



Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Cf. Hebrews 12:1-2

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

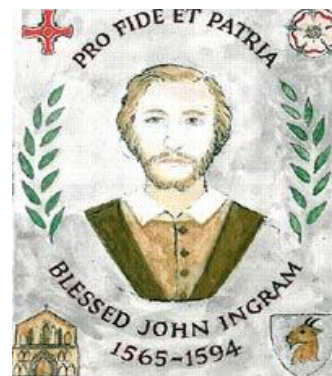
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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

17 August 2025

Twentieth Sunday of the Year

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 olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday and 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 16 - 24 August 2025

Saturday 16 August	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Michael Fleck (dec.)
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Diane Elizabeth Johnson (dec.)
Sunday 17 August	9.00am St Mary	Pauline Archbold (dec.)
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 18 August	9.30am Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 19 August <i>St Oswin</i>	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Maureen Miller (dec.)
Wednesday 20 August <i>St Bernard</i>	<u>10.00am St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Peter Brown RIP
Thursday 21 August <i>Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral</i>	9.30am St Mary	Michelle Wilson (dec.) [MD]
Friday 22 August <i>The Queenship of Mary</i>	<u>11.15am St Philip Neri</u>	Funeral Service - Mary Rouse RIP
Saturday 23 August	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Frank Bowes (dec.) [PB]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 24 August	9.00am St Mary	Victoria Swinburne (dec.) [AS]
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Michael Jobe (dec.) [JJ]

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 20 Year 1 (or Proper to the Feastday)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, and 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Peter Brown and Mary Rosealine Rouse who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Peter Brown will be at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 20 August at 10.00am followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Funeral Service for Mary Rouse will be at St Philip Neri Church on Friday 22 August at 11.15am followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Maureen Buckle, Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Teresa Fawcett, Molly Hearne, 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, Gervase Smith.

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).

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS - IMPORTANT UPDATE In order to provide a shorter and less cumbersome Parish email address, please note the Parish email address has been amended to olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk Until further notice, the older address ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk will still function and any emails sent to this older address will be forwarded automatically to the new address. Canon Peter, as Parish Priest, also has a new email address – pp.olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk

ALIVE IN HOPE: A CHURCH FOR MISSION A Jubilee Day in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle with guest speakers, welcome from Bishop Stephen, a choice of seminars to reawaken and empower you for mission, praise and worship led by Set A Fire, and a marketplace with Catholic organisations and groups.

FREE entry - please register (see below)

Bring a packed lunch

Refreshments provided

Ample car parking

Saturday 27 September 2025, 10am - 3pm at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Old Durham Road, Gateshead NE9 6RZ

Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27 September, from 10am to 3pm at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. **Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day.**

'To be a baptised Christian is to have a vocation to build the Kingdom of God here and now. The focus must be mission.'
Bishop Stephen Wright

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025-26 - An invitation to all families with children starting Year 9 or above. Our next biennial Sacrament of Confirmation programme for young people, *Emmaus: Journey of Accompaniment*, begins in Autumn 2025. **If your child would like to register to join this programme, please complete the online booking form by no later than Sunday 13 September 2025. The booking link is <https://bit.ly/DHNemmaus25>.** This year's programme will be run from St Matthew's, Prudhoe and the Confirmation Mass is due to be celebrated on Friday 6 July 2026. **For more information, please contact the Parish Office or email Mark Hindmarsh, who is the Emmaus Programme Coordinator, at markhindmarsh04@gmail.com**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) supports adults who wish to explore their spirituality and discern if they wish to become a Catholic (it is also for Catholic adults who wish to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation). It is an informal system of regular meetings to explore what it means to be a Catholic. Meetings are generally held on Tuesday evenings at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling at 6.30pm for about an hour and a quarter, and only during school term times. These meetings allow participants to talk about topics in an open, non-judgemental way. Topics look at the history of the Church, The Bible, the Sacraments of the Church and prayer. You can suggest topics too. The meetings are based around the Sycamore Course approved by the Church. Participants do not have to make their mind up straight away but can decide as the course progresses - this decision is yours alone. **An initial meeting is planned for Tuesday 23 September at 6.30 pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Felling NE10 9LT.** Please feel free to come along for a short introduction to the Programme and a chance to ask any questions you may have. If you are interested in taking part in this Programme, please have a word with Canon Peter or Fr Endre.

***** FOOD BANK - IMPORTANT INFORMATION** Please note that **the Food Bank will be closed on Thursday 21 August** for one week only as, due to holiday commitments, all of the usual available volunteers are away that week. **Please do not drop off any food donations as Immaculate Heart will not be open during its usual hour of 9.30am - 10.30am on Thursday 21 August.** Many thanks for your continued support of this vital parish outreach work. ***

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES CCRS 2025-2026

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The 2025-2026 CCRS course programme is now available on the Diocesan website:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>

If anyone would like further information, they can contact the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - ACTION NEEDED! The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. To do this, please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds! For further information, please visit www.righttolife.org.uk

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 21 August.**

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

- **Head of Safeguarding** - Salary Scale from £46,000 to £52,000. The closing date for applications is 31 August 2025.
Interested applicants should contact Annie Leaver, Head of HR, on annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk for an Applicant Pack.
- **HR Administrator** - Salary Scale from £25,000 to £26,345. The closing date for applications is 09:00 Wednesday 20 August 2025.
Interested applicants should contact Annie Leaver, Head of HR, on annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk for an Applicant Pack.
- **Surveyor** - The Property Team are looking for a Surveyor to join their busy team at St Cuthberts House (Diocesan Offices). You will assist in the care and maintenance of all Diocesan land and property, so as to ensure a high-level of professional support is offered to our parish communities and Diocesan schools. This is a 6 month fixed term contract reporting to the Head of Property.
For a copy of the Job Description please contact annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk
- **Education Operations Manager** - Salary £35,000 to £37,323. Closing date 9.00am on 3 September 2025, applications received after this time cannot be accepted.
If you would like to discuss the role or for an applicant pack, please contact catherine.craig@diocesehn.org.uk or annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk

Further details can be found on the Diocesan website - www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Once more the sky was aglow with the exquisite,
gleaming, golden light of the Sturgeon moon.

The depth of the glow was intensified
by the deep blue black backdrop of the night sky,
silken and smooth.

Another vision of wonder from our natural world.

A time of tranquility, silence and peace.

For the many in war torn areas of the world
where night brings fear, noise, lights which can kill,
no shelter left and every nerve taut,
no calmness or rest.

May those who can remove these constant threats
and alleviate suffering, choose cessation of conflict
and allow peace to flood the lands,
not with blood and tears,
but renewal, hope, enlightenment and love.

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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

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

In those days:
The officials said to the king,
'Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death,
for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers
who are left in this city,
and the hands of all the people,
by speaking such words to them.
For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people,
but their harm.'
King Zedekiah said,
'Behold, he is in your hands,
for the king can do nothing against you.'
So they took Jeremiah
and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son,
which was in the court of the guard,
letting Jeremiah down by ropes.
And there was no water in the cistern but only mud,
and Jeremiah sank in the mud.
Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king,
'My Lord the king,
these men have done evil
in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet
by casting him into the cistern,
and he will die there of hunger,
for there is no bread left in the city.'
Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian,
'Take thirty men with you from here,
and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern,
before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40(39): 2. 3. 4. 18. R. 14b

R/ Lord, make haste to help me!

I waited, I waited for the Lord,
and he stooped down to me.
He heard my cry. **R/**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock,
Made my footsteps firm. **R/**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R/**

Wretched and poor though I am,
the Lord is mindful of me.
You are my rescuer, my help;
O my God, do not delay. **R/**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12: 1-4

Brothers and sisters:
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight,
and sin which clings so closely,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
Consider him who endured from sinners
such hostility against himself,
so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted.
In your struggle against sin
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12: 49-53

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 said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth,
and would that it were already kindled!
I have a baptism to be baptised with,
and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!
Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division.
For from now on in one house there will be five divided:
three against two and two against three.
They will be divided, father against son and son against father;
mother against daughter and daughter against mother;
mother in law against her daughter in law,
and daughter in law against mother in law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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