



And a voice came from the cloud saying,
'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'
Luke 9:35

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

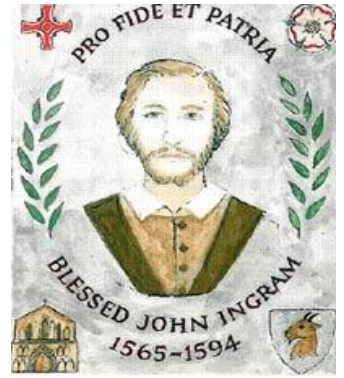
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

16 March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

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 15 - 23 March 2025

Saturday 15 March <i>St David</i>	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Michael Morris (dec.) [MA]
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Harry Attrill (dec.)
Sunday 16 March	9.00am	St Mary	Pauline Archbold (dec.)
Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 17 March <i>St Patrick</i>	2.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mary Heslin (dec.) [PB]
Tuesday 18 March	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Geraldine Farrer (liv.) [AT]
Wednesday 19 March <i>St Joseph</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	For the Intentions of Pope Francis
Thursday 20 March <i>St Cuthbert</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Bill Cookson (dec.) [MC]
Friday 21 March	6.30pm	St. Philip Neri	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	6.30pm	Sacred Heart	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 22 March	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	The Hagan Family (dec.)
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 23 March	9.00am	St Mary	Bernard Hearne (dec.) [CH]
Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.) [SW]

Weekday Readings: Second Week of Lent

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,
5.30pm - 6.20pm on Friday at Sacred Heart

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 Pope Francis, 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).

RETIRING COLLECTION Next weekend 22/23 March, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses to raise additional funds in the Jubilee Year for the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS There will be Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm on the following Fridays during Lent: Friday 21 March at St Philip Neri, Friday 28 March at Immaculate Heart, Friday 4 April at St Mary's, Friday 11 April at St Philip Neri. There will also be Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart at 6.30pm on the Fridays of Lent.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 16 April

11.00am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

Holy Thursday 17 April

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Mary's

Good Friday 18 April

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Sacred Heart

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Immaculate Heart

Holy Saturday 19 April

4.30pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter at Sacred Heart

5.30pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter at St Philip Neri

Easter Sunday 20 April

10.00am Mass of Easter Morning at Immaculate Heart

WALK WITH ME LENTEN BOOKLETS, which include a daily reflection for each day of Lent, are available to purchase at each church, price £1.

EMBERS CHARITY You may have seen the recent BBC1 'Extraordinary Portraits' programme hosted by Bill Bailey featuring Clare Sacco, daughter of parishioners Sue and Tony. If not, it is still available on the BBC iPlayer. Clare was diagnosed with incurable cancer in her 20s and has decided to establish **embers**, a charity providing advice and support to people aged 18-40 who have received a diagnosis of incurable or terminal cancer. Embers has recently been registered with the Charity Commission (Charity number 1208398) and is now working hard putting together a North East launch event on Friday 21 March in Gateshead. Tickets for the event, raffle tickets and a donation link are available via the embers website - www.emberscharity.org Physical raffle tickets are also available directly from Tony or Sue.

Please feel free to contact tony@emberscharity.org if you require any additional information about embers or the launch event. Thank you.

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year. Walking 200km over 40 days during lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

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, tinned garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, custard, fruit, rice pudding, feminine hygiene (especially tampons), antiperspirant.

OTHER priority items: cereal, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tomato purée, tinned potatoes, hotdogs, meatballs, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), baked beans, chopped tomatoes, tuna, long grained rice, teabags, sugar, coffee, biscuits, cooking oil, toothpaste, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo.

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, Whickham either via mobile 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

RED MISSION BOXES are due to be emptied this month. Money can be given to Denise Hebron or Katie Wilkinson at St Philip Neri and Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart/St Mary's. Also, spare Mission boxes are available if you haven't got one and would like one. Cash donations are accepted too or visit the Mission website www.missio.org.uk for other ways to donate. The Spring edition of the Mission Today magazine will be distributed but can also be read on the *Missio* website. If you have any queries, please contact Lilian Gray on 07717 853685 or liliangray@sky.com

THE DBS ONLINE UPDATE SERVICE - EMAILS FROM DBS

The Update Service is a free online subscription service that allows you to keep your enhanced DBS certificates up to date. It enables the Diocese, with your consent, to complete your three yearly DBS check.

Your Update Service Subscription requires an annual renewal. When this is due you will receive an email from DBS which will help you to do this. If you do not renew your subscription it will lapse and subsequently, when your DBS is due for checking, a full application will need to be completed including identity verification. If you need any further information regarding this, please speak to your Parish Safeguarding Representative.

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR IRISH NIGHT Join us on Saturday 29 March at 7pm. Dance the night away to the Ceilidh Band, enjoy the Irish Dancers, whilst feasting on Irish stew, soda bread and a dessert. (Alternative choice for vegetarians). Licensed bar. Tickets £10 each. St. Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle NE4 7QA Tel. 0191 273 1279.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? The Pilgrimage will take place between Friday 25 July to Friday 1 August 2025. Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are now open and live until **31 March 2025**. Please register via one of the following links. Thank you very much for registering your help and support.

Existing Appointed Registered Helper If you are an existing, appointed registered helper and volunteered on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2023 or 2024 please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/bdNSkV8HvK>

New Adult Volunteer Registration Form If you wish to register as a volunteer for 2025, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/PbtE9Jd6aS>

Youth Section Registration Form The Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is for those aged 16-21 (on the date of travel) or in full-time education. Please click here to register <https://forms.office.com/e/m1MQfReuZD>
If you would like any more information about becoming a registered helper on the pilgrimage, please email: lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk or visit our Facebook page: *Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes*

RELAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL YMT and the Diocese are thrilled to announce the upcoming relaunch of the Diocesan Youth Council, a vital platform for the voices of young people in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This initiative paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, offers a space for young leaders to develop skills and engage in meaningful dialogue about the future of the church. The first meeting is scheduled for Sunday 18 May at St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle, from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. We are actively seeking motivated students from Year 9 and above to join this transformative council. For more details on how to nominate candidates and to view the full announcement, visit:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/announcing-the-relaunch-of-the-diocesan-youth-council/>

NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME This programme is for serving Deputy Headteachers in Catholic Primary and Secondary schools who are considering the role of headteacher in the next two years. It is fantastic training for the role of Catholic Headteacher, delivered by inspirational leaders across our Diocese.

Please contact education@diocesehn.org.uk for further information.

ANSWER THE CALL: TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL Are you a Catholic teacher currently working outside Catholic education? Have you considered bringing your skills, experience, and faith into a Catholic school setting? Now is the time to explore how you can make a real difference in a values-driven, faith-filled learning environment. The Diocesan Department for Education are hosting an information session, for those interested in exploring teaching opportunities in our Catholic Education Trusts and schools.

Date: Wednesday 2 April 2025 between 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Location: The Durham Centre, Belmont, Durham DH1 1TN

Register your place by emailing: education@diocesehn.org.uk

OLD POSTAGE STAMPS, JEWELLERY, MEDALS David & Theresa O'Neill have been raising funds to assist the nuns of Little Sisters of the Poor carry on their wonderful work caring for elderly people including retired Clergy & Religious. They are not asking for financial help but rather by your donations of used postage stamps (any country or period), foreign currency (notes & coins from any country), broken or unwanted pieces of gold/silver jewellery & military medals from any conflict. If you have any old stamp albums or other items please let David & Theresa know. Their contact details are: David & Theresa O'Neill, Tel: 0191 264 5771 david-oneill3@sky.com

DIOCESAN VACANCY The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancy:

Safeguarding Co-ordinator, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle - full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 25 March at 12.00pm. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 20 March**.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Two different images were visible
in the very early morning sky.

One side glowed with pale orange red glow
of a rising sun, tinging the mid blue with pale yellow
and pink clouds whilst the other side of the sky
was being bathed in a soft light blue
where pale clouds floated and a beautiful skeleton
moon still glowed. Beauty and calmness were present
in the violet sky, street lights remained visible
as if caught in a unique sacred special time, a gift,
early morning and the close of night
both visible across wide expanse of sky.

How often do we miss these transient gifts
because we do not look up or out?
Each day offers us a new canvas of unique time,
a capsule for our memory.

Our vision is unique, help us to value each day
with its beauty and new beginnings

March 2024 @ Jen Jones

SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE The agency that oversees safeguarding in the Catholic Church has observed 'good practice' in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle across all eight of the recognised National Safeguarding Standards.

In an audit report published recently, the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) in particular hailed major improvements in Church leadership, governance, ministry, culture and the care of those people who have been harmed.

To read the CSSA final report please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Hexham-and-Newcastle-final-for-full-publication.pdf>

To read the Diocesan statement in full please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Press-Release-from-the-Diocese-of-Hexham-and-Newcastle-audit-report-February-2025.pdf>

First Reading*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

In those days:

God brought Abram outside and said,

‘Look towards heaven, and number the stars,
if you are able to number them.’

Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’

And he believed the Lord,

and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him,

‘I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans
to give you this land to possess.’

But he said,

‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’

He said to him,

‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years
old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove,
and a young pigeon.’And he brought him all these, cut them in half,
and laid each half over against the other.

But he did not cut the birds in half.

And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses,

Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram.

And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark,

Behold a smoking firepot and a
flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying,

‘To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to
the great river, the river Euphrates.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Ps. 27(26):1. 7-8b. 8c-9c. 13-14. R. 1a***R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R/**O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.Of you my heart has spoken, ‘Seek his face.’ **R/**It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R/**I believe I shall see the Lord’s goodness
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong;

Be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord! **R/****Second Reading***Philippians 3.17-4:1*

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven,

and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body,
by the power that enables him even
to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters,

whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Luke 9:35*

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

From a bright cloud, the Father’s voice was heard:

‘This is my beloved Son, listen to him’.

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel*Luke 9:28b-36*

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:

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James
and went up on the mountain to pray.And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered,
and his clothing became dazzling white.And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah,
who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure,
which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep,
but when they became fully awake

they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus,
‘Master, it is good that we are here.’Let us make three tents,
one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah’=
not knowing what he said.As he was saying these things,
a cloud came and overshadowed them,
and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.And a voice came out of the cloud, saying,
‘This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!’

And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And they kept silent

and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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