

A voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

Luke 3:22

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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Baptism of the Lord

Year C

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 11 -19 January 2025

Saturday 11 January	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mary McGahon (dec.)
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Harry Attrill (dec.) [CS]
Sunday 12 January	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving [JMcC]
Monday 13 January	2.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 14 January	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mary Cookson (dec.) [BC]
	12.30pm	Immaculate Heart	Funeral Service - Joan Morrison RIP
Wednesday 15 January	9.30am	St Philip Neri	N.B.F.
Thursday 16 January	9.30am	St Mary	Hugh Kelly (dec.)
Friday 17 January St Anthony of Egypt	9.30am	St. Mary	Priest's Intention (St. Mary's School attending)
Saturday 18 January	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mary Heslin (dec.) [PB]
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 January	9.00am	St Mary	George Turnbull (dec.) [MT]
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.) [SW]

Weekday Readings Ordinary Time Week 1, Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart and Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2.00pm - 2.25pm on Monday at Sacred Heart, 9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Joan Morrison, Tom Gleeson and Lorraine Grundy who have died recently. The Funeral Service for Joan Morrison will be on Tuesday 14 January at Immaculate Heart at 12.30pm followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Tom Gleeson will be celebrated on Wednesday 22 January at 10.30am at St. Mary's followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Lorraine Grundy will be celebrated on Thursday 23 January at 11.00am at Sacred Heart, followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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).

JUBILEE 2025 Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee, and the theme for the year will be *Pilgrims of Hope*. It will be a year of pilgrimage, prayer, celebration and reconciliation. The opening of the Jubilee Year in our Diocese has been marked with celebrations at our two Jubilee Hub Churches on Sunday 29 December when Bishop Stephen celebrated Mass and the opening of the Holy Door at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle and at St. Joseph's Church, Hartlepool.

There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' January winners – and forthcoming raffle The *Gift for Life* '100 Club' January draw took place last weekend at St Mary's and the lucky numbers were: 1st Prize (£50) number 31; 2nd Prize (£30) number 42 and 3rd Prize (£20) number 70. Congratulations to the winners! The February draw will take place at Immaculate Heart on Sunday 2 February. Also in February we will be having a *Gift for Life* raffle with some lovely prizes. Tickets will go on sale on the weekend of 25/26 January. Thank you all for your very generous support.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK At the close of Christian Unity Week (18–25 January) you are invited to come together with fellow Christians on Sunday 26 January, 3pm at St. Mary the Virgin, Church Chare, Whickham. This is our annual opportunity to share a period of quiet reflection and prayer as we celebrate our shared Christian faith. All are welcome.

FOOD BANK & REFUGEE UPDATE We welcome ALL non perishable produce - even if you can only donate 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out - monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

IN SHORT SUPPLY: dried pasta, tinned carrots, garden peas, potatoes, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), sweetcorn, meatballs, coffee, tomato purée, cooking oil, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, antiperspirant, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons) laundry powder/liquid.

OTHER priority items UHT milk, pasta sauce, tinned baked beans, chopped tomatoes, custard fruit, rice pudding, hotdogs, tuna, long grained rice, cereal, biscuits, teabags, sugar, shower gel, shampoo, 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, Whickam either via mobile 07837 386 760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

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

THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2025 is now on sale, price £3.50.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 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 as soon as possible, e-mail ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 16 January.**

Jen's weekly prayer

Snow looks picturesque as it falls on trees, bushes and ground, turning the ordinary into a wonderland of beauty. It sparkles and glows when touched by the pale winter sun. This unspoiled beauty soon vanishes as footprints make their indentations into the virgin white carpet. We all leave footprints, marks upon each moment each day. We can make them glow by a smile, a greeting or a chat to friend or stranger. It takes a degree of courage to carry out these seemingly simple acts of contact but it can be the spark which was missing from that person's day. We do not wear our troubles, fears or anxieties like the deep mark of footprints in snow but for those who are in need of warmth,

one to the other.

Help us to share the love, light and hope within us and place it like a warm cloak onto others on our journeys.

our courage can be a special act of love,

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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

Acts 10: 34-38

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading

Thus says the Lord:

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,

or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,

and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged

till he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his law.

'I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,

a light for the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, $% \left(t\right) =\left(t\right) ^{2}$

from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 29(28):1-2,3ac-4,3b,9b-10. R.11b*

R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. R/

The voice of the Lord upon the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord full of power the voice of the Lord full of splendour. R/

The God of glory thunders; in his Temple they all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. R/

In those days:

Peter opened his mouth and said:

"Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,

But in every nation anyone who fears him

and does what is right is acceptable to him.

As for the word that he sent to Israel,

preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ -

he is Lord of all -

you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea,

beginning from Galilee after the baptism that

John proclaimed:

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit

and with power.

He went about doing good

and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,

for God was with him.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time:

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised

and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying,

the heavens were opened,

and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form,

like a dove; and a voice came from heaven,

'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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