



Jesus said: 'The sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.'  
John 10:27

**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**

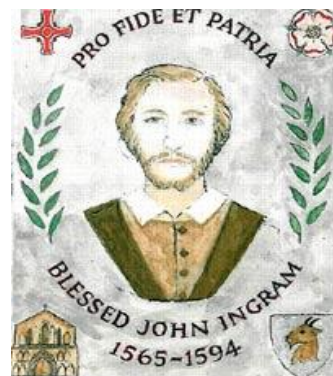
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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**11 May 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**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](mailto:ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk) or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm. Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL*

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 10 - 18 May 2025**

<b>Saturday 10 May</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Michael Morris (dec.) [MM]
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	Harry Attrill (dec.)
<b>Sunday 11 May</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Maureen & Eddy McDonald (liv.) [BC]
Monday 12 May	2.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 13 May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Joan Stephenson (dec.) [PA]
Wednesday 14 May <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	9.30am St Philip Neri	Angela Ede (dec.) [ES]
Thursday 15 May	9.30am St. Mary	Peter Doran (dec.) [MD]
Friday 16 May		
<b>Saturday 17 May</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Kevin Joyce (dec.)
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 18 May</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	Bernard & Anne McKenna (dec.) [MD]
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)</b>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Matthew Bullock (dec.)

**Weekday Readings:** *Fourth Week of Eastertide*

**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**

*Monday 2.00pm - 2.20pm at Sacred Heart, 9.00am - 9.20pm on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's*

**Benediction**

*Sunday 4.30pm at Sacred Heart*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** George Cowie who died recently. The Funeral Service for George will be at 11.45am on Friday 16 May at Mountsett Crematorium.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Teresa Fawcett, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, Molly Ewing, Tatiane Lambert, 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).*

**HABEMUS PAPAM!** As we rejoice in the election of our new Pope Leo XIV, let us pray for him as he begins his ministry with us and for us:

*O God who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favour, we pray, on Leo our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and communion. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

For a biography of Pope Leo XIV, please visit:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leo-xiv-biography/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leo-xiv-biography/)

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL** A collection for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle will be taken at all Masses this weekend 10/11 May - envelopes will be available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

Sr Kathleen Mary, Mother Superior, has sent the following message:

*Dear Friends, I write to you today with a heartfelt and urgent appeal on behalf of St Joseph's Home in Newcastle.*

*Like many others, we are feeling the profound effects of the current economic climate, yet the needs of our residents remain constant and, in many cases, more pressing than ever.*

*At the heart of our mission is the dignity, comfort and care of our elderly residents, many of whom are in the final stages of life. We urgently need to replace essential medical equipment that is critical to the support of end of life care - equipment that ensures our residents are cared for with the gentleness and respect they deserve. In addition, we face structural and aesthetic needs: water penetration in the Chapel vestry, necessary redecorations throughout the Home including the Chapel, and the replacement of furnishings in the residents' rooms. As you can appreciate, it is a formidable task. These improvements are not cosmetic - they are about creating a warm, safe and dignified space that feels like home. This is a pivotal moment, and we cannot do it alone. Your support, now more than ever, can help us meet these challenges head-on. Whether it is restoring comfort to a resident's room or providing the medical support that brings peace in their final days, your generosity will have a direct and meaningful impact.*

**If you are able to help, donations can be sent by cheque, payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, to: St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by our website at: [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/)**

*No gift is too small. Every act of kindness has a meaningful effect on the lives of our residents and brings us one step closer to ensuring that our residents continue to receive the care, dignity and love they so deeply deserve. With gratitude for your continued compassion and prayers, Sr Kathleen Mary  
Mother Superior*

**LAUDATO SI' MASS** Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 24 May to celebrate 10 years since the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical – Laudato Si'. All are welcome to attend this Mass which marks the start of Laudato Si' week. More information on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesahn.org.uk/whats-on/event/laudato-si-week-2025-mass/>

**GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' - MAY DRAW RESULTS AND GIFT FOR LIFE SMALL GRANTS** The Gift for Life '100 Club' May draw took place last weekend at St Mary's and the lucky numbers were: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£50) number 23; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£30) number 14 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£20) number 33. Congratulations to the winners! The next draw will take place at Immaculate Heart on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Also, due to the success of the '100 Club', we are now in a position to offer one or two small grants (maximum of £500) to organisations and projects that meet certain criteria and support the most vulnerable and desperate in society. Any applications for these grants will need a proposer from within our parish community. For full details and an application form please contact [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) Thank you for your very generous support.

**GIFT FOR LIFE JUNE SUMMER SOCIAL** This year's Gift for Life Summer Social takes place on Sunday 22 June at St Mary's. We will shortly be seeking raffle prizes, bottles, plants and cakes for the event. In the meantime, if you feel that you could lend a hand by helping to organise or run the event we would love to hear from you. We are particularly keen to find someone who would be prepared to do some facepainting at the event. Speak to anyone from the Gift for Life Group or e-mail us on [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)

Thank you for your very generous support.

**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:** cereal, UHT milk, tinned fruit, custard, tuna, long grained rice, tomato purée, cooking oil, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, antiperspirant.

**OTHER priority items:** tinned baked beans, chopped tomatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, potatoes, custard, rice pudding, meatballs, hotdogs, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), fruit, biscuits, pasta sauce, dried pasta, teabags, sugar, coffee toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, feminine hygiene (especially tampons), 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 either via mobile 07837 386760 or email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

**ST PHILIP NERI PRIMARY SCHOOL** We have an exciting opportunity to join our Governing board St Philip Neri Primary School in Dunston. Our lovely school is part of the Bishop Wilkinsons Trust Academy and If you are interested in joining us please drop me an email [amandastew4rt@gmail.com](mailto:amandastew4rt@gmail.com) and I will put your details forward to the Trust. Thank you. Amanda Stewart.

**NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE** invites you to come and hear Joe Fitzpatrick speak about Bernard Lonergan, one of the most important Catholic philosophers and theologians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, in the hall of Holy Name church, Jesmond, Newcastle on Tuesday 13 May at 7.30pm

## SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

Sunday 11 May, Benediction at 4.30pm and then on all Sundays up to and including Pentecost Sunday (6 June).

Wednesday 28 May, Vigil Mass at 6.30pm for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Holyday of Obligation).

Saturday 31 May, Parish Bring & Share and BBQ in the presbytery garden (weather permitting) starting at 11.30am - please bring any food to share and a picnic blanket.

Saturday 7 June First Holy Communion Mass at 11.00am.

### THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS AND THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY

After 12 years of the one of the most reforming pontificates in modern times, how does the Christian future now look? In a lecture at Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3JX on Saturday 17 May at 11am, Pope Francis' foremost English-language biographer and collaborator, Dr Austen Ivereigh, will look both back and ahead to argue that the Francis era has reshaped the Church's ability to respond to a new, global era. The event will be chaired by Professor Anna Rowlands, Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice at the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University. Anna has been a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's *Thought for the Day*. She and Austen were both in Rome as expert facilitators at the October 2024 gathering of Bishops making proposals for renewal of the Church - proposals which were accepted by Pope Francis. The lecture will take place in the church, booking is not required and all are welcome.

### SCIENCE AND FAITH - AN INVITATION TO CONVERSATION

Rev'd Professor David Wilkinson and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) warmly invite anyone interested in the conversation between science and faith to an open meeting on Wednesday, 28 May at the Emmaus Youth Village, 5:30pm - 6:45 pm.

### HOPE IN A TIME OF DARKNESS' - A Lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP on Monday 23 June 2025, 7:45pm in the Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral.

Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, hearing from speaker Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe and respondent Prof Anna Rowlands.

Cardinal Radcliffe is a distinguished Catholic priest, theologian, and church leader. Between 1992 and 2001, he served as Master of the Order of Preachers (also known as the Dominican Order). He received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the University of Oxford in 2003; in 2023, he was appointed preacher to the Catholic Church's Synod on Synodality, and was made cardinal by Pope Francis in December 2024.

Anna Rowlands (respondent) is St Hilda Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice at Durham University. She is a political theologian whose research interests include the ethics of migration and the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. In 2023, Professor Rowlands took up a two-year secondment at the Vatican, where she contributed to the global synodal process.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit <https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458> Please send any queries to [ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk).

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** The Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue. Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote) to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, you might also consider visiting your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting [www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP)

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle are looking to appoint to the following vacancies:

**Bookings Administrator** for the Youth Ministry Trust, based at the Emmaus Village, Consett - full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 14 May

**Choral Director, Newcastle** for the Diocesan Schools Singing Programme - full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 12 May

**Cleaner, St Augustine Parish Centre, Darlington** - part-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 13 May

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://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 15 May**.

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

Each day, each night, we are provided for by a unique masterpiece from our natural world.

The sentinels of the night decorate the skyline with their lace like branches of intricate beauty against an increasing violet colouring of the evening sky; another example of the master's work as the light changes from fading blue to deepening purple.

Clear and awesome, ever changing, always soothing and comforting, like a loved one's sheltering arm or the sweet sound of a parent's lullaby to a young child.

Love, the gift which is constant and forgiving, able to accept where we each are at any point on our continuum.

Just as each sky is there each day, how it is coloured will be changed, even if only subtly, for each day is a new page, a new beginning.

Grant that we recognise these new opportunities to begin again to walk in your love and bring light and hope to all who share our journey, and ask that all peoples may have the blessings and opportunity to live in love, light and peace.

*Jen Jones © May 2024*

### SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

**First Reading***Acts 13:14,43b-52*

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 100 (99):1-2.3.S.R/3c***R/ We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy, **R/**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us; we belong to him.  
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R/**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
Eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **R/**

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**Second Reading***Revelation 7:9, 13a,14b-17*

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders addressed me, saying 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temples; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; The sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, And he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation***cf. John 10:14*

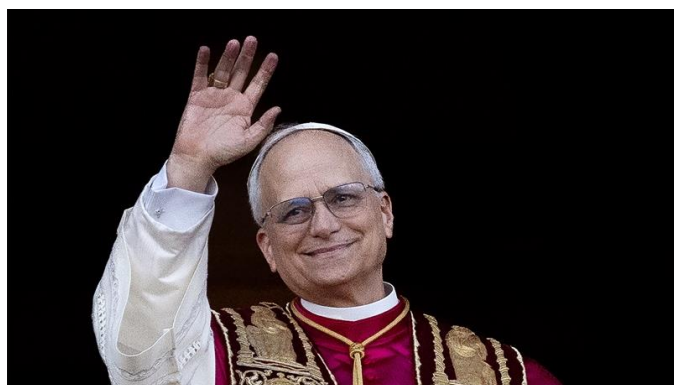
Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.  
I know my sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel***John 10:27-30*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your Spirit**  
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said,  
'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me; is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Pope Leo XIV  
Servant of the Servants of God  
"Peace be with all of you."