



Behold God's dwelling with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God himself with them will be their God.

Cf. Revelation 21:3

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

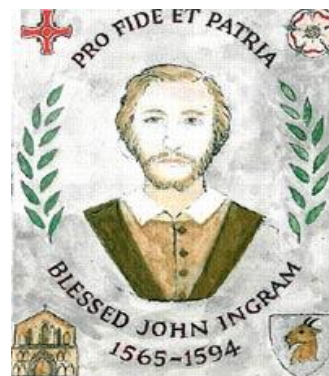
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The John Ingram Partnership
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

9 November 2025

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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.

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

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 8 - 16 November 2025

Saturday 8 November	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Harry Attrill (dec.) [SA]
Sunday 9 November	9.00am St Mary	People of the Parish
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Francis & Matthew Bullock (dec.) [AB]
Remembrance Sunday		
Monday 10 November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	1.30pm Sacred Heart	The Faithful Departed
Tuesday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.30am Immaculate Heart	The Faithful Departed
Wednesday 12 November <i>St Josaphat</i>	9.30am St Philip Neri	The Faithful Departed
Thursday 13 November	9.30am St Mary	Anne Fothergill (liv.)
Friday 14 November		
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 (Year C)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Tate Family (dec.) [VMcG]

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 32 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 Saturday in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Nicole Suliuc into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Sheila Bartlett who has died recently. The Funeral Service for Sheila will be at Saltwell Crematorium at 12 noon on Wednesday 12 November. 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).

CLERGY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION Donations to this Fund may be made until next Sunday 16 November. Envelopes are available 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.

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 Club' November Draw Results - and new numbers on sale The November draw for the *Gift for Life* '100 Club' took place at Immaculate Heart last Sunday. The lucky numbers were: 1st prize (£50) number 77, 2nd prize (£30) number 79 and 3rd prize (£20) number 19. The next draw will take place on Sunday 7 December at St Mary's. The November draw was the last in the current subscription year but the good news is that, due to popular demand, we are running the 100 Club once again from December and **the new numbers are now on sale**. 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. 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.

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: 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.

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 as soon as possible, e-mail olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274, providing your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

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 vegetables - garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, fruit, antiperspirant, shampoo, toilet rolls.

OTHER priority items: UHT Milk, tomato purée, cooking oil, long grained rice, tinned meatballs, custard, rice pudding, meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc), potatoes, tuna, hot dogs, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, meatballs, sugar, biscuits, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene (especially tampons).

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

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.

ST PHILIP NERI SCHOOL - REMEMBRANCE DAY On Tuesday 11 November, Y6 will be holding a Remembrance Liturgy and we would like to invite parishioners to join us. It will begin at 10.45am and will take place in the school hall. It would be lovely to see some of you there.

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.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Administrator - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Salary Scale £30,000 to £31,855 FTE

Supporting Father Shaun Purdy, our Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, we are looking for our first permanent Lourdes Administrator and as such the successful applicant will play a pivotal role in setting the standard and enabling us to support the delivery of a high-quality pilgrimage.

For further information see: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/>

For an Applicant Pack please email Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources, at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk

St Mary's Cathedral, Parish Secretary - Vacancy

Role: Parish Secretary

Salary: £10,537.80 per annum

Hours: Part-time 15 hours per week

Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Clayton St West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4HH

How to apply: Please

visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-16/>

Closing date: 19 November 2025

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Friday 31 July - Friday 7 August 2026. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place each year, departing on the last Friday in July for a full week's pilgrimage to Lourdes. Being the Centenary Year since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Joseph Thorman, we have had increased interest in people wanting to go to Lourdes in 2026. It would help our Tour Operator (*Tangney Tours*) greatly if you could fill in the pre-registration form on their website if you are contemplating travelling with them. This will assist in helping with travel arrangements and hotels. Please note, this is pre-registration, it does not mean you have booked your place. Please follow the link below for more information: <https://tangney=tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-newcastle-2/> or tel. 01732 886666.

YOUTH SECTION The Youth Section is a vital part of our Pilgrimage; the assisted pilgrims and hotel pilgrims rely on your generosity in saying 'yes' to assist them throughout the week. The Youth Section is organised through the Youth Ministry Team (YMT). If you are aged 16 (*on the day of travel*) - 21. Please follow the link below for more information - <https://ymt.org/be-a-youth-helper-at-diocesan-lourdes-pilgrimage-2025/>

ASSISTED PILGRIMS

The pilgrimage offers a special section for Assisted Pilgrims who need Nursing Care or some other form of specialised care during the week in Lourdes. We have a team of doctors and nurses who provide for the medical care needed and a large team of young and adult helpers who assist. If you would like to know more about being an assisted pilgrim, please contact the Lead Nurse through the email address lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk. Please include in the email your name and a contact number for the Lead Nurse to contact you directly with more information.

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 Christine Norman tel. 07957 810471.

CARBON LITERACY TRAINING - North East Churches Acting Together Three online sessions will examine the science of climate change, our own personal carbon footprints, and what we can be doing together as churches. The course can lead to Carbon Literacy Certification (cost £15) for those who choose this option, it will be free for those who do not wish to obtain certification. The course will run 7 - 9pm on Wednesdays 19 and 26 November and 14 January. To express an interest, please email minnie.fraser@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 13 November.**

Jen's weekly prayer

Rings in the trunk of trees show their age,
tell their story.

These wonderful specimens of nature
communicate with each other.

The growth of our relationships are like these rings,
these systems of communication,
they too tell our stories.

Throughout our lives we have many and varied
relationships shared and treasured times.

We will have watered these relationships
with compassion, listening, hearing, trusting, valuing
each other and letting go.

It is the strength of our acceptance of the true
knowledge that it is love, the invisible fragile bond
which enfolds but does not bind.

It is love which allows us to be parted
even permanently yet is still alive
through our loving shared memories.

Each adds to the other all of that garnered knowledge
to give us strength.

It is the beam which provides light in the darkness
comfort in sadness,
the glorious healing continuum of 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

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R/5

***R/ The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.***

God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea. **R/**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the abode of the Most High.
God is in her midst, she cannot be shaken;
God will help her at the dawning of the day. **R/**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the Lord,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth. **R**

Second reading

I Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord,
that my name may be there for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 2:13-22

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Remembrance Sunday 2025



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon (1869 - 1943)