



The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

Revelation 21:10-14

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

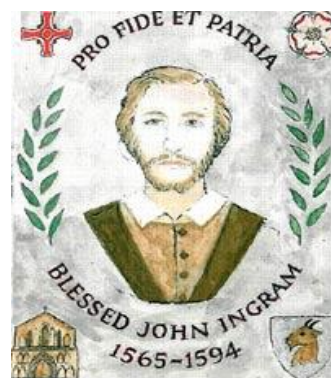
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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

25 May 2025

Sixth 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.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 24 May - 1 June 2025

N.B. ASCENSION THURSDAY is celebrated on Thursday 29 May and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are as below.

Saturday 24 May	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Timothy & Ann Doran (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Kathleen & Gerard Cailey (dec.)
Sunday 25 May	9.00am St Mary	People of the Parish
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Joe Welsh (dec.) [SW]
Monday 26 May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.30am Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 27 May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	12 noon St Mary	Nuptial Mass
Wednesday 28 May		
Vigil Mass for The Ascension of the Lord	6.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
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Thursday 29 May The Ascension of the Lord	9.30am St Philip Neri	Hilda Arnold (dec.) [BA]
Friday 30 May		
Saturday 31 May Visitation of the BVM	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Joe, Jessie & John Connor (dec.) [MM]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	In Thanksgiving [CH]
Sunday 1 June	9.00am St Mary	Ken Murray (dec.)
Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Sixth Week of Eastertide

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri

Benediction

Sunday 4.30pm at Sacred Heart

Marriage

Prayerful best wishes and congratulations to Bernadette Salmon and Steven Miller, who are to be married on Tuesday.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Teresa Fawcett, Joan Hann, 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).

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY Next Sunday 1 June is World Communications Day. The theme of this year's World Communications Day is *Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts* (cf. *1 Peter 3:15-16*). Vital to sharing this message is good communication - through our websites, publications and social media channels. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales works hard to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people. **There will be a retiring collection to support this work at all Masses next weekend 1/2 June.** For further information, please visit: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' AND GIFT FOR LIFE SMALL GRANTS
The next draw will take place at Immaculate Heart on Sunday 1st 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 Thank you for your very generous support.

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL - Only 4 weeks to go!

The *Gift for Life* Summer Social takes place from 2pm on Sunday 22 June at St Mary's Hall (and, weather permitting, the Walled Garden). We are looking for more volunteers and some raffle prizes and bottles to make the event a big success. Also, if you wish to donate plants or make/buy cakes we would love to hear from you at giftforlife20@gmail.com The event is a great way to build up our parish community while raising funds for our *Gift for Life* causes. There will be something for all ages - expect tea, cakes, scones, crafts, stalls, raffle, activities for the kids, quizzes and a special guest appearance by Sister Vicky! Sign-up sheets (for catering purposes) and boxes for raffle prizes will be available at the back of each church from next weekend. Raffle tickets will be on sale the following weekend. We would also wish to extend a warm invitation to parishioners from Sacred Heart, Byermoor - you would be most welcome to join us. Thank you!

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 hot dogs, sweetcorn, antiperspirant.

OTHER priority items: tinned baked beans, chopped tomatoes, carrots, garden peas, potatoes, custard, rice pudding, meatballs, tuna, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), fruit, tuna, long grained rice, tomato purée, pasta sauce, dried pasta, teabags, sugar, coffee, biscuits, cooking oil, toothpaste, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, 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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 June 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.

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 Wilkinson Trust Academy and if you are interested in joining us please drop me an email amandastew4rt@gmail.com and I will put your details forward to the Trust. Thank you. Amanda Stewart.

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

- 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.

ONE HOPE PROJECT (MUSIC) ACADEMY - Music helps people pray. We've seen that in our churches on a Sunday, often the people who have given their time and service to lead the music and the worship, haven't had the opportunity for formation and investment in this area. Also, we have seen that when music leaders give time and space for their journey of discipleship this has a prayerful and powerful effect on the times of worship and liturgy and the faith journeys of their music teams in their parishes. If you know someone who would be interested in participating in the OHP Academy, more information and a short video can be found at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/one-hope-project-music-academy/>.

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION WITH ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT USHAW

On Sunday 22 June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car - this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

SCIENCE AND FAITH - AN INVITATION TO CONVERSATION Revd 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.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite all parishioners to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on **Saturday 28 June** beginning with Mass at 3.00pm celebrated by Bishop Stephen and followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. The Department for Formation and Mission is offering a half-day on 'Witness: Sharing our Faith in Today's World', a Year of Jubilee Formation opportunity which will lead into the Festival. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To request a booking form and for further information email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

JOB VACANCY An exciting opportunity is available at St Joseph's Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for an Assistant Cook. Hours available: 30 hours per week, includes evenings and weekends. Please note, sponsorship for this role is not available and applicants must have the right to work in the UK, which will be checked if successful. For more information, please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 07856 256095 or email lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST The National Churches Trust (NCT) has launched a survey to better understand the challenges that churches face, and to highlight the vital work our churches do. This survey has the support of denominations, faith, and heritage groups across the country and we encourage you to take part. The survey is live from until 30 June.

Your response will provide essential evidence to build a clearer picture – to tell a stronger, more informed story about your church, and others like it, so that together some of the biggest challenges facing churches can be addressed and help ensure their future. The survey can be found here:

www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 29 May.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Small copper leaves began to unfurl
like butterflies from a chrysalis
until the tall majestic tree was once again
ablaze with a burnished copper glow,
its embracing arms wide and enfolding.
Nature teaches us patience as it unfolds
it's beautiful gifts to us gradually and once revealed,
we look with awe at the masterpiece.
Help us to emulate the generosity of the natural world
in our care for others, to enfold in numerous ways
those who are vulnerable, afraid victims of conflict,
oppression, suppression, pain, uncertainty, abuse
and embrace them with love and compassion.
May a cloak of safety guide them to find light from
darkness, love, healing, peace and hope.

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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

First Reading

Acts 15: 1-2,22-29

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.'

And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter:

'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings.
Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth.

For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality.

If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67(66):2-3.5.6.8.R.4

**R/ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.**

May God be gracious and bless us
and let his face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation. **R/**

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
you guide the nations on earth. **R/**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may revere him. **R/**

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Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed - on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light; and its lamp is the Lamb.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. John 14-23

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14: 23-29

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 to his disciples,

'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,

and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.

And the word that you hear is not mine
but the Father's who sent me.

'These things, I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
he will teach you all things

and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give to you.

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you,

"I am going away, and I will come to you."

If you loved me you would have rejoiced,

because I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you before it takes place,

so that when it does take place you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.