



Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
from thy bright heav'nly throne;
come, take possession of our souls,
and make them all thine own.

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

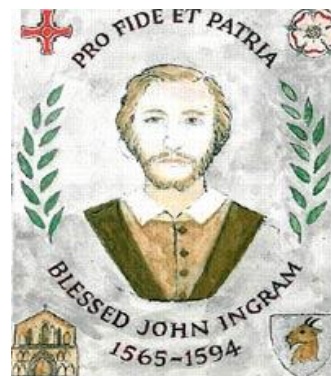
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8 June 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Year C

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 7 June - 15 June 2025

Saturday 7 June	11.00am	Sacred Heart	First Holy Communion Mass
Saturday 7 June	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Ray & Mary Bell (dec.) [MM]
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Harry Attrill (dec.)
Sunday 8 June	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Pentecost Sunday (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	John Arkless (dec.) [PA]
Monday 9 June <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	2.30am	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 10 June	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Prayer Shawl Recipients
Wednesday 11 June <i>St. Barnabas</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Michael Whitfield Hall (dec.)
Thursday 12 June <i>Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Norman & Michael Kavanagh (dec.)
Friday 13 June <i>St. Anthony of Padua</i>	5.30pm	St Mary	First Holy Communion Mass
Saturday 14 June	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Richard & Elizabeth Reay (dec.)
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 15 June	9.00am	St Mary	Ken Murray (dec.)
The Most Holy Trinity (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Barney & Veronica Hayes (dec.)

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 11 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 2.00pm - 2.20pm on Monday at Sacred Heart,
9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's.

Benediction

Sunday 4.30pm at Sacred Heart

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

First Holy Communion

*Please remember in your prayers the children from Sacred Heart, St Mary and St Philip Neri Primary Schools
who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this month and in early July.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Joan Hann and Molly Ewing who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Molly will be on Thursday 19 June at St. Philip Neri Church at 10.00am followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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

LAY TRAINING FUND RETIRING COLLECTION This weekend 7/8 June, there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for the Diocesan Lay Training Fund.

DAY FOR LIFE Every year, the Church in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, jointly marks the Day for Life as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year, it will be celebrated on Trinity Sunday 15 June. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend 14/15 June to support the Day for Life Fund.

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL - 2 weeks to go and June '100 Club' draw - 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 – including face painting, quizzes and a chance to catch up on the gossip! Sign-up sheets (for catering purposes) and boxes for raffle prizes are now available at the back of each church. Raffle tickets will be on sale from next weekend. We extend a warm invitation to parishioners from Sacred Heart, Byermoor – you would be most welcome to join us. There is a sign-up sheet at Sacred Heart too. The June '100 Club' draw took place last Sunday (1 June) at Immaculate Heart. The lucky winners were: 1st Prize (£50) No. 4, 2nd Prize (£30) No 80 and 3rd Prize (£20) No. 62. Congratulations to the winners. Thank you, everyone, for your 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: tinned meat (mince, corned beef, pek) tomato purée, cooking oil, laundry powder/liquid, washing up liquid, spray cleaner biscuits, coffee, feminine hygiene (especially tampons), antiperspirant.

OTHER priority items: cereal, UHT milk, tinned garden peas, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, hot dogs, potatoes, custard, rice pudding, meatballs, tuna, fruit, tuna, long grained rice, pasta sauce, dried pasta, teabags, sugar, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, toilet roll.

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

FOOD BANK IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please make a note your diary that the Food Bank will be closed on Thursday 19 June 2025 for one week only as, unfortunately, all of the usual available volunteers are away on holiday that week.

Please **don't** try to drop off any food donations as Immaculate Heart will not open during its usual hours of 9.30am - 10.30am.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUMMARIES FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025

OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

We have recently completed the parish accounts for the year-ended March 2025 and it reveals that funds have increased slightly by £2,328 to give a closing surplus of £271,440.

Offertory collections of £60,561 are 3% down on last year and nearly 6% down on the pre-covid figure of £64,273. Gift Aid is calculated at £11,917 for the year, 5.4% down on last year's £12,600.

Better news is the savings we have achieved on repairs (£7,664) and utility bills (£4,372) while the rental properties have delivered a surplus of £12,736 in the 12 months. This saving is unlikely to be so large in the new financial year as repairs are likely to return to their normal levels with replacement windows for Dockendale Cottage already identified.

The parish contributed £4,360 towards Fr Endre's living costs following his appointment as Assistant Priest to the parish in November 2024.

Funds held on behalf of Gift for Life and the Foodbank were £7,338 and £3,351 respectively.

SACRED HEART, BYERMOOR

Parish funds have fallen from £94,608 at the start of April to £62,775 - a decline of £31,833. This can be split into £29,054 for the 7 months to October and £2,779 from November when Canon Peter took over responsibility as Parochial Administrator. Offertory collections for the year were £12,564 and it is difficult to imagine this figure being sufficient to cover future levels of expenditure even with the significant reduction in repairs that we anticipate.

The heavy repair spend over the summer months of 2024 was primarily £24,876 for resurfacing road works for which we are receiving a £9,000 contribution from the school over a number of years and £14,730 to update and repair the presbytery in advance of Fr Endre's arrival. The Diocese contributed the sum of £3,892 against these repairs and utility costs.

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing generosity in the form of Offertory Collections and donations to both parishes as we seek to maintain as healthy a financial position as possible. If you do not yet do so, please consider switching to a regular standing order contribution and, if you are a UK taxpayer, gift aiding your offertory contributions wherever possible. For further information on these options, please contact the Parish Office, email ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274.

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.

'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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED The Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is inviting pilgrims from across the UK to join them on pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year to the historic city of York from 21-26 July 2025. They will reflect on why over 50 Yorkshire men and women, such as St Margaret Clitheroe and St John Fisher, were prepared to die for our faith, and how their great sacrifices paved the way for the survival of faith now. The 2025 Aid to the Church in Need pilgrimage will be led by their Spiritual Director, Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, the ACN Pilgrimage Team and with Suze Mathews, pilgrimage historian. Pilgrimage cost is £285. For more information visit the ACN website - <https://acnuk.org/event/acn-pilgrimage-york-and-the-north-heartland-of-faith-and-hope/> or email Bridget Teasdale - Bridget.Teasdale@acnuk.org

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

Parish Secretary, St Bede & Ss Peter & Paul, South Shields – 12 hours per week, permanent contract. Closing date: 12 June Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION - UPDATE The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returned to the floor of the House of Commons for debate on Friday 16 May. As expected, the Third Reading debate (and crucial vote on whether the Bill continues) was not reached as MPs debated amendments. The Bill will now return to the Commons for further consideration on either Friday 13 or 20 June. Archbishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues and Archbishop of Liverpool, has issued a statement concerning this matter which can be viewed on the Bishops' Conference website www.cbcew.org.uk

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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 12 June.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The gentle sound of a small rivulet
on a warm summers day soothes and nourishes
as it continues its clear and winding path.

The mighty waterfall allows spray to rise
and cool those close by.

The lapping of the tidal flow of the sea
against the shore calms as it allows us to walk along
the shoreline and reflect, calmed by its sound and
simply by watching the vastness before us,
yet safe even if we have troubles
to wrestle with, decisions to make.

Water - the essential necessity for us all.

We must then value this luxurious gift,
each drop, each trickle, each cup, keep it safe,
to ensure for future generations their right to live
and drink from this clear, sparkling, enormous gift.
Help us too to remember those who live in arid places
where this precious commodity is scarce,
that everyone will have sufficient for their needs.

It is a jewel beyond price,
we give thanks for this incredible gift
which nourishes, heals, soothes, calms and delights us
in a multitude of ways not ordinary but extraordinary.

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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 2: 1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians - we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 104(103):1ab,24ac,29b-30.31,34 R.cf.30*

**R/ Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your creatures. **R/**

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. **R/**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the Lord. **R/**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12-3b-7,12-13

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of service, for the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, from the clear celestial height
thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, come with treasures,
which endure, come, thou light of all that live.

Thou, of all consolers best, thou, the soul's delightful guest,
doest refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet, pleasant coolness in the heat,
solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, Light divine, visit thou these hearts of mine,
and our inmost being fill.

If thou take thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay;
all his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
on our dryness pour thy dew; wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will; melt the frozen,
warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore thee confess and thee adore,
with thy sevenfold gifts descend.

Give us comfort when we die, give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14: 15-16, 23b-26

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week,
the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the
Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,
'Peace be with you.'

When he had said this he showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again,
'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me,
even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he
breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
If you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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