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Luke 17:6

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary • Lobley Hill**  
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**St Philip Neri • Dunston**  
**and**  
**THE PARISH OF SACRED HEART, BYERMOOR**

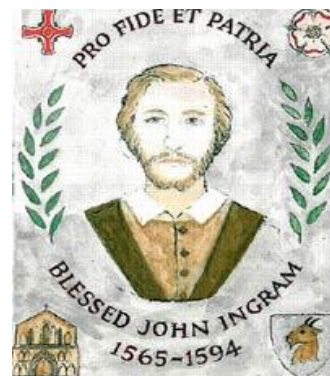
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**5 October 2025**

**Twenty Seventh 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*

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 4 - 12 October 2025**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Saturday 4 October</b>                                       | <b>4.30pm</b>        | <b>Sacred Heart</b>     | Priest's Intention          |
|                                                                 | <b>5.30pm</b>        | <b>St Philip Neri</b>   | People of the Parish        |
| <b>Sunday 5 October</b>                                         | <b>9.00am</b>        | <b>St Mary</b>          | Norman James (dec.) [BJ]    |
| <b>Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year</b>                        | <b>10.30am</b>       | <b>Immaculate Heart</b> | Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]        |
| Monday 6 October                                                | <u><b>1.30pm</b></u> | <b>Sacred Heart</b>     | Priest's Intention          |
| Tuesday 7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>                 | <b>9.30am</b>        | <b>Immaculate Heart</b> | N.B.F.                      |
| Wednesday 8 October                                             | <b>9.30am</b>        | <b>St Philip Neri</b>   | Priest's Intention          |
| Thursday 9 October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>                  | <b>9.30am</b>        | <b>St Mary</b>          | Tony Richardson (dec.) [MD] |
| Friday 10 October <i>St Paulinus of York</i>                    |                      |                         |                             |
| <b>Saturday 11 October</b> <i>St John XXIII</i>                 | <b>4.30pm</b>        | <b>Sacred Heart</b>     | Priest's Intention          |
|                                                                 | <b>5.30pm</b>        | <b>St Philip Neri</b>   | Fr. Anselm (dec.)           |
| <b>Sunday 12 October</b>                                        | <b>9.00am</b>        | <b>St Mary</b>          | People of the Parish        |
| <b>Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (C)</b>                     | <b>10.30am</b>       | <b>Immaculate Heart</b> | Bob Payne (dec.) [FP]       |
| <i>Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents</i> |                      |                         |                             |

**Weekday Readings:** Ordinary Time Week 27 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 Ellis George Clayton-Young into the Family of the Church.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Margaret Ursula Clark who has died recently. The Funeral Service for Margaret will be at St Philip Neri Church at 10.00am on Thursday 16 October followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**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).*

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** was on Friday 3 October. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection this weekend 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)

**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 Parish, Byermoor.

**PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS 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)

**GIFT FOR LIFE OCTOBER 100 CLUB DRAW** The October *Gift for Life* '100 Club' draw takes place after Mass this Sunday 5 October at St Mary's. Come along for refreshments, good conversation and to see the draw take place. Also, we are pleased to announce that the '100 Club' will continue to run from December and new numbers will be on sale during November. Watch this space for full details. Thank you for all your brilliant support – we have recently sent £1,800 to each of the projects in Indian and Kenya and continue to donate £50 each month to the Justice and Peace Refugee Project locally. Without your generosity this would not be possible.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 October 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 4884395.

**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 19 October. Please contact Lilian Gray on 07717 853685 or [liliangray@sky.com](mailto:liliangray@sky.com) if you have any queries.

**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, toothpaste, washing up liquid, 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](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!

**DIOCESAN VACANCY** - A cleaner is required to provide cleaning services throughout the Church, the church halls and the parish house at English Martyrs, 176 Stamfordham Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 3JR. Part-time, 9 hours per week; Some flexibility is available – times to be negotiated at interview. Salary - £5,896.80 per annum Deadline for applications is 12 October 2025 at 12.00 noon.

Details can be found at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/>

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** October edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

**SACRED HEART** *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.

**SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS WREATHS** Starting in Advent this year Christmas Wreaths will be on display in the church if you would like one dedicated to your loved ones please make a donation of £20 or more to the Parish. Please speak to Mary Young for details.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 9 October.**

**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/>

**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**

A rainbow, a covenant of strength  
from one to the other.  
Radiant colour against a backdrop of bright clear light.  
Behind the grey gloom and sadness of days  
there is always that sparkling glow to fill us  
with hope, showing us love remains.  
As the early autumn days shorten and the light  
fades into an ink blue sky, the stars glisten,  
showing their unique light.  
For those who are living in fear and dread,  
the rumbling sound of war must intensify  
as night begins to spread across the sky.  
They cannot always see the rich light of the stars  
from their dark places of safety.  
Grant to all who face war, terror,  
persecution, destruction and terrorism,  
that they be comforted by the covenant  
of hope, compassion and strength,  
to guide them to once again feel and glow  
in the warm vibrant colours of light, love and peace.

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## First reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?  
 Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save?  
 Why do you make me see iniquity,  
 and why do you idly look at wrong?  
 Destruction and violence are before me;  
 strife and contention arise.  
 And the Lord answered me:  
 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,  
 so he may run who reads it.  
 For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
 it hastens to the end — it will not lie.  
 If it seems slow, wait for it;  
 it will surely come; it will not delay.  
 'Behold, his soul is puffed up;  
 it is not upright within him,  
 but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R/cf. 8a

**R/ O that today you would listen to his voice!**  
**'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;  
 hail the rock who saves us.  
 Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;  
 let us hail him with a song of praise. **R/**

O come; let us bow and bend low.  
 Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,  
 for he is our God, and we the people,  
 the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.  
 O that today you would listen to his voice! **R/**

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
 as on that day at Massah in the desert  
 when your forebears put me to the test;  
 when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R/**

## Second reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,  
 which is in you through the laying on of my hands,  
 for God gave us a spirit not of fear,  
 but of power and love and self-control.  
 Therefore do not be ashamed of the  
 testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner,  
 but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,  
 Follow the pattern of the sound words  
 that you have heard from me,  
 in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.  
 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us,  
 guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains for ever  
 and this word is the good news that was preached to you.  
 Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

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: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'  
 And the Lord said,  
 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed,  
 you could say to this mulberry tree,  
 "Be uprooted and planted in the sea",  
 and it would obey you.  
 'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping  
 sheep say to him when he has come in from the field,  
 "Come at once and recline at table"?  
 Will he not rather say to him,  
 "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly,  
 and serve me while I eat and drink,  
 and afterwards you will eat and drink"?  
 Does he thank the servant  
 because he did what was commanded?  
 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded,  
 say, "We are unworthy servants;  
 we have only done what was our duty." '

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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