



From the holy scriptures you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Cf. II Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Whickham
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston
and
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19 October 2025

Twenty Ninth 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 18 - 26 October 2025

Saturday 18 October	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Nancy & Tommy Ashley (dec.)
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 October	9.00am	St Mary	Terry Burke (dec.) [GM]
Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving [AB]
<i>World Mission Sunday</i>			
Monday 20 October	<u>1.30pm</u>	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 21 October	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Lawrence Regan (dec.) [MR]
Wednesday 22 October <i>St John Paul II</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 23 October	9.30am	St Mary	Private Intention [AS]
Friday 24 October			
Saturday 25 October	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 October	9.00am	St Mary	Ann Tate (dec.) [MD]
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (C)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Deceased Members of Connor & Henderson Families

Weekday Readings: *Ordinary Time Week 29 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,

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).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting **Missio** - the Pope's charity for world mission - we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. **Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this weekend's retiring collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need.** To donate, use one of the *Missio* envelopes or visit www.missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION Next weekend 25/26 October there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund. There will be envelopes at the back of church for any donations you may wish to Gift Aid.

QUIZ NIGHT WITH PIE & PEA SUPPER (including your first drink - any vegetarians will be catered for). Remember you can also bring along your own drink & refreshments however, extra drinks will be available for a donation.

Let's have a social get together with any money raised going to parish funds and our "Love Christmas" project, although it's not really about raising money, it's about spending some enjoyable social time with each other.

When? Thursday 13 November, 6.30pm at Immaculate Heart Church, Lobley Hill. Warren and Lilian Gray have very kindly agreed to organise the quiz which will include a variety of interesting, fun and wide-ranging topics for all ages.

Tickets are on sale now at the back of each church - adults £5, children £3.

Be quick, as we can only accommodate a limited number, so get that purse/wallet out, get those tickets bought and come along for a fun quiz night, raffle, food and drink and of course good company!

Any queries please contact Denise Hebron 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson 07837 386760.

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: cereal, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tinned garden peas, carrots, potatoes, tuna, hot dogs.

OTHER priority items: UHT Milk, tomato purée, cooking oil, long grained rice, tinned vegetables - sweetcorn, chopped tomatoes meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc), baked beans, meatballs, 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

NEW CHURCH NOTICEBOARD With much gratitude for the generosity of one of our parishioners, we now have a splendid and eye-catching noticeboard which has been erected beside the main church doors of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The noticeboard includes the helpful facility to display a weekly sheet (or sheets) giving the times and dates of Masses, Services and other events taking place in our parish.

THANK YOU A special thank you for all the prayers and support I have received. My operation was a huge success. *Christine Crawley*

NEW RECTOR OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WHICKHAM We extend a warm welcome and prayerful good wishes to the Revd James Laurence William Scott who will be licensed as Rector of Whickham and Swalwell at St Mary the Virgin Church, Whickham this Sunday 19 October at 3.00pm by The Rt Revd Sarah Clark, Bishop of Jarrow and 'Acting' Bishop of Durham. Refreshments after the service will be served in the parish centre. Everyone is welcome.

MAKE YOUR GIVING GO FURTHER WITH GIFT AID! Did you know that if you're a UK taxpayer, your donations to the parish can go even further at **no extra cost to you?** With Gift Aid, the government adds 25% to your gift, helping us support our church, ministries, and community projects even more!

- It's simple to sign up and makes a huge difference:
- Your regular donations go further.
- You help the parish care for our community and facilities.
- It costs you nothing extra!

Sign up today by contacting your local parish Gift Aid Organiser (via the Parish Office) or visit:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BrxQTPnn3a?origin=IprLink>

Together, we can strengthen our parish and continue our mission to serve God and our community. Thank you for your generosity!

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

FINANCIAL UPDATE Parish funds have increased slightly by £682 to £63,434 in the 6 months to the end of September. Offertory collections in all forms totaled £6,800 which is £315 up on the same period last year. Despite the increase, this sum is insufficient to fund a full-time priest and associated presbytery costs. Therefore, Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish is contributing £1,000 per month towards Fr Endre's costs to cover his duties across both parishes. Repair expenditure is significantly down on last year but items that need addressing over the coming months include presbytery drainage, possible felling of trees close to the church, repairs to pathways and making safe the perimeter wall that is falling down.

CALENDAR 2026 *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.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Donations for our Christmas Raffle would be greatly appreciated.

LOVE CHRISTMAS 2025 - ADVANCED NOTICE - GET INVOLVED

Christmas is just **10 weeks away!**

How can you become involved? Over the coming weeks buy in advance and be super ready.

- You could look for special offers and buy food items for the hampers (chocolate biscuits, tub of sweets, cheese biscuits, Christmas crackers etc.) ready to donate in November.
- You could purchase special gift offers appropriate for both genders ages 0 - 20 (we always struggle for 13+ children, especially boys, so please try to focus upon this group) and be ready for the Angel Tree launch the weekend of **Christ the King (22/23 November)** you don't need to wrap them (although putting the present in a gift bag with the Angel Tree tag would be greatly appreciated).
- From the weekend of **Christ the King (22/23 November)** there will be a food list of special food items for the hampers plus a box at church (food items already purchased can be handed in from this date)
- There will be an Angel Tree in each of our three churches the weekend of **22/23 November** - each tree will have tags with gender & age of gifts required - please take one - or two!
- All gifts and food donations need to be handed in by **Sunday 14 December**.
- Become a Santa's Little Helper - **save the day - Tuesday 16 December** - come along to Immaculate Heart Church and help wrap all donated presents plus organise the food hampers - details of times will be announced.
- One final important date for our Seniors' diaries (and all volunteers) - the annual Christmas Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 3 December**. There will be the opportunity to attend **Mass at 11am then lunch, in St Mary's Hall**, will follow.

Finally

- Please remember, if you would prefer someone else to shop on your behalf, feel free to donate cash.

Any queries please contact either Katie Wilkinson via email teachkate1@gmail.com telephone 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron via email denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk telephone 07554 445679.

DIOCESAN FORMATION WEBINARS As part of the Diocese's ongoing commitment to becoming a more synodal diocese, we are pleased to offer a new series of formation webinars. Starting this month, these monthly interactive sessions will support reflection and development across Parish, Partnership, and Diocesan Councils. Each webinar will explore key principles for building and sustaining effective pastoral councils. A full list of all the seminars in the series, and a link to register can be found at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/reimagining-pastoral-councils/>

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 23 October**.

Jen's weekly prayer

Hope is akin to an everlasting flame,
a light which never fades.

We can be strengthened by the smallest flicker
or by strongest beacon on top of hill or parapet,
for light allows us to never feel truly alone
even if we are lonely.

The flame allows us to feel connected, wanted, loved,
for though they flicker they are strong and resilient.
Grant to all who are suffering from conflicts, disasters
hunger, pain, anguish, fear, confusion,
be filled with the sustaining and empowering light
that true peace brings, the everlasting light of love.

Jen Jones @ October 2025

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

Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 121(120):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R/ cf. 2*

**R/ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. **R/**

He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R/**

The Lord your guard, the Lord your shade
at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night. **R/**

The Lord will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming,
both now and for ever. **R/**

Second reading

II Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia.
The word of God is living and active,
discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

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 told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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