



Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.  
Corinthians 8:9

**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**

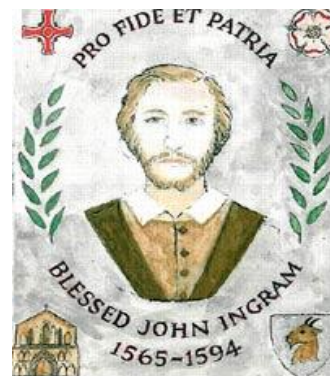
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**28 September 2025**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year**

**Year C**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 27 – 5 October 2025**

**Saturday 27 September**

<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Miriam Cooper (dec.)
<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	Harry Attrill (dec.) [SH]
<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Doreen Young (liv.) [JB]
<b>1.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Priest's Intention
<b>9.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
<b>9.30am St Philip Neri</b>	Priest's Intention
<b>9.30am St Mary</b>	Peter Brown (dec.) [MD]

**Sunday 28 September**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year**

Monday 29 September *Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael*

Tuesday 30 September *St Jerome*

Wednesday 1 October *St Therese of Lisieux*

Thursday 2 October *The Holy Guardian Angels*

Friday 3 October – *CAFOD Family Fast Day*

**Saturday 4 October** *St Francis of Assisi*

**Sunday 5 October**

**Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year (C)**

<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Priest's Intention
<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	Norman James (dec.) [BJ]
<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]

**Weekday Readings:** Ordinary Time Week 26 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

**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](mailto:olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk) Until further notice, the older address [ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:pp.olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk)

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** is this coming Friday 3 October. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities where women have to walk for hours to get water. **CAFOD envelopes are available if you wish to make a financial contribution to their invaluable work throughout the world.** We pray for Justice and Peace in the world, especially on this Family Fast Day. For more information, please visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**VISIT OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO** On Tuesday 30 September we welcome the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía to our Diocese. On that day at 1.00pm he will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of Mass. As Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Buendía is Pope Leo's Ambassador to our country and so a sign of our communion with the Church of Rome. As well as celebrating Mass he will visit several of our Diocesan institutions as he stays with us.

**ADDITIONAL DIOCESAN APPOINTMENT FOR CANON PETER** Bishop Stephen has appointed Canon Peter to be the Diocesan Chancellor in succession to Canon William Agley who is to take up the position of General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Canon Peter will continue as Parish Priest of Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish and as Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart, Byermoor Parish.

**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](http://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](mailto: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/>

**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.

**SHORT SUPPLY - Dried pasta, tinned tuna, hot dogs, vegetables - garden peas, sweetcorn, carrots, potatoes, chopped tomatoes, & spray cleaner**

**OTHER priority items** - Cereal, cooking oil, tomato purée, long grained rice, UHT Milk, pasta sauce, tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc), baked beans, meatballs, 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](mailto: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.

**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 2 October.**

**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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

**Jen's Weekly Prayer**

Diamond glittering stars lay across a deep blue black sky, their glow held such depth and beauty a sensation of peace was present. The silence was calming and gentle a place of safety and exquisite beauty. Help us to cherish and value these fleeting and awesome moments which continue to feed us in times of stress or anxiety as we once again feel their comfort and strength. For the many who have witnessed not calmness or beauty for so long may their lives become safer and fear and pain become a distant memory. Grant that courage and strength will sustain and enfold them with hope and love.

Jen Jones (C) September 2025

## First reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts:  
 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion,  
 and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.  
 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
 and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
 and eat lambs from the flock  
 and calves from the midst of the stall,  
 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
 and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,  
 who drink wine in bowls  
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
 Therefore they shall now be the first  
 of those who go into exile,  
 and the revelry of those who stretch  
 themselves out shall pass away.'

The Word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145): 6c-7,8-9a, 9b-10 R/1b

## R/ My Soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
 the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,  
 the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.  
 It is the Lord who loves the just,  
 the Lord who protects the stranger. **R/**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,  
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
 The Lord will reign for ever,  
 your God, O Sion, from age to age. **R/**

## Second reading

1 Timothy 6: 11-16

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,  
 steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.  
 Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and  
 about which you made the good confession in the presence of  
 many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who  
 gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony  
 before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the  
 commandment unstained and free from reproach until the  
 appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the  
 proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the  
 King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality,  
 who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever  
 seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion.  
 Amen.

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 16:19-31

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 Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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