



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

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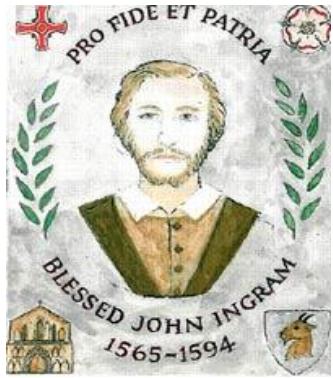
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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 1:3



The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

18 January 2026

Second Sunday of the Year

Year A

*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 17 - 25 January 2026

Saturday 17 January

4.30pm Sacred Heart Terry & Mary Maguire & Patricia Lanning (dec.)
5.30pm St Philip Neri People of the Parish
9.00am St Mary Brenda James (dec.) [CW]
10.30am Immaculate Heart Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]

Sunday 18 January

Second Sunday of the Year (A)
Day of Special Prayer for Peace

Monday 19 January

1.30pm Sacred Heart Priest's Intention

Tuesday 20 January

9.30am Immaculate Heart Priest's Intention

Wednesday 21 January St Agnes

9.30am St Philip Neri Priest's Intention

Thursday 22 January

9.30am St Mary Frank McCoy (dec.) [MD]

Friday 23 January

10.00am St Philip Neri Requiem Mass - Terry Green RIP

Saturday 24 January St Francis de Sales

4.30pm Sacred Heart Priest's Intention

5.30pm St Philip Neri People of the Parish

9.00am St Mary Bernard Hearne (dec.) [CH]

10.30am Immaculate Heart Mary Mills (dec.) [GC]

Sunday 25 January

Third Sunday of the Year (A)

Sunday of the Word of God

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Year 2, Week 2

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 and Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1.00pm - 1.20pm on Monday at Sacred Heart, 9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart,
Wednesday at St Philip Neri and Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Terry Green who has died recently. The Requiem Mass for Terry will be on Friday 23 January at 10.00am in St Philip Neri Church, followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. May he 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, Elizabeth Strickson.

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).

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 - 25 JANUARY

This year's theme is 'One Body, One Spirit' and reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere. For further information, please visit the Churches Together In Britain and Ireland (CTBI) website www.ctbi.org.uk

TEA AND COFFEE After 9.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart on Tuesday 20 January, we'll be serving tea/coffee. Please come to Mass and stay for a cuppa! It's an opportunity to chat and get to know one another.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 February in Immaculate Heart Church at 1.30pm. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting (the patterns are easy, and wool can be provided) or if you are interested in what we hope to do with this ministry, please come along. All are welcome! For further information please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

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.

FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT 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.

Priority items: UHT Milk, tinned tinned garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes, tuna, meatballs, hot dogs, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, custard, rice pudding.

OTHER priority items: pasta sauce, long grained rice, tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc), fruit, dried pasta, biscuits, coffee, tea bags, cereal, cooking oil, tomato purée, sugar, toothpaste, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shampoo, toilet rolls, antiperspirant, 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

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE FOREVER AND ALWAYS On Saturday 14 February at 12.00 noon, Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral and Bishop Stephen will be the Principal Celebrant. Everyone is welcome. No booking required. If you are celebrating a special anniversary and would like a Certificate, please scan the QR Code on the Poster at the back of each church or visit: <http://bit.ly/MarriageMass2026> Email: marriage@diocesehn.org.uk Tel. 0191 243 3316.

THE NORTHERN CROSS January edition is now on sale, price £1.50.

THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2026 is now available at the back of each church, price £4.00.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 31 July - 7 August 2026

Celebrating 100 years since the First Diocesan Pilgrimage Bookings are now open for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We travel on Friday 31 July and return on Friday 7 August 2026 is the 100th anniversary since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage took place led by Bishop Joseph Thorman. If you would like to book, or for further information, please contact Tangney Tours, our Tour Operator by going to their website <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle/> or by calling 01732 886 666.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE YOUTH SECTION REMINDER A reminder that bookings for the Youth Section of the Lourdes Pilgrimage will close on 31 January. If you, or you know any young people in your parish that are interested in joining us, please get in touch as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to register interest, please email: evie.rea@ymt.org

DIOCESAN VACANCY: Education Business Manager

Salary Scale from £35,000 to £37,323. Based within our Education Team at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, Newcastle upon Tyne. Importantly you will be working in or have experience of education, ideally in a primary or secondary school setting. Similarly, knowledge and experience with Education Trusts will be distinctively advantageous. Moreover, you will need to show us how you have undertaken, reported upon and delivered professional evaluation processes, presenting findings for example to a committee, board or agency. You will lead on event planning, delivering no less than three annual conferences within the region liaising with our Communications Manager.

You will have the ability to handle sensitive information with discretion and confidentiality and have both excellent verbal and written communication skills. If you are interested in being at the forefront of developing this role please get in touch with us to request an Applicant Pack by emailing Annie Leaver Head of Human Resources at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 12 noon Sunday 1 February 2026 although we reserve the right to close the post early. Shortlisting will be undertaken 13 February 2026, with interviews scheduled for Thursday 19 February 2026.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 22 January.**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

When fear looms we cannot see the light.
Pain and sadness rob us of the great beauty and love
which surround us.

Darkness cripples the strong and flaws the weak.
It is a darkness deeper than the darkness of night
for no light reflecting moon shines forth.

We need the love of those we hold closest to our hearts
to show us your love.

It is love which will enable us to find the courage
to visit our wounds and allow them to heal.

May the balm of love wash over us at this time
and enable the light of resurrection to bring us forth
to fulfil our journey.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R/8a, 9a*

R/ Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord, and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R/**

You delight not in sacrifice and offering, but in an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' **R/**

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me: 'I delight to do your will, O my God; your instruction lies deep within me.' **R/**

Your uprightness I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R/**

Second reading

I Corinthians 1: 1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation

John 1: 14a, 12a

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:29-34

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

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