



No servant can serve two masters.....You cannot serve God and money. Luke 6:13

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

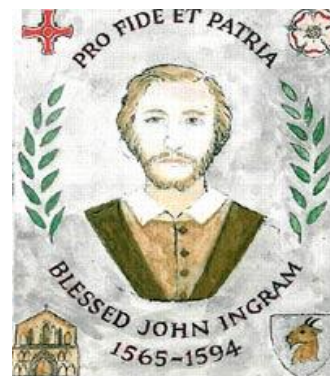
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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

21 September 2025

Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 20 - 28 September 2025

Saturday 20 September	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Denis Smith (dec.)
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Vi McVeigh (dec.) [CS]
Sunday 21 September	9.00am St Mary	Thanksgiving [KA]
Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 22 September	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 23 September	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Church Volunteers [MT]
Wednesday 24 September	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 25 September	9.30am St Mary	Marilyn Renwick (liv.) [JR]
Friday 26 September		
Saturday 27 September	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Miriam Cooper (dec.)
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Harry Attrill (dec.) [SA]
Sunday 28 September	9.00am St Mary	People of the Parish
Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Doreen Young (liv.) [JB]

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 25 Year 1 (or Proper to the Feast day)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 1.00pm - 1.20pm on Monday at Sacred Heart,
 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1.00pm - 1.25pm on Monday at Sacred Heart, 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 Luca Acheamong into the Family of the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Kath Airey, 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, 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

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY *Evangelii Gaudium /Joy of the Gospel Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday)* will be celebrated in our parishes this weekend 20/21 September 2025. This year, the Church has been celebrating a significant anniversary. It's 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. This great gathering of Bishops from around the Church began the work to formulate the creed we proclaim Sunday by Sunday. It is the content of this creed that is our mission, so that we may know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with him forever in the next. The creed begins with a profound proclamation, "I believe..." This is the theme for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* 2025. **A retiring collection will be taken this weekend to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Directorate.** Please hold this important work in your prayers.

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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - PIE AND PEA SUPPER St Joseph's Home in Newcastle is having a Pie & Pea Supper on Wednesday 24 September at 7.00pm. There will also be bingo, a raffle and entertainment. Tickets are £8 each and are available from the Little Sisters on 0191 273 1279.

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 PROJECT 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:- Cooking oil, tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, etc) vegetables - garden peas, sweetcorn, carrots, potatoes, chopped tomatoes, tuna & spray cleaner

OTHER priority items: -Cereal, tomato purée, long grained rice, UHT Milk, Dried pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, meatballs, hot dogs, custard, rice pudding, fruit, sugar, biscuits, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, shampoo, antiperspirant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene (especially tampons) & 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 9.30 -10.30 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 contact Katie Wilkinson either via mobile 07837 386 760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

HELPING HANDS NEEDED FOR CARE HOME GARDEN Do you enjoy being outdoors and lending a helping hand? St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) are looking for volunteers to help tend their extensive garden. The garden is a special place for the residents, a space for peace, fresh air, and community. We are looking for volunteers to assist with weeding, clearing undergrowth and general upkeep. No special skills or experience are needed, just a willing spirit, kind heart and a bit of time to share. Just bring yourself and we'll provide the tools. If you would like to be part of this rewarding work and share joy with the residents, please contact Sr Brigitte or Anne Whale (Tel: 0191 273 1279) to get involved. Let's join together to make the garden flourish for the residents to enjoy!

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE invites you to come and hear Nicholas Sagovsky speak about 'Heart speaks to heart'; what has Newman to do with synodality? in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 30 September, at 7.30pm.

RED MISSION BOXES are due to be emptied this month. Boxes/Money can be given to Lilian Gray at Immaculate Heart and St Mary's or Denise Hebron at St Philip Neri. Copies of the Autumn edition of Mission Today will be distributed but can also be read online at www.missio.org.uk/mission-today This edition focuses on World Mission Sunday which will be celebrated on 19th October. Please contact Lilian Gray on 07717853685 or liliangray@sky.com if you have any queries.

SACRED HEART, BYERMOOR *The Good to be alive* calendar for 2026 featuring watercolours of local scenes is now on sale, £5 each, with all proceeds going to parish funds.

GAZA - PRAYER AND ACTION Bishop Nicholas Hudson (Chair of the CBCEW Department for International Affairs) has added his voice to those of Pope Leo, the Patriarchs of Jerusalem, and Caritas Internationalis on the situation in Gaza. His statement and suggested prayers for peace can be read at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-hudson-gaza-needs-prayer-and-action-now-more-than-ever/>

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Parish Secretary, Parish of All Saints, Lanchester 9 hours per week, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am - 12 noon.
The Applicant Pack can be obtained by contacting nell.dewhirst@diocesehn.org.uk or human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk
Closing date: 12 noon Thursday 25 September

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

THE NORTHERN CROSS September 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 25 September.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Our natural world offers us many varied and unique wonders to behold, helping us to take time to stop and behold them in quiet moments to gaze at the sea or walk along the shore to feel the soft sand and warmth of the sun as we watch the tide ebb and flow or walk along a woodland path and be shaded by a wide variety of trees as they share with us their treasures of colour, copper, bronze, beech, deep holly green already aglow with bright red berries purple acer the grey green eucalyptus and many more with their own individual characteristics these natural gifts of love enhance and improve our daily lives.

We too can develop that love by sharing the beauty and joy it brings by simple gestures of caring, a smile, a friendly greeting to a stranger we meet upon our journey to accept the peace and joy we feel with loving gratitude and to reflect upon those who may never believe they will feel peace again. To those who feel such pain grant that hope and love will be their canopy and many hands of love will reach out to them offering safety healing and strength for love is the essence which feeds, heals and allows us to be free and to grow.

Jen Jones (C) September 2025

First reading*Amos 8:4-7*

Against those who 'buy the poor for silver.'
 Hear this, you who trample on the needy
 and bring the poor of the land to an end,
 saying, 'When will the new moon be over,
 that we may sell grain?
 And the Sabbath,
 that we may offer wheat for sale,
 that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
 and deal deceitfully with false balances,
 that we may buy the poor for silver,
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,
 and sell the chaff of the wheat?'
 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 113(112):1-2. 4-6. 7-8. R/ 1a, 7b***R/ Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
 praise the name of the Lord!
 May the name of the Lord be blest
 both now and for evermore! **R/**

High above all nations is the Lord,
 above the heavens his glory.
 Who is like the Lord, our God,
 who dwells on high,
 who lowers himself to look down
 upon heaven and earth? **R/**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
 from the ash heap he raises the poor,
 to set them in the company of princes,
 yes, with the princes of his people. **R/**

Second reading*1 Timothy 2: 1-8*

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.
 For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation**

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia.
 Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
 yet for your sake he became poor,
 so that you by his poverty might become rich.
 Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

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 the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.' And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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