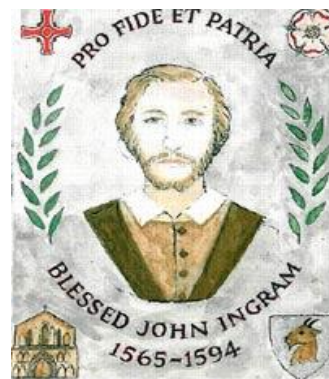
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

2 November 2024

Thirty First Sunday of The Year

Year B

The Parish Secretary, Theresa Noble, will be available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery on Tuesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm. She can also be contacted by email ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 2 November - 10 November 2024

Saturday 2 November	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	David Johnson (dec.)
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 November	9.00am	St Mary	Deceased of Cunningham Family
Thirty First Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mary Cookson (dec.)
Monday 4 November	6.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 5 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.)
Wednesday 6 November	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Vincent Porter & Porter Family (dec.)
Thursday 7 November	9.30am	St. Mary	Mary Turnbull (liv.)
Friday 8 November			
Saturday 9 November	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Harry Attrill (dec.)
Sunday 10 November	9.00am	St Mary	Hilda Arnold (dec.)
Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (B)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Francis & Matthew Bullock (dec.)
Remembrance Sunday			

Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 31 Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am 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 Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, 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).

THE PARISH OF SACRED HEART, BYERMOOR This weekend 2/3 November, Canon Peter assumes responsibility as Parochial Administrator for Sacred Heart Parish, Byermoor. This is in addition to his present responsibilities as Parish Priest of Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish and as Vicar General. Fr Endre Kormos will support Canon Peter as Assistant Priest for both Parishes and he will be residing at Sacred Heart Presbytery. We look forward to welcoming Fr Endre and his family in the coming weeks. The Parish Office for Sacred Heart Parish will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Presbytery, Lobley Hill, Gateshead - email address and telephone number are as listed at the top of the first page of the Newsletter.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION The Fund remains open until Sunday 24 November and there are envelopes at the back of church for any donations you may wish to Gift Aid.

THE NEW LECTIONARIES have arrived! If you sponsored one of the Lectionary volumes, someone will contact you over the next couple of weeks to agree the named inscription you would like to be added at the front of the volume you have sponsored. Once again, many thanks to all who generously sponsored the new Lectionaries including the Book of the Gospels.

PARISH FINANCES UPDATE Parish funds for the 6 months ended September have fallen by £7,996 since March 2024 to £261,117. Offertory collections of £27,074 are 3.7% down on last year while rental income from the three Whickham properties (i.e. the Presbytery, the Hall and Dockendale Cottage) was £11,705. While offertories have slowly recovered since the Covid church closures, the forecast of £55,000 for the current financial year will still be some £10,000 down on the pre-covid figures. Unfortunately, costs continue to rise with repair expenditure in particular being an unknown quantity. As a separate item, the parish continues to hold monies on behalf of Gift for Life (£6,428), Foodbank (£1,755) and special collections (£1,593). Once again, we thank you for your ongoing generosity in the form of Offertory Collections and donations as we seek to maintain our parish in as healthy financial position as possible.

VOLUNTEER CENSUS REMINDER Could you please return any completed forms this weekend. Forms are available at the back of church or you can complete your details via the QR Code on the poster at the back of Church. A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely and regularly to assist anywhere within the Parish, School or Diocese. Volunteering is a grace from God. Volunteers are the strength of the Church.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF LIGHT You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Service of Light on Sunday 17 November at 3pm in St Mary's RC Church, Dockendale Lane, Whickham. The Service will be led by Revd Paul Nichol, Catholic Chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. This is an opportunity for prayer and quiet reflection as we remember all those who have died in the Gateshead area. Tea and coffee in the Church Hall afterwards. All are welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 November 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 6 November 2024. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives by this Sunday 3 November:

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2024/2025 If your child is currently in Year 4 (or above) and they are not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2025, please contact the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery as soon as possible by email or telephone: e-mail ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk tel. 0191 460 4274. Please provide your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 Club' - Numbers now on sale.

Following positive feedback from parishioners, we are pleased to announce that the Gift for Life '100 Club' will run for another year. The first new draw will take place on Sunday 1 December and numbers are available after Masses at our 3 churches from this weekend until 23/24 November. Payment is in advance for the year either by cash or cheque made payable to Our Lady & St Philip Neri (please write 100 Club on the back of the cheque) and is £25 per number. The '100 Club' has proved to be a very good way of helping to fund the causes you all so generously support in Kenya, India and more locally. The prize level this year will depend on the number of participants who sign up and will be notified in the parish newsletter before the first draw. By way of an example, if we get a similar number of people involved this time, there is likely to be a first prize of £50, a second prize of £30 and a third prize of £20 each month (a little more than last year). Please note, existing numbers will not be carried over into the new scheme – it is 'first come, first served' for numbers for the new arrangements. If you have any questions, please see one of the Gift for Life Group or contact us on giftforlife20@gmail.com P.S. The November draw takes place after Mass at St Mary's this Sunday - Come along for refreshments, good conversation and see the draw take place. Thank you for your generous support.

THE NORTHERN CROSS November edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

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 - cereal, pasta sauce, dried pasta, tinned hotdogs, potatoes, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), tuna, shower gel, shampoo, antiperspirant.

OTHER priority items - UHT milk, tinned sweetcorn, carrots, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, custard fruit, rice pudding, garden peas, meatballs, long grained rice, biscuits, teabags, coffee tomato purée, sugar, cooking oil, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), toilet rolls, toothpaste.

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, Whickham either via mobile 07837 386 760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE In early September 2024, when Parliament returned and a Bill on assisted suicide (so-called assisted dying) started its passage through the House of Lords, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action.

On Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons heard the First Reading of a new Bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater. MPs will have the opportunity to vote on the Bill on 29 November. This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and you are encouraged to contact your MP to voice your opposition. The charity *Right to Life UK* has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. Click here to [contact your MP](#) via the *Right to Life UK* website www.righttolife.org.uk

BBC DOCUMENTARY Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. You can watch the documentary online at www.righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead (you do not need a TV licence).

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE invites you to come and hear Veronica Whitty speak about Driving Mother Teresa. The meeting will be at Holy Name Parish Hall, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Thursday 14 November at 2.30pm

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: 6 November.

Finance Manager - Full-time. Closing date: 8 November.

Both roles are based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle.

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

FLAME 2025 takes place on Saturday 15 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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 7 November.**

Jen's weekly prayer

As we remember the loved ones
who are no longer physically with us
we can cherish the times we shared with them,
enjoying once again the sound of their voice,
the many ways they told their stories,
the love and warmth we received and gave:
for love is an incredible gift which never gives out,
it continues to comfort and support us just as darkness
gradually creeps ever earlier each day
we have for our delight the wondrous beauty
of the vibrant stars displayed in their regal splendour,
gleaming like a huge necklace
of floating, glittering beauty.
They sparkle and glow as the moon's bright beams
spread their soft light to guide their way.
Grant that we keep those loving memories of loved ones
within us and carry too those who cannot see
the beauty above or below them
because of conflict and disaster.
Help them to find hope and comfort
and may we all strive to live in harmony and peace
with each other as we move forward on our journeys.

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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.uk

First Reading*Deuteronomy 6:2-6*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 17:2-4. 47. 51. R/v.2*

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Second Reading*Hebrews 7:23-28*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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*Mark 12:28-34*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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