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*Matthew 4:19-20*

**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**

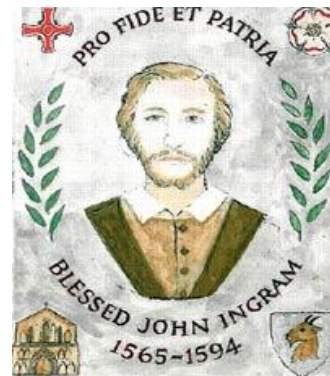
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The John Ingram Partnership  
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**25 January 2026**

**Third 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](mailto: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 24 January - 1 February 2026**

<b>Saturday 24 January</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Priest's Intention
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 25 January</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	Bernard & Molly Hearne (dec.) [CH]
<b>Third Sunday of the Year (A)</b>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Mary Mills (dec.) [GC]
<i>Word of God Sunday</i>		
Monday 26 January Ss. Timothy & Titus	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 27 January	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Frank McCoy (dec.) [PA]
Wednesday 28 January St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 29 January	9.30am St Mary	Denis Dunphy (dec.) [CN]
Friday 30 January		
<b>Saturday 31 January St John Bosco</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Priest's Intention
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 1 February</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	Patricia McAdam (dec.) [PC]
<b>Fourth Sunday of the Year (A)</b>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Bob Payne (dec.) [FP]
<i>Racial Justice Day</i>		

**Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Year 2, Week 3**

**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** Teresa Fawcett and Molly Hearne, who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Teresa will be on Wednesday 11 February at 9.45am in St Philip Neri Church, followed by Committal at Saltwell, Crematorium.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** Kath Airey, Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, 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](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

**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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:evie.rea@ymt.org)

## DIOCESAN VACANCIES

**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](mailto: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.

**PARISH SECRETARY** 18 months' fixed term. Salary: £10,537.80 pro rata per annum. Hours: Part-time 15 hours per week.

Working Pattern: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (5 hours per day. Start & finish time to be negotiated during interview).

Location: Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Village Lane, Washington, Tyne & Wear, NE38 7HS. How to apply: Please visit

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-17/>

**Closing date:** 12:00 pm, Tuesday 03 February 2026

**CLEANER** – Salary £3,276.00 per annum.

Part-time 5 hours per week Location: Sacred Heart, Great North Road, North Gosforth, NE3 5EB How to apply: Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/cleaner-sacred-heart-north-gosforth/> Closing date: 12:00 pm, Friday, 30 January 2026

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office by 10.00am on Thursday 29 January.

**HOLY ISLAND SVP SUMMER CAMPS 2026** Applications are now open for children in school Years 5-7 for Holy Island Summer Camps. The children spend a week in our centre on the island over the Summer holidays. Transport takes the children from Tyneside to our residential centre and all meals, accommodation and activities are included in the cost. For more information please visit our website: Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>

**Do you have some spare time on your hands and want a fulfilling volunteer role?** Our residential centre on Holy Island needs volunteers in 2026. There are lots of roles: Working with the children on our Vinnies Summer Camps, during the Summer holidays as a caretaker, kitchen assistants, cooks, and volunteering to work directly with the children. It's hard work, but so much fun and very worthwhile! No cost, just your time and patience for an interesting week on this beautiful island! Or perhaps you are retired or have flexible holidays and could give some time to help at our Term Time Camps. We need people who can take on a caretaking role or help in the kitchen with serving meals, cooking or operating the dishwasher! These Camps allow hundreds of children from the Diocese and further afield have a great residential holiday in our centre. Guaranteed hard work but fantastic memories too! To join our fabulous team or find out more information about any of the roles and to volunteer, please visit our website: Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or contact [BarbaraT@svp.org.uk](mailto:BarbaraT@svp.org.uk)

#### **Jen's Weekly Prayer**

Love cascades like a dazzling, gleaming  
waterfall of hope and light.

On occasions the gleaming light may be obscured  
as its mists cover its radiant form yet on others  
we are captivated by the dazzling beauty  
as it sparkles and swirls like diamonds in the sunlight.

The frozen water looks grey and cold,  
yet blooming close by is the hardy yellow flower  
of the gorse bush which gleams, as the sun  
highlights its flowers brightening the day.

When our journeys are difficult  
and we are weary, cold in pain, afraid, troubled,  
we do not always see the very simple, beautiful gifts  
laid at our feet.

Love is in the calm and healing gifts of nature  
and the gentle words or touch of hand,  
an arm to give us strength  
to help us as we travel on our way.

These gifts are love, for love comes in many forms  
to calm and heal, it is a free and precious gift  
which brings hope and light for us all to cherish  
and to share, to plant and watch it bloom and spread.

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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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

## First Reading

*Isaiah 9:1b-4*

In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light. In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 27(26): 1. 4. 13-14. R/1a***R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread? **R/**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,  
to enquire at his temple. **R/**

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong;

be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord! **R/**

## Second Reading

*Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

'I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.' I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Cf. Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom  
and healed every affliction among the people.  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

*Matthew 4:12-23*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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