



'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'
Matthew 2:2

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
Immaculate Heart of Mary • Lobley Hill
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and
THE PARISH OF SACRED HEART, BYERMOOR

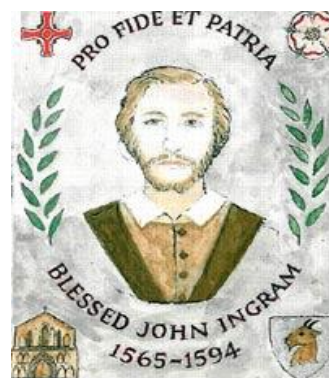
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5 January 2025

The Epiphany 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 4 -12 January 2025

Saturday 4 January	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Frank Bowes (dec.) [PB]
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Michael and Mary Gunning(dec.)
Sunday 5 January	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.)
Monday 6 January	2.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 7 January	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mary Cookson (dec.) [BC]
Wednesday 8 January	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Bernard Hearne (dec.) [CH]
Thursday 9 January	9.30am	St Mary	Norman James (dec.)
Friday 10 January			
Saturday 11 January	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mary McGahon (dec.) [CS]
	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]

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 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 Gift '100 CLUB' January draw this weekend.

The January draw takes place after Mass this Sunday (5 January) at St Mary's with prizes of £50, £30 and £20. Come along for refreshments, good conversation and see the draw take place. It could be you!

FOOD BANK & REFUGEE UPDATE The Food Bank will reopen on Thursday 9 January for donations and distribution. 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: pasta sauce, dried pasta, biscuits, tinned meat (mince, corned beef, pek), sweetcorn, meatballs cooking oil, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons).

OTHER priority items: UHT milk, tinned carrots, garden peas, potatoes, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, custard fruit, rice pudding, hotdogs, tuna, long grained rice, cereal, teabags, coffee tomato purée, sugar, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, shampoo, 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

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

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

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, email 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 9 January.**

Jen's weekly prayer

As we begin the first quarter century of this century,
help us to reflect upon the last days of the year
which are now consigned to history

and to imagine a world where
true peace, hope enlightenment and compassion
replace fear, pain, suffering, conflict
and a thirst for increased power.

Power is good when we empower others
to achieve their goals, for we all have different,
incredible gifts which have been gifted to us.

Help us to be brave enough
to use them wisely and well.

Grant that all who are in a positions
of authority and power may use that extraordinary
privilege to enable the lives of others
to be improved and valued.

May suppression, oppression, violence and domination
be replaced with the wondrous light of love
to glow in the tiny cracks or darkened expanses
to illuminate and show us how wondrous
such light can be, like a sky full of moonlight and stars,
gleaming and guiding us to a world not of bleakness
but one of intense light, peace, hope and abundant love
in the service of each other.

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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*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all round, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you,
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
Then you shall see and be radiant,
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 72 (71) 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*

**R/ All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you,
O Lord.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement.
2. In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth.
3. The kings of Tarshish and the islands
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.
4. For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.

Second Reading*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the
stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how
the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was
not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it
has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by
the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs,
members of the same body and the partakers of the promise
in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star when it rose and
have come to worship the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew: 2:1-12*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days
of Herod, the king, behold, wise men from the east came to
Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born King of the
Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to
worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was
troubled, and all Jerusalem with him, and assembling all the
chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them
where the Christ was to be born. They told him. 'In Bethlehem
of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means
least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a
ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained
from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent
them to Bethlehem saying, 'Go and search diligently for the
child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too
may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they
went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen
when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the
place where the child was. When they saw the star, they
rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house,
they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down
and worshipped him. Then opening their treasures, they
offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being
warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to
their own country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

