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Matthew 2: 14-15

**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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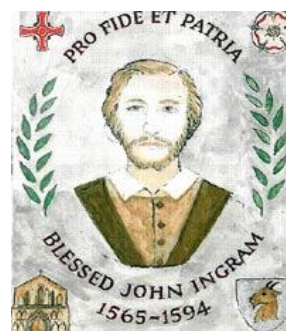
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**28 December 2025**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Year A**

<b>Saturday 27 December</b> <i>St John, Apostle</i>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Canon Laurence Hollis (dec.) [MM]
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Harry Attrill (dec.) [SA]
<b>Sunday 28 December 2025</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Living & Deceased of McCusker Family
Monday 29 December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	9.30am	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 30 December	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
Wednesday 31 December	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 1 January	9.30am	St Mary	Peter Brown (dec.) [TB]
<i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</i>	9.30am	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Friday 2 January <i>St Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory Nazianzen</i>	---	---	---
<b>Saturday 3 January</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Priest's Intention
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Bill & Shiela Hutchins (dec.) [ML]
<b>Sunday 4 January</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Second Sunday of Christmas (Year A)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Pauline Thomas (dec.)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Monday at Sacred Heart,

9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Maureen Young who has died recently. The Requiem Mass for Maureen will be at 10.00am on Thursday 8 January at St Philip Neri Church followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** Kath Airey, 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.

**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)**



**Canon Peter and Fr Endre wish you and your families  
 all the joys and blessings of the Christmas season.  
 They also thank you for your cards and gifts which they very much appreciate.**



## Liturgy of the Word

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## Year A

### First Reading

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R/1a*

**R/ Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.**

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be blessed and prosper. **R/**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive  
around your table. **R/**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the husband who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Sion.  
May you see Jerusalem prosper  
all the days of your life! **R/**

### Second reading

*Colossians 3:12-17*

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Colossians 3:15,16*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
let the message of Christ find a home with you.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**SACRED HEART** Thank you to everyone who generously contributed prizes for the Christmas raffle at Sacred Heart and for the splendid sum of £700 raised for parish funds!

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 1 January.**