



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

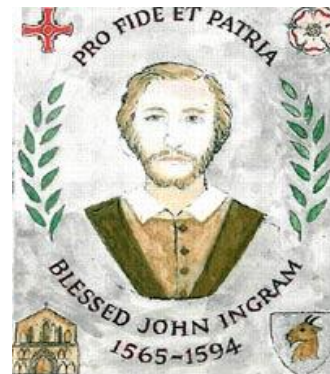
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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

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Colossians 3:1

3 August 2025

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Year C

The Parish Secretary, Theresa Noble, will be available in the Parish Office of Immaculate Heart Presbytery on Tuesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm

She can also be contacted by email ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or by telephone 0191 4604274 on Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 2 - 10 August 2025

Saturday 2 August	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Lorraine Grundy (dec.) [MM]
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	Maureen Todd (dec.) [CH]
Sunday 3 August	9.00am	St Mary	George Turnbull (dec.) [MT]
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 4 August <i>St John Vianney</i>	<u>9.30am</u>	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 5 August <i>Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Margaret Gobbett (dec.) [CN]
Wednesday 6 August <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	John Pinchen (liv.) 85 th Birthday [MP]
Thursday 7 August	9.30am	St Mary	Denis Smith (dec.) [T & PB]
Friday 8 August <i>St Dominic</i>			
Saturday 9 August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Deceased members of Hagan Family [JC]
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 August	9.00am	St Mary	Fred Mariddas (dec.) [SK]
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Private Intention [AS]

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 18 Year 1 (or Proper to the Feastday)

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

4.30pm on Sunday 2 August at Sacred Heart

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 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 Thomas William (Bill) Ward who has died recently. The Funeral Service for Bill Ward will be at Mountsett Crematorium on 5 August at 12.30pm. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Peter Brown, Maureen Buckle, 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, 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).

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

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, cooking oil, toilet rolls.

OTHER priority items - UHT Milk, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tinned meat (mince, corned beef, Pek), garden peas, sweetcorn, carrots, potatoes, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, tuna, meatballs, hot dogs, custard, rice pudding, fruit, tomato purée, long grained rice, coffee, teabags, sugar, biscuits, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shower gel, shampoo, antiperspirant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene (especially tampons).

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 in your diary 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.

THANK YOU *The Family of Billy and Shiela Hutchins would like to pass on our gratitude for your condolences, Mass cards, sympathy cards, attendance at Mam and Dad's funeral and amazing support. You have been wonderful. Also for the donations to Alzheimer Research UK which amounted to over £1000. Thank you so much and God Bless all of you.*

Denise, Paul and Michelle.

GIFT FOR LIFE AUGUST 100 CLUB DRAW The August *Gift for Life* '100 Club' draw takes place after Mass this Sunday (3 August) at St Mary's. Come along for refreshments, good conversation and see the draw take place. It could be you! Thank you for all your support.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 August 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.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

- The Education Department at St Cuthbert's House is looking for an Education Operations Manager to support the Director and Deputy Director of Education in current and future educational needs through the development, engagement, and preserving of our Catholic education. The successful candidate will be the interface to ensure our Education Department is proficient and productive and that resources are allocated effectively to enable us to support the delivery of a high-quality Catholic education.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk for an Applicant Pack.

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

THE NORTHERN CROSS August edition is now on sale, price £1.50.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 7 August.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

When everything is bleak and all we see or hear
are acts of pain and suffering,
help us to find within ourselves a place of peace,
a recollection of a time of joy,
to see beauty and grace in the landscape.

To watch again the gentle swaying of the
mature branches of trees as they bow and swirl
in the breeze or hear a sweet and soothing refrain
of a favourite melody to calm us once again.

In times of stress we need to search within ourselves
and allow the blessings which are there for us,
like a soft cloak, and from this place we can ask you
to enfold those whose lives are always on a knife edge
to feel held, even if just for moments,
for each moment is unique.

We cannot always physically hold someone else's hand
but together as communities we can reach out
with many hands to support those who are suffering, in
the knowledge that you are there to hold and comfort.

Grant that they be given the healing beauty
of love, peace and hope to envelop them,
and the courage and strength to simply be.

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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

Liturgy of the Word

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Year C

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90(89):3-4.5-6.12-13.14,17.R/3a

**R/ O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.**

You turn man back to dust, and say,
'Return, O children of Adam.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday,
come and gone, or like a watch in the night. **R/**

You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning,
in the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades. **R/**

Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Turn back, O Lord! How long?
Show pity to your servants. **R/**

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands. **R/**

Second Reading

Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters:

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: Sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12: 13-21

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:

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with us.' But he said to him, 'Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you? And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions.' And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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