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Isaiah 6:18

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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24 August 2025

Twenty First 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

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 23 - 31 August 2025

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 Swinburn (dec.) [AS]
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Michael Jobe (dec.) [JJ]
Monday 25 August	9.30am Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 26 August	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Tom & Stephen Airey (dec.) [CN]
Wednesday 27 August <i>St Monica</i>	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 28 August <i>St Augustine</i>	9.30am St Mary	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
Friday 29 August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>		
Saturday 30 August	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Deceased Members of Hagan Family [JC]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Ursula Purvis-Kelly (dec.)
Sunday 31 August	9.00am St Mary	Peter Doran (dec.) [SVP]
Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 21 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, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

Baptism

This Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome Anya Grace Stobo and Millie Anne Marie Latimer into the Family of the Church

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 which is 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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 September 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.

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 3 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 & 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 SHORT SUPPLY: cereal, cooking oil tomato purée, long grained rice.

OTHER priority items: UHT Milk, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tinned meat (mince, corned beef, etc), garden peas, sweetcorn, carrots, potatoes, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, tuna, meatballs, hot dogs, custard, rice pudding, fruit, coffee, teabags, sugar, biscuits, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, shampoo, antiperspirant, toothpaste, 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

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

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.
- **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

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 28 August.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

To be held by another is to feel love.
It is a gift, a sharing of strength and tenderness.
The holding says, I care.
You hold us in each hand which offers us strength.
Their tenderness is received with thanks.
May the warmth of the holding remain with us
as we walk our daily road.
May we willingly offer to each other
the touch and the words which bring to another
the gift of 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*Isaiah 66: 18-21*

Thus says the Lord:

‘For I know their works and their thoughts,
and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues.
And they shall come and shall see my glory,
and I will set a sign among them.

And from them I will send survivors to the nations,
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow,
to Tubal and Javan to the coastlands far away,
that have not heard my fame or seen my glory.
And they shall declare my glory among the nations.
And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations
as an offering to the Lord,
on horses and in chariots and in litters
and on mules and on dromedaries,
to my holy mountain Jerusalem,’ says the Lord,
‘just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel
to the house of the Lord.
And some of them also
I will take for priests and for Levites,’ says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 117(91) 1.2.R. Mark 16:15*

R/ Go into the world and proclaim the good news.

O praise the Lord, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!

For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. **R/**

Second Reading*Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13*

Brothers and sisters:

Have you forgotten the exhortation that
addresses you as sons?

‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.’

It is for discipline that you have to endure.

God is treating you as sons.

For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

For the moment all discipline seems painful
rather than pleasant,

but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness
to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands

and strengthen your weak knees,

and make straight paths for your feet,

so that what is lame may not be put out of joint

but rather be healed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

Gospel*Luke 13: 22-30*

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 went on his way through towns and villages,
teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem.

And someone said to him,

‘Lord, will those who are saved be few?’

And he said to them,

‘Strive to enter through the narrow door.

For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door,
and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door,

Saying, “Lord, open to us”,

Then he will answer you, “I do not know where you come from.”

Then you will begin to say,

“We ate and drank in your presence,

and you taught in our streets.”

But he will say,

“I tell you, I do not know where you come from.

Depart from me, all you workers of evil!”

In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth,
when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob
and all the prophets in the kingdom of God
but you yourselves cast out.

And people will come from east and west,

and from north and south,

and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

And behold, some are last who will be first,

and some are first who will be last.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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