



Simeon said, 'My eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared for all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'
Luke 2:30-32

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

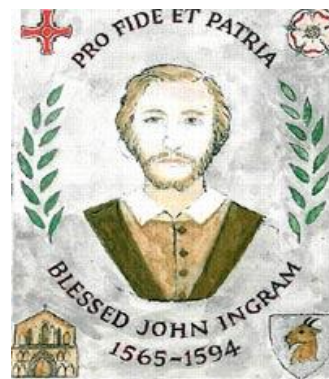
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The Presentation of the Lord

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 1 - 9 February 2025

Saturday 1 February	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Fr. Dermott Donnelly (dec.)
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Sunday 2 February	9.00am	St Mary	Priest's Intention
	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Tony & Cecilia McCusker (dec.)
Monday 3 February	2.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 4 February	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	McPhee & Mulligan Families (dec.)
Wednesday 5 February <i>St Agatha</i>	9.30am	St. Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 6 February <i>St Paul Miki and Companions</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
Friday 7 February			
Saturday 8 February	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Deceased Members of Henderson Family
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 9 February	9.00am	St Mary	Shelagh Kelly (liv.)
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased Members of Stephenson & Watson Families

Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 4 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 Bill (William) Cookson who has died recently. The Requiem Mass for Bill Cookson will be celebrated on Tuesday 11th February at 12 noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church followed by interment at Saltwell Cemetery. May he 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 declared that 2025 is to be a Year of Jubilee. The theme is *Pilgrims of Hope* - hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

In our Diocese, we will be reflecting on our initial Diocesan Vision during the Jubilee Year. There are many resources for parishes, clergy, religious, laypeople, educators and more, both on the Jubilee Year. It is a vital year in the Church's life. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>

A YEAR OF JUBILEE FORMATION OPPORTUNITY:

ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT As we journey through this year of Jubilee, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. As Catholics our hope is in the Lord who is always at work in our lives. Our new formation programme is designed to help us become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. You will explore how to accompany others whether it is informally while out talking with your neighbour or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The 'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. All are welcome to attend.

Dates & Times:

Session 1: Saturday 15 March 2025, 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Session 2: Saturday 12 April 2025, 10.00am - 1.00pm.

Venue: St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY.

Cost: £25.00.

For more information and booking details please visit bit.ly/DHNAdventurousAccompanimentYOJ or email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 February 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.

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.

SHORT SUPPLY: UHT milk, dried pasta, tinned carrots, garden peas, sweetcorn & meat (mince, corned beef, pek)

OTHER priority items: cereal, pasta sauce, tomato purée, tinned potatoes, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, custard fruit, rice pudding, tuna, sweetcorn, hotdogs, meatballs, long grained rice, biscuits, teabags, sugar, cooking oil, toothpaste, feminine hygiene (towels & tampons), coffee, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, antiperspirant laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls.

Other items we put into the monthly food bags, especially for the refugee project: tinned chickpeas & kidney beans.

A huge thank you to the pupils and parents from Sacred Heart Primary School who have now started to contribute food donations to our Parish Food Bank - your support is very much welcomed and appreciated.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC) The next PPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12 February 2025. If you have any issues or queries you would like to raise, please contact one of your church representatives:

Immaculate Heart - Allen Bell, Ann Short, Wendy O'Reilly, Maveen Pereira

St Mary's - Phil Cunningham Janice Hall, Jen Jones, Tony Sacco

St Philip Neri - Denise Hebron, John Pinchen, Michael Waugh, Katie Wilkinson

Youth issues - David Khachikian & Joe Wheatley

Financial matters - Malcolm Shield

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass for Marriage and Family Life at 12 noon on Saturday 8 February at St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 6 February.**

Jen's weekly prayer

An orchestra is made up of many instruments each playing their unique notes led by the conductor and together they weave a stream of splendour for us to enjoy, enabling us to be transported to a different time and place, event or memory.

A forest of trees with its shade and shelter, the glint of sunlight and their patterns through their branches allows us to reach deep within ourselves to truly see the variety of shape and texture.

The sunlight on frost emblazoned like jewels or the first tiny green shoots of the snowdrops heralding the joyful pleasure they too will bestow upon us.

These different delights help us to connect to emotional responses deep within us.

We need the skills of others to help us as we negotiate the day to day struggles, pain, suffering, and fear or when difficult decisions await our answer.

Help us to be like the orchestra and the forest trees who rely upon each other and when help is required to have the courage to reach out and support each other with love and accept the love which is offered to us, for love enfolds with freedom, like the notes of music, it transcends the moment to heal and comfort. to cloth us with light and hope as our journeys unfold.

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GIFT FOR LIFE RAFFLE – AND 100 CLUB DRAW Tickets are still on sale this weekend for the *Gift for Life* Raffle. They will be available on 1/2 February with the draw taking place at Immaculate Heart on Sunday 9 February after Mass. First prize is a £50 Amazon voucher – and there are lots of other great prizes. Also, the ‘100 Club’ February Draw take place this Sunday at Immaculate Heart. Thank you all for your very generous support - it makes a huge difference.

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.

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

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

RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS Blessed Carlo Acutis is scheduled to be the first millennial saint when he is canonised in April 2025. We are delighted that a relic of Blessed Carlo will visit our diocese between 26-30 March 2025. There will be opportunities to attend Mass in the presence of the relic, as well as times of veneration and talks about the life of Blessed Carlo. All are welcome. Further information about the visit and how to book your ticket for an event can be viewed on the following website: www.CarloAcutis.bwcet.com

FLAME OF LOVE MOVEMENT Join the Flame of Love Movement which was brought to the world in 1963 in Hungary through Elizabeth Kindlerman. Simply make a commitment to pray your rosary and spread this devotion across our parishes. Add these words to the usual Hail Mary.sinners.....spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all humanity.....now...

After the ‘Glory Be’, pray the UNITY PRAYER as follows:

My adorable Jesus. May our feet journey together.
May our hands gather in unity
May our hearts beat in unison.
May our souls be in harmony.
May our thoughts be as one.
May our ears listen to the silence together.
May our glances profoundly penetrate each other.
May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. AMEN.

For more information go to the website site www.flameoflove.org.uk

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*Malachi 3: 1-4*

Thus says the Lord God:
Behold I send my messenger,
and he will prepare the way before me.
And the Lord whom you seek
will suddenly come to his Temple;
and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight,
behold he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.
But who can endure the day of his coming,
and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.
He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the sons of Levi
and refine them like gold and silver,
and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.
Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem
will be pleasing to the Lord
as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps. 24(23):7.8.9.10. R/10bc*

R/ The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

O gates lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory. **R/**

Who is this king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant;
The Lord, the valiant in war. **R/**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R/**

Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts,
he is the king of glory. **R/**

Second Reading*Hebrews 2: 14-18*

Since the children share in flesh and blood,
Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things,
that through death he might destroy the one
who has the power of death, that is, the devil,
and deliver all those who, through fear of death,
were subject to lifelong slavery.
For surely it is not angels that he helps,
but he helps the offspring of Abraham.
Therefore he had to be made like
his brothers in every respect,
so that he might become a merciful
and faithful high priest in the service of God,
to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
For because he himself has suffered when tempted,
he is able to help those who are being tempted.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Luke 2: 32*

Alleluia, alleluia!
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 2: 22-40*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification
according to the law of Moses,
the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem
to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord,
'Every male who first opens the womb
shall be called holy to the Lord')
and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said
in the Law of the Lord -

'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon,
and this man was righteous and devout,
waiting for the consolation of Israel,
and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
that he would not see death before
he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came in the Spirit into the Temple,
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
to do for him according to the custom of the Law,
he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,
'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And his father and his mother marvelled
at what was said about him.

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in
Israel, and for a sign that is opposed - and a sword will pierce
through your own soul also - so that thoughts from many
hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna,
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.

She was advanced in years,
having lived with her husband seven years
from when she was a virgin,
and then as a widow until she was eighty four.

She did not depart from the Temple,
worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day.

And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to
God and to speak of the child to all
who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything
according to the Law of the Lord,
they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.
And the favour of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.