



Jesus replied [to Pilate] 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world.... I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

*Cf. John 18:36.37*

**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**

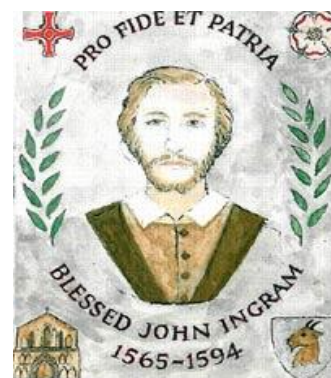
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**24 November 2024**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

**Year B**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 23 November - 1 December 2024**

<b>Saturday 23 November</b>	<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			
Monday 25 November	6.30pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
Tuesday 26 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention (liv.) [CC]
Wednesday 27 November	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Holy Souls
Thursday 28 November	9.30am	St Mary	Stephen Airey (dec.) [CM]
Friday 29 November			
Saturday 30 November	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Michael Morris (dec.)
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 1 December</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Maureen Miller (dec.)
<b>First Sunday of Advent (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Mary Cookson (dec.) [WC]

**Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 34 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

**Baptism**

*This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church Ethan Dobson*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Teresa Fawcett, 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).*

**YOUTH SUNDAY - A MESSAGE FROM YMT** Today, we celebrate Youth Sunday, The Feast of Christ the King and the vital role young people play in our Church. Bishop Stephen has written a letter which highlights the inspiring contributions of our youth and the dedication of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT). Please see the poster at the back of the church, showcasing the ways youth ministry has flourished this year, from the return of *The Source* gathering to successful summer festivals and the JP11 and Faith in Action Awards.

**Your support is essential - a special collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who wish to contribute, they can be returned at a later date. Thank you.**

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

**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, tinned sweetcorn & meatballs.**

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

**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)

**A huge thank you to the Sacred Heart Parish, Byermoor** who are now collecting food donations for the parish food bank. Your generosity is appreciated and very welcome.

**GIFT FOR LIFE '100 Club'** - Last chance to get your numbers! This weekend is the last chance to purchase numbers for the new Gift for Life '100 Club' - numbers are available after Masses this weekend. 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 first new draw will take place on Sunday 1 December with a first prize of £50, a second prize of £30 and a third prize of £20 (a little more than last year). Please note, existing numbers will not be carried over into the new scheme. 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) 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. Thank you so much.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 December 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.

**THE SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will be held on **Wednesday 4 December**. There will be the opportunity to attend **Mass at 11.15am followed by lunch, in St Mary's Hall**. Please remember to add your name to the lists at the back of each church.

**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](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).

**'Is the Assisted Suicide Bill about Compassion, Giving Choice and Dignity?'** In conjunction with the Catholic Union. Calling All People of Faith and those of None. Sunday, 24 November 2024, 3-5pm at Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Come and hear from experts in the field who have serious concerns about a possible change in the law. Panel includes: Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE DL, multi gold medal winning paralympic athlete and advocate for disability rights, Dr Matthew Doré, Consultant Palliative Care Physician, Professor Julian Hughes, Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist, Professor David Jones, Professor of Bioethics. There will be a Panel Discussion with some Q&A at the end. Livestreaming available by visiting [www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream) For more information about the event, please visit [www.catholicunion.org.uk](http://www.catholicunion.org.uk)

**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.

**LOVE CHRISTMAS 2024 launches this weekend of Christ the King (24/25 November)**

- There is now a list of special food items which we are requesting for the Christmas Food hampers. There is a box in each church for these Christmas food donations (food items already purchased can now be handed in)
- **This weekend 24/25 November** will also see the **Angel Trees** lit up in each of our three churches - each tree will have tags with gender & age of gifts requested by social services. Their list included over 700 children, so please take a tag - or maybe two! You don't need to wrap these generous gifts as Santa's little helpers will be busy at work doing this on your behalf during the sessions on Tuesday 17 December (however, your gift donated in a bag with the original tag would be greatly appreciated)
- **Please remember**, if you would prefer someone else to shop on your behalf feel free to donate cash (marking the donation 'Love Christmas' )
- All gifts and food donations must be handed in by **Sunday 15 December**
- Arrangements have been made with Gateshead Social Services department to collect all the donated gift items on the morning of **Wednesday 18 December** from Immaculate Heart Church

• **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 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 be welcomed with open arms - **you plus your scissors & sellotape if possible!**

Last year volunteers wrapped 297 gifts and prepared 20 Christmas Food hampers so as many volunteers as possible will be greatly appreciated

Any queries please contact either Katie Wilkinson via email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com) telephone 07837386760 or Denise Hebron via email [deinsehebron@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:deinsehebron@yahoo.co.uk) telephone 07554445679.

**SAFEGUARDING** *The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocesan 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)*

**SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS**

**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.

**SACRED HEART BYERMOOR: PARISH CENSUS** We will be taking a parish census during the season of Advent so we have up-to-date records for pastoral ministry. Forms will be available at the back of Sacred Heart Church throughout Advent. Please include all people at your address - you can fit three people on each form, and you can use several forms if needed. All answers are voluntary, but the more detail you provide, the better the clergy will be able to carry out their duties towards you! Leave completed forms with Fr Endre — either in person, or just put it through the letterbox at Sacred Heart Presbytery. Please also take forms to those members of the Parish whom you have not seen in a while, especially if they are housebound.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 28 November.**

**Jen's weekly Prayer**

Tiny, tender plants, shrubs and young saplings  
need nurturing care food and water.

They need to have the strength to flourish  
and eventually emerge into their full potential.

Dedicated guardians watch their progress  
delight in their development.

Our young ones of all ages need to feel valued  
and cherished wherever they reside.

Help us to cherish all of our young people to enable  
them to develop their gifts and talents  
to grow to be strong, caring, loving and compassionate  
people who value each other and themselves.

May freedom of speech and decent human rights  
be available for all

and may the scars of war, conflict and disaster  
no longer be the burden they have to carry.

Wrapped in light, love, hope and peace  
may they thrive and flourish.

*Jen Jones © November 2024*

**First Reading***Daniel 7:13-14*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
 And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
 one like a son of man.  
 He came to the one of great age  
 and was led into his presence.  
 On him was conferred sovereignty,  
 glory and kingship,  
 and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
 became his servants.  
 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
 which shall never pass away,  
 nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 92:1-2. 5. R/ v.1*

**R/ The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
 the Lord has robed himself with might,  
 he has girded himself with power.
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
 your throne has stood firm from of old.  
 From all eternity, O Lord, you are.
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
 Holiness is fitting to your house.  
 O Lord, until the end of time.

**Second Reading***Apocalypse 1:5-8 10-11-14. 18*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Mark 11:9-10*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel***John 18:33-37*

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**ADVENT REFLECTIONS** The Diocesan Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced an online booklet of Advent reflections, which can be found at <https://bit.ly/DHNAAdvent2024>