



For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Cf. Colossians 1:19-20

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
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THE PARISH OF SACRED HEART, BYERMOOR

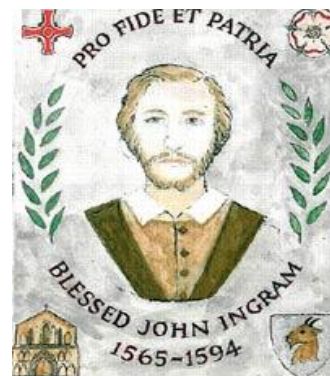
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23 November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Year C

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 22 - 30 November 2025

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.)
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</i>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Jukes Family (dec.) [VMcG]
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Young People</i>			
Monday 24 November <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	1.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 25 November <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Anthony (Tony) Blakeley (dec.) [ES]
Wednesday 26 November	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 27 November	<u>10.30am</u>	St Mary	Requiem Mass - Colin Douglas RIP
Friday 28 November			
Saturday 29 November	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Michael Morris (dec.) [MM]
	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 November	9.00am	St Mary	Pauline Archbold (dec.) [DA]
<i>First Sunday of Advent (Year A)</i>	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.) [VMcG]

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 34 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

Baptism

This Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Georgia Grace Copp into the Family of the Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Colin Douglas who has died recently. The Requiem Mass for Colin will be at St. Mary's on Thursday 27 November at 10.30 am followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May he 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).

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION This Sunday, we 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 are available at the back of church.** Your generosity helps young people encounter Christ and grow in faith.

70th BIRTHDAY You are all cordially invited to a low key (at his request) celebration for Canon Peter, **next** Sunday morning 30 November, at immaculate Heart of Mary Church after Mass around 11.30am. Hot Drinks and nibbles will be provided and you never know there may be a small tippie in it too, to offer a toast in celebration. All welcome!!

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.

IN SHORT SUPPLY: tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc), tinned garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, custard, carrots, sweetcorn, fruit, rice pudding, toilet rolls

OTHER priority items: UHT Milk, cereal, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tomato purée, cooking oil, long grained rice, potatoes, tuna, meatballs, hot dogs, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, sugar, biscuits, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, antiperspirant, shampoo & 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2026 If your child is currently in Year 4 (or above) and they are not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2026, please contact the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery as soon as possible by email or telephone:

e-mail olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk

tel. 0191 460 4274. Please provide your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

QUIZ AND PIE AND PEA SUPPER NIGHT Thank you to everyone who supported this social event. It was advertised as a social evening for our parish community to have an enjoyable evening together, which it certainly turned out to be. Thank You to everyone who came and joined in the spirit of the evening (even though the weather was awful and England were playing). As an amazing added bonus, we also managed to raise a total of **£605** in funds to be shared between Parish Funds and the "Love Christmas" Project we support. Thank You and God Bless.

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB' NEW NUMBERS This is the last weekend that you can purchase numbers for the next year of the *Gift for Life* '100 Club'. 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.

MINCE PIE AND CAROLS On Tuesday 2 December at 2.30pm, to mark the start of the Advent Season, we will have a Carols, Mince pies and Coffee afternoon at Sacred Heart School. All parishioners - not only parents - are welcome!

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.

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

LOVE CHRISTMAS 2025 - Officially launching this 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 27 November.**

Jen's weekly prayer

Childhood flies by in a flash, just like the twig
which was tiny, it thrives as a sapling standing tall,
facing the elements.

Our young people are facing numerous challenges
buffeting them and testing their strengths,
asking more and more from them
and for many without a caring hand
to reassure, guide or shelter them.

It is a period of joy and wonder and also of great
uncertainty in a changing and very fluid period of time.

Help us to support and cherish our incredible
young people who have so many gifts and talents
that they will have the courage, strength
and perseverance to keep moving forward
on their journeys; their roads will vary,
some soft and flat, some ragged and difficult,
help them face the challenges knowing that
the light is always there to guide them
and may their journeys enrichments last a lifetime
and be filled with hope and love.

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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

Samuel 5:1-3

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5. R/ cf.1

R/ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
As it is decreed for Israel,
to give praise to the name of the Lord.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. **R/**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

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 rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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