



For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 14:11

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

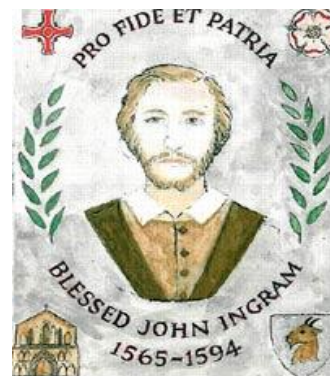
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The John Ingram Partnership
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

31 August 2025

Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

Year C

The Parish Secretary, Theresa Noble, is on annual leave and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday 9 September 9.00am-3.00pm

Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 30 August - 7 September 2025

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
Monday 1 September	9.30am Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 2 September	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.) [DS]
Wednesday 3 September <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 4 September <i>The Translation of St Cuthbert</i>	9.30am St Mary	Margaret & Michael O'Hara - Golden Wedding Anniversary
Friday 5 September <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>		
Saturday 6 September	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Margaret McHugh (dec.)
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Stephen Airey (dec.) [KA]
Sunday 7 September	9.00am St Mary	Helen Jackson (dec.) [CMcT]
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 22 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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Eddie Donkin who has died recently. Eddie was a Catechist in the Diocese who provided several Journeys in Faith at Immaculate Heart. Please also remember Bernadette Fitzpatrick who has died recently. The Funeral Service for Bernadette will be at Saltwell Crematorium on Thursday 11 September at 2.30pm. 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 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

THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF PETER BROWN RIP Teresa Brown and Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and condolences during this recent sad time. May God bless you all.

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.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS AND BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI In celebration of Pope Leo canonising two new Saints on 7 Sept - Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati - we will be having homemade cake with our hot drinks after Mass on Sunday 7 Sept at Immaculate Heart. All welcome. Thank you - Wendy and Megan (tea rota).

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: tinned meat (mince, corned beef, Pek), coffee, teabags, shower gel.

OTHER priority items: cereal, cooking oil tomato purée, long grained rice, UHT Milk, Dried pasta, pasta sauce, garden peas, sweetcorn, carrots, potatoes, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, tuna, meatballs, hot dogs, custard, rice pudding, fruit, sugar, biscuits, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shampoo, antiperspirant, 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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - PIE AND PEA SUPPER St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are having a Pie & Pea Supper on Wednesday 24 September at 7pm. Bingo, Raffle and Entertainment. Tickets at £8 each, are available by ringing the Little Sisters on 0191 273 1279.

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

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY

- **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.

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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 4 September.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Peace is as fragile as finely spun glass, delicate until it is finally blown fired and gains its strength. Yet this beautiful object can so easily be shattered and very difficult to repair.

We too can relate to this strength and fragility, pain, fear, hunger, lack of restful sleep, uncertainty conflict they all leave us with scars.

For those whose daily lives are a continuum of these events, grant that comfort, shelter, rest, compassion and the belief that the radiant light of Peace will envelope and encircle them with Love and Hope, healing and strength.

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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

Sirach:3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

My son perform your tasks in meekness;
 then you will be loved by those whom God accepts.
 The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself;
 so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.
 For great is the might of the Lord;
 He is glorified by the humble.
 The affliction of the proud has no healing,
 for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him.
 The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable,
 and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68(67):4-5ac, 6-7b. 10-11. R.cf. 11b

**R/ In your goodness, O God,
 you provided a home for the poor.**

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God,
 they shall exult with glad rejoicing.
 O sing to God; make music to his name.
 The Lord is his name. **R/**

Father of orphans, defender of widows:
 Such is God in his holy place.
 God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
 he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity. **R/**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
 When your heritage languished, you restored it.
 It was there that your flock began to dwell.
 In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor. **R/**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and sisters:
 You have not come to what may be touched,
 a blazing fire and darkness and gloom
 and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet
 and a voice whose words made the hearers beg
 that no further messages be spoken to them.
 But you have come to Mount Zion
 and to the city of the living God the heavenly Jerusalem,
 and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
 and to the assembly of the firstborn
 who are enrolled in heaven,
 and to God, the judge of all,
 and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11: 29ab

Alleluia, alleluia.
 Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
 and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
 Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'

He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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