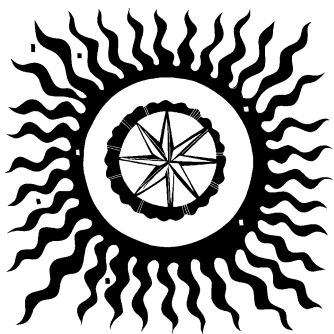




Behold ... for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

Cf. Malachi 4:1-2a

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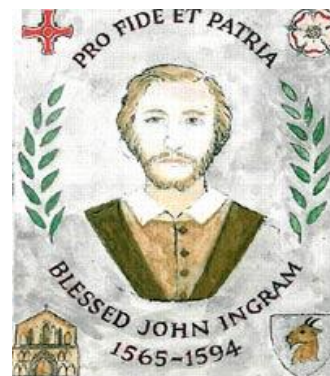
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

16 November 2025

Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

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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

She can also be contacted by email olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday and Wednesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 15 - 23 November 2025

Saturday 15 November	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Bill & Shiela Hutchins (dec.) [GD]
Sunday 16 November	9.00am St Mary	People of the Parish
Thirty Third Sunday of the Year	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Tate Family (dec.) [VMcG]
	3.00pm St Mary	<i>Service of Light</i>
Monday 17 November <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	1.30pm Sacred Heart	The Faithful Departed
Tuesday 18 November	9.30am Immaculate Heart	The Faithful Departed
Wednesday 19 November	9.30am St Philip Neri	Yvonne Campbell (dec.) [KN]
Thursday 20 November	9.30am St Mary	Alice Teal (dec.) [MD]
Friday 21 November <i>The Presentation of the BVM</i>		
Saturday 22 November	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Bryce & Smith Families [AB]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 23 November	9.00am St Mary	Brenda Robson (dec.)
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Jukes Family (dec.) [VMcG]
<i>World Youth Sunday</i>		

Weekday Readings: *Ordinary Time Week 33 Year 1 (or Proper to the Feast Day)*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 1.00 - 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).

CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION Donations to this Fund may be made until this Sunday 16 November. Envelopes are available at the back of church for any donations you may wish to Gift Aid.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION Next weekend we will celebrate World Youth Sunday, when the Church gives thanks for the life and faith of our young people. The retiring collection will support the work of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT), our Diocesan Youth Service. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of church. Your generosity helps young people encounter Christ and grow in faith.

SERVICE OF LIGHT You are cordially invited to our annual Service of Light to remember those we love who have died in the Gateshead area.

Date and venue: This Sunday 16 November, 3pm at St Mary's RC Church, Whickham NE16 4EN. The Service will be led by Revd Paul Nichol, Chaplain to St Bede's Unit, QE Hospital. All are welcome to join us for an hour of quiet pray and reflection. Light refreshments will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

THE SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY this year is on Wednesday 3 December at St. Mary's Hall. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am followed by lunch and festivities in St. Mary's Hall. There are lists at the entrance of each church - if you would like to attend, please put your name on the list by Sunday 30th November. If you find you are unable to attend, please let us know, even if it is on the morning of the lunch, otherwise food will be wasted. Also, if you know of anyone who would like to attend but is unable to get to church, let us know and we may be able to arrange transport for them. Contact details are Denise Hebron tel. 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson tel. 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: tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc.), antiperspirant, shampoo, toilet rolls.

OTHER priority items: UHT Milk, cereal, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tomato purée, cooking oil, long grained rice, tinned garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, custard, garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, fruit, rice pudding, potatoes, tuna, meatballs, hot dogs, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, sugar, biscuits, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, 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

JUBILEE 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE The Jubilee Year is a Year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. Information on the Jubilee Year can be found at: www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/jubilee2025

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' - NEW NUMBERS ON SALE

Due to popular demand, we are running the 100 Club once again from December and the new numbers are now on sale – but hurry you only have this week and next to purchase. The cost remains the same at £25 per number for the year – payment is in advance either by cash or cheque made payable to Our Lady & St Philip Neri (please write 100 Club on the back of the cheque). The prizes will be finalised once we know how many numbers have been sold but we hope that we will be able to continue with £50 first prize, £30 second prize and £20 third prize. Please note, existing numbers will not be carried over into the new scheme - it is 'first come, first served' for numbers for the new arrangements. The next draw will take place on Sunday 7 December at St Mary's. If you have any questions, please see one of the Gift for Life Group or contact us on giftforlife20@gmail.com Thank you for your generous support.

HELP THE POOR RECEIVE MUCH MORE One of our young people who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year, has been given a social action project to make an Advent Calendar which will list items she would like to collect and give to a family who might be facing a difficult Christmas. It would be much appreciated if you could donate to this cause any of the items listed on the poster at the back of Immaculate Heart Church. Thank you.

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL at Spoor Memorial Methodist Church - Thursday 4, Friday 5 and Saturday 6 December 2025.

It's coming up to that time of year, and once again we are organising this community event as part of the Christmas celebrations at Spoor. We would like to invite you to take part by decorating a tree. We do hope you are able to take part and in doing so promote your own business/school/organisation. Trees can be of any material, real or artificial and of any design. The only criteria we stipulate is to have battery operated lights. Decoration of trees: Wednesday 3 December 10.00am till 2:00pm. Festival: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 4, 5 & 6 December 10.00 am till 4.00 pm. Refreshments will be available. Dismantling and collection of trees: Sunday 7 December 12 noon till 1.00pm, Monday 8 December 9.00am – 11.00am. We are sure that this event is enjoyed by the whole community in Whickham, and we do hope you will feel able to participate. Please let us know if you would like to take part by 1st November at the latest. If you have any questions, please feel free to either telephone or email: Ruth Blundred tel. 0191 488 6971, Ann Clay email: ann.clay1949@gmail.com or Christine Norman tel. 07957 810471.

LOVE CHRISTMAS 2025 - Officially launching the weekend 22/23 November! Every Christmas, parishioners actively live their faith by offering support to those in need at Christmas, this year we would like to continue with this invaluable outreach work under the umbrella of the ecumenical UK charity 'Love Christmas'.

We are confident that our parishioners will repeat last year's amazing effort of supplying Christmas food for hampers and gifts to Food bank recipients plus gifts to children across Gateshead who have been identified at risk of not receiving a Christmas gift this year (we liaise with Gateshead Social Services to obtain a list of vulnerable children who fall into this category).

- **Christmas Hampers** - at the back of each church there will be a food list of special items for the hampers. **Food items must be handed in by the end of the weekend 13/14 December.** Please ensure any perishable food items remain in date post-Christmas. There'll be a box at the back of each church for these donations.
- **The Angel Tree** with tags will be in church from weekend of **22/23 November** - please note there will be more tags this year for 13+ children (especially boys) as Social Services have requested this because they particularly struggle with this age group every year. You are invited to take a tag from the Angel Tree and donate a new gift. Social Services have requested that all gifts to be donated unwrapped, with a gift tag with the gender and age of the intended recipient. **All gifts must be handed in by the end weekend of 13/14 December.**
- **Santa's little helpers** are invited to please come along to Immaculate Heart Church on **Tuesday 16 December, following 9.30am Mass, preferably with their own scissors and sellotape** to help sort gifts plus food items for the hampers. We could not undertake this huge task every year without wonderful volunteers our parish can only be successful with your brilliant support.

However you chose to commit to this year's Love Christmas project someone, somewhere will be benefiting during this Christmas season and will be truly grateful.

Finally....

- If you would prefer someone else to shop for you please 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.

ADVENT COURSE AT ST PETER'S, LOW FELL - ALL WELCOME!

We will meet on the Mondays of Advent (1, 8, 15, 22 December) following 7.00pm Mass (Adoration from 6.15pm) for a period of prayer and discussion on the themes of Sr Gemma Simmond's book 'Donkey Roads and Camel Treks: A Pilgrim's Guide for Advent'. This Bible Reading Fellowship Advent Book for 2025 gives a daily reading from the Lectionary with a meditation and reflection and this will form the basis for our four weekly sessions. If you would like to come along, please buy the book and, for catering purposes, please let St Peter's Parish Office know if you want to attend by Sunday 23 November - Email: south.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk

JOHN INGRAM - OVINGHAM PARTNERSHIP MERGER In 2017 Partnerships were created across the Diocese. The Gateshead area comprised the Partnerships of John Ingram and Ovingham. With the move of Our Lady and St Cuthbert's Parish, Prudhoe to the Heavenfield Partnership, it feels that the Ovingham Partnership, with two priests, is not a sustainable supporting Partnership and that merging with John Ingram will make it so. With Bishop Stephen's approval the merger will take place on the First Sunday of Advent (30 November).

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - CHRISTMAS CONCERT The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Newcastle on Saturday 6 December 2025 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home ([0191 273 1279](tel:01912731279)).

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 20 November.**

Jen's weekly prayer

As the trees cast their final leaves help us to give thanks for the shade, shelter, life and beauty they have given to us coupled with food, homes, refuge to birds, small creatures, insects, butterflies, bees and many more during their time of rest and recuperation.

We are all part of a continuing chain, our actions have consequences for others as well as ourselves.

Guide us as we try to keep reaching out to those who may require extra support and comfort and enable us to keep our promise to do no harm to the natural world in all of its forms, and glory in the ever-changing landscape on land, sea and sky, the rich sunsets and sunrise, the vibrant illumination of the night sky and the vivid beauty of the evergreen shrubs and trees, plus the intricate, delicate beauty of bare trees, gleaming with frost to brighten the dark winter days.

The natural world is a source of wonder, it calms, excites brings peace and renewed hope.

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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

First reading*Malachi 4:1-2a*

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 98(97):5-6. 7-8a. 8b-9b. 9cd. R/ cf. v9*

R/The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the Lord. **R/**

Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands. **R/**

The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth. **R/**

He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness. **R/**

Second reading*2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Luke 21:28*

Alleluia, alleluia.
Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.
Alleluia.

Gospel*Luke 21:5-19*

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: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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