



Behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'  
Matthew 3:17

**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**

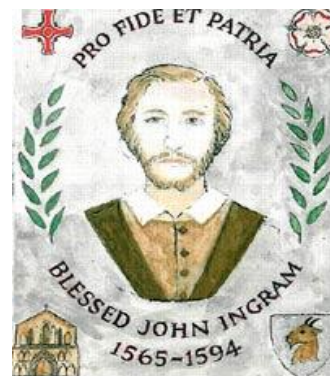
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The John Ingram Partnership  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**11 January 2026**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**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 10 - 18 January 2026**

<b>Saturday 10 January</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Priest's Intention
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	Anthony (Tony) Blakeley (dec.) [ES]
<b>Sunday 11 January</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	Teresa Kelly (dec.) [EW]
<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 12 January <i>St Benet Biscop</i>	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 13 January	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Frank McCoy (dec.) [MD]
Wednesday 14 January	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 15 January	9.30am St Mary	Mary Mills (dec.) [MD]
Friday 16 January	-- --	
<b>Saturday 17 January</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Terry & Mary Maguire & Patricia Lanning (dec.)
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 18 January</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	Brenda James (dec.) [CW]
<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
<i>Day of Special Prayer for Peace</i>		

**Weekday Readings:** Ordinary Time Year 2, Week 1

**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

**Sacrament of Baptism**

*This Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Leo and Gabriel Almeida Silva Gomes,  
Zander D'Souza and Caleb Joseph into the family of the Church.*

**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).*

**BISHOP STEPHEN - PARISH VISITATION** This weekend, 10/11 January, we are delighted to welcome Bishop Stephen as he makes a visitation to Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish. Bishop Stephen will preside at the Saturday 5.30pm Vigil Mass and at the Sunday 9.00am & 10.30am Masses.

**GIFT AID** Acknowledgement letters relating to Parish Gift Aid donations are now available - please contact the Parish Office if you would like a copy. Thank you.

**GIFT FOR LIFE '100 CLUB'** The January *Gift for Life* '100 Club' draw took place last Sunday at Immaculate Heart. The lucky winners were: First Prize (£50) - Number 1; Second Prize (£30) - Number 150; Third Prize (£20) - Number 19. The next draw takes place at St Mary's on Sunday 1 February. Our next *Gift for Life* Group meeting takes place by Zoom on Wednesday 14 January at 7pm. Please get in touch ([giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com)) if you would like to join us. Thank you for all your amazing support.

**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:** coffee, cereal, cooking oil, tomato purée, tinned fruit, sugar, washing up liquid, spray cleaner, laundry powder/liquid, shampoo & feminine hygiene (especially tampons).

**OTHER priority items:** UHT Milk, pasta sauce, long grained rice, meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc), tinned garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes, tuna, meatballs, hot dogs, custard, rice pudding, dried pasta, chopped tomatoes, baked beans, biscuits, toothpaste, toilet rolls, antiperspirant.

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)

**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.

**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](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.

**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.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 15 January.**

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

We have witnessed so many beautiful acts of love  
around the world and some terrifying acts  
of violence and aggression.

Help us all to reach out as peoples  
from across millennia have done  
with more acts of love, care and compassion.

So many individuals have had to flee from conflict or  
fear of acts of terror against them down the centuries.  
It is however the small gentle gifts from one to another,  
the arm of comfort in difficult situations that matter.

A place to be silent and accompany them  
in their silence in safety and peace.

Love can be shown in so many different ways  
and love can bring hope which lights the way forward.  
Guide us all to offer our love to stranger and to friend,  
for all love is precious and grows, not dissolves,  
with constant use it increases.

Our natural world keeps offering us beauty and  
calmness which helps us to heal as we gaze upon the  
wonders of each season, the deep blueback sky lit by a  
bright moon and exquisite diamond stars,  
soothing and strengthening in the depths of the night.

The tender snowdrop  
which will soon break through ice and snow,  
the robin with his cheerful notes comforts us.  
May we have the courage to keep reaching out  
to others as we travel our many and varied roads.

Jen Jones @ January 2026

## Liturgy of the Word

## The Baptism of the Lord

Year A

### First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

'Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.'  
Thus says the Lord:  
'Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
'I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 29(28): 1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R/cf. 11b

**R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. **R/**

The voice of the Lord upon the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord full of power;  
the voice of the Lord full of splendour. **R/**

The God of glory thunders;  
in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'  
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R/**

### Second reading

Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all - you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Mark 9:7

Alleluia, alleluia.  
The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'. Alleluia.

### Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your Spirit.**

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

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**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)

