



The Prophet Elijah and the widow of Sidon (see today's first reading, I Kings 17:10-16)

**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, BYERMOR**

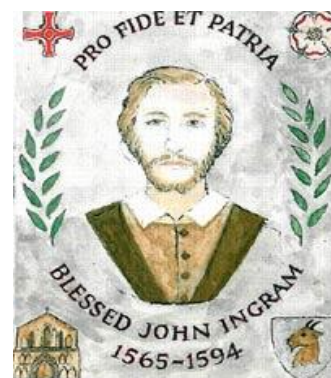
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**9 November 2024**

**Thirty Second Sunday of The Year**

**Year B**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 9 November - 17 November 2024**

<b>Saturday 9 November</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Harry Attrill (dec.)
<b>Sunday 10 November</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Hilda Arnold (dec.)
<b>Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Francis & Matthew Bullock (dec.)
<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>			
Monday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	6.30pm	Sacred Heart	Marc Quinn (SVP)
Tuesday 12 November <i>St Josaphat</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Holy Souls
Wednesday 13 November	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Lawrence Regan (dec.)
Thursday 14 November	9.30am	St Mary	Ann Tate (dec.) [MD]
Friday 15 November			
Saturday 16 November	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 17 November</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Kathleen Cunningham (dec.) [PC]
<b>Thirty Third Sunday of the Year (B)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Freddy Bamborough (dec.)

**Weekday Readings**

Ordinary Time Week 32 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

**Baptisms**

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church Charlotte Spears and Anya King*

**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** Canon Peter has now assumed 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.

#### **OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI 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.

#### **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, cereal, & antiperspirant**

**OTHER priority items** tinned sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, potatoes, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, custard fruit, rice pudding, hotdogs, meatballs, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), tuna, pasta sauce, dried pasta, long grained rice, biscuits, teabags, coffee tomato purée, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, shampoo feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), toilet rolls, toothpaste, cooking oil, & sugar  
**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](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

#### **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](mailto: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.

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL** The Year 6 pupils would like to invite parishioners to attend their Remembrance Day Liturgy on Monday 11 November at 10.45am in the school hall. It would be lovely to see some of you there.

**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](mailto:mary.hughes@ymt.org)

**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](mailto:contactyourmp@righttolife.org.uk) via the *Right to Life UK* website [www.righttolife.org.uk](http://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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead) (you do not need a TV licence).

**BOOK SALE** at Immaculate Heart Church this Sunday. Donations please.

**LOVE CHRISTMAS 2024** Christmas is just over **6 weeks away!** From the weekend of **Christ the King (24/25 November)** there will be a food list of special food items for the hampers plus a box at each church (food items already purchased can be handed in from this date).

- There will also be an Angel Tree in each of our three churches the weekend of **24/25 November** - each tree will be have tags with gender & age of gifts required - please take one - or maybe two!
- All gifts and food donations need to be handed in by **Sunday 15 December**.
- Become a Santa's Little Helper - **save the day Tuesday 17 December** - come along to Immaculate Heart Church and help wrap all the donated presents plus organise the food hampers - details of times will be announced.
- Arrangements have already been made with Gateshead Social Services Department to collect all the gift items on the morning of **Wednesday 18 December** from Immaculate Heart Church.
- One final important date for our Seniors' diaries the annual Christmas Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 4 December**. There will be the opportunity to attend **Mass at 11am then lunch, in St Mary's Hall**, will follow.

#### Finally

- Please remember, if you would prefer someone else to shop on your behalf feel free to donate cash (mark the donation 'Love Christmas')

Any queries please contact either Katie Wilkinson via email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com) telephone 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron via email [deinsehebron@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:deinsehebron@yahoo.co.uk) telephone 07554 445679.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AT SACRED HEART** Sacred Heart Church will remain open during the month of November for you to remember your loved ones. The book will be presented at the altar during our Masses.

**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

**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.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** November edition is on sale price £1.50.

**RED BOX HOLDERS – MISSION TODAY CALENDAR** The Mission today calendar is a small thank you to all Red Box holders and supporters for your prayers and donations throughout the year. The calendars are currently being distributed. If you don't receive a calendar over the next few weeks and would like one please contact Lilian Gray on 07717853685 or [liliangray@sky.com](mailto:liliangray@sky.com) Inside the 2025 calendar is information about the 2024 Christmas appeal. Please visit the Missio website [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) for further information or news and events.

The next Parish collection of the Red Boxes will be in the Spring 2025

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)** The agenda and approved minutes of the PPC meeting held in February are now available to read at the back of each church.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 14 November**.

#### Jen's Weekly Prayer

Your comforting calm enables us to face the huge challenges of these turbulent times.

Anxiety and fear can rob us our courage but your strength brings light and hope in our darkness. We feel that strength through the holding and sharing of those who love us and together we can reach out and offer support and help.

Enable us to keep reaching out in our own unique way however large or small those gestures may be, a smile, a call, a kind word show love which is the catalyst to bring hope and light when all appears bleak.

We remember the many victims across the globe who are caught up in conflicts, aggression, terrorism and persecution or major disasters.

At this time we also reflect with love on all of our loved ones who are no longer with us, remembering their love which remains within us. Love, a small word but mighty, can fill us with peace, courage, and hope, a light to quell the darkness.

*Jen Jones © November 2022*

**First Reading***I Kings 17:10-16*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
Rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 145:7-10. R/v.2*

**R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**Second Reading***Hebrews 9:24-28*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Matthew 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!

How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 12:38-44*

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.' be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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*Remembrance Sunday 2024*

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

*Laurence Binyon (1869 - 1943)*