



Jesus said: 'Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13:31

## 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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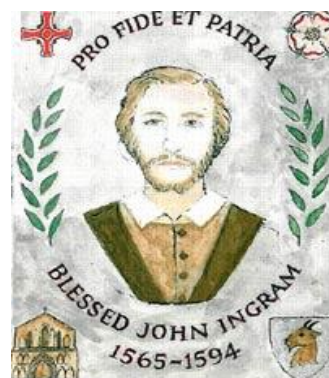
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17 November 2024

Thirty Third Sunday of The Year

Year B

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### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 16 November - 24 November 2024

<b>Saturday 16 November</b>	<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.)
Monday 18 November	6.30pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
Tuesday 19 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mary Cookson (dec.) [WC]
Wednesday 20 November	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Holy Souls
Thursday 21 November <i>Presentation of the BVM</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Raymond Deponio (dec.)
Friday 22 November <i>St Cecilia</i>			
Saturday 23 November	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Frank Smith & Martin Bryce (dec.)
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 24 November</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Margaret & Sid Davies (liv.)
<b>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Joe Welsh (dec.) [SW]
Youth Sunday			

#### Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 33 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, 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).*

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

**YOUTH SUNDAY - A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM (YMT)** As we near Youth Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King next Sunday 24 November, we invite you to celebrate and encourage young people in our Diocese. World Youth Sunday resources are now available, including a registration link for CYMFed's *World Youth Sunday*, a free, interactive livestream event on Friday 22 November. Join live from studios in London, Nottingham, and YMT, with special guests like Sr Anna and Sr Linda (*Daughters of Divine Charity*), Bishop David Oakley, and more, ending the day with a moment of Adoration. Thank you for any support or fundraising you can offer for youth ministry in our Diocese. Follow YMT [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) and visit the CYMFed website [www.cymfed.org.uk](http://www.cymfed.org.uk)  
**There will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses next weekend to support YMT (envelopes will be available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation).**

**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.

**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.

**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.**

**IN 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, sugar, cooking oil, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, shampoo 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 9.30am -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)

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY** this year is on Wednesday 4 December at St. Mary's Hall. Mass will be celebrated at 11.15am followed by lunch and festivities in St. Mary's Hall. There are lists at the entrance of each church - **if you would like to attend, please put your name on the list by next Sunday 24 November.** If you find you are unable to attend, please let us know, otherwise food will be wasted. Also, if you know of anyone who would like to attend but is unable to get to church, let us know and we may be able to arrange transport for them. Contact details are Denise Hebron tel. 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760.

**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:contact_your_MP@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.

**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.

**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.

**LOVE CHRISTMAS 2024 begins in earnest next weekend - the Solemnity of Christ the King (24/25 November)**

- Look out for a food list of special food items for the Christmas hampers along with a box at each church (food items already purchased can be handed in from this date)
- The weekend (24/25 November) will also see the Angel Tree erected in each of our three churches - each of the three trees will be have tags with gender & age of gifts required - please take one - or maybe two!
- Please remember, if you would prefer someone else to shop on your behalf feel free to donate cash (mark the donation 'Love Christmas' )
- All gifts and food donations need to be handed in by Sunday 15 December
- 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

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.

**APPEAL FOR HELPERS TO WRAP PRESENTS! Please, please, please come along to the Packing and Wrapping session on Tuesday 17 December (there'll be two opportunities for you - one following Mass at 10am and the second at 6.30pm).** Why not become a Santa's Little Helper for a couple of hours at Immaculate Heart? Everyone really enjoyed being involved in this 'nice bit' last year. So don't be shy, you will welcomed with open arms (**you, plus your scissors & sellotape if possible!**).

**SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS**

**WELCOME TO STUDENT READERS FROM SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL** This weekend at Sacred Heart Church we have the privilege of welcoming some of the students from Sacred Heart School who are reading for us at the Saturday 4.30pm Evening Mass. We are looking forward to them participating at Masses this way in the future as well!

**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.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES AT SACRED HEART CEMETERY** In this month of the Holy Souls, we will be blessing the graves at Sacred Heart, Byermoor on Saturday 23 November before the 4.30pm Mass. We will gather at 3.30 pm at the Stational Cross in the upper cemetery for prayers, and then we will go around and bless all graves. If you or anyone you know have relatives resting there and would like some prayers said at the graveside individually, please let Fr Endre know and we can pause for a short prayer and individual blessing of the grave. Please invite along people who you know to have their loved ones buried here - it's a great opportunity for mission and to re-establish connections.

**THANK YOU FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** A huge thank you to everyone who very kindly supported our Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 9 November. It was a great success. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. We look forward to welcoming you back. *Mother Kathleen Mary and Community*

**DAY RETREAT WITH THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY** On Saturday 7 December we are hoping to host an Advent Day Retreat at St Mary's Hall, Whickham. The event will start with Mass at 10am and will conclude by 3pm. It will be led by Fr Endre. More details will be available closer to the date.

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

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 21 November.**

**Jen's weekly Prayer**

The longer nights of approaching winter give us time to feel the cocooning comfort and peace the darkness brings. Following a spectacular multicoloured sunset with cardinal red orange, almost translucent blue, gentle golden yellows and feathered clouds, we are treated to sparking moon and glittering diadems of stars. The stillness of the night allows us to rest, to be calmed and healed. As we treasure these blessed gifts, help us to think of the many areas of the world where darkness brings fear of attacks, sounds of explosives, screams and pain. For those who are homeless, not warmth but cold of pavement, a bench, a dark tunnel to rest their head, often hungry afraid feeling forgotten. May your healing hands of love enfold them so they feel comforted and strengthened and grant that in the not too distant future they too can be bathed in the light, peace and calm of the night and emerge into not the sound of violence or abuse, but the quiet sound of silent shelter, love, safety and hope.

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

**First Reading***Daniel 12:1-13*

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalms 15:5. 8-11.R/v.1*

**R/ Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.
3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

**Second Reading***Hebrews 10:11-14.18*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Matthew 24:42. 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,  
because you do not know the hour  
when the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 13:24-32*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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