



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

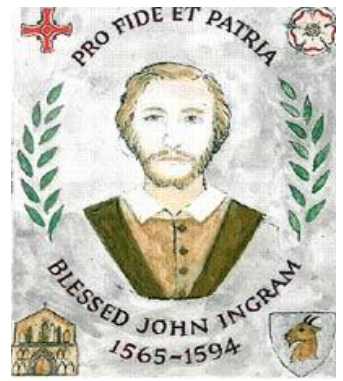
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! *Matthew 21:9*

29 March 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion 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. She can also be contacted by email ourladystphilipneri.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk
or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am - 3.00pm.
Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 28 March - 5 April 2026

Saturday 28 March	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Joe, Jessie & John Connor (dec.) [MM]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Bill & Shiela Hutchins (dec.) [DH]
Sunday 29 March	9.00am St Mary	Phyllis Cunningham (dec.) [PC]
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday of Holy Week 30 March	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Private Intention [PB]
Tuesday of Holy Week 31 March	9.30am <u>St Philip Neri</u>	Private Intention (<i>St Philip Neri School attending</i>)
Wednesday of Holy Week 1 April	The Chrism Mass will be celebrated today at 11.00am at St. Mary's Cathedral (Principal Celebrant: Bishop Stephen)	
THE EASTER TRIDUUM		
Holy Thursday 2 April	6.30pm Sacred Heart	Private Intention
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	6.30pm Immaculate Heart	Private Intention
<i>At the end of Mass there will be a period of silent watching at the Altar of Repose</i>		
Good Friday 3 April	3.00pm Sacred Heart	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Day of Fasting and Abstinence	3.00pm St Philip Neri	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday 4 April Vigil & First Mass of Easter	5.30pm <u>St Mary's</u>	People of the Parish
Eaaster Sunday 5 April Morning Mass	10.00am Sacred Heart	Deceased of Phelps Family [HP]
	10.00am Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.) [VMcG]

Weekday Readings: Holy Week

Sacrament of Reconciliation


5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday 12 April at St Philip Neri, 1.00pm - 1.20pm on Monday at Sacred Heart
9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at St Philip Neri

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Ann Crompton has died recently. The Requiem Mass will be at Immaculate Heart Church on Wednesday 15 April at 10.00am, followed by interment in Garden House Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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).

HOLY PLACES RETIRING COLLECTION On Good Friday 3 April there will be a Retiring Collection at the afternoon Service of the Lord's Passion for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).


Holy Week

HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS based on the Liturgical Scripture Readings during Holy Week have been produced by members of the Diocesan Writing Team and are now available to view and download on the Diocesan website using the following link:
<https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Holy-Week-Reflections-2026.pdf>

HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 1 April
11.00am Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

Holy Thursday 2 April
6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart
6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Immaculate Heart

Good Friday 3 April
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Sacred Heart
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Philip Neri

Holy Saturday 4 April
5.30pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 5 April
10.00am Mass of Easter Morning at Sacred Heart
10.00am Mass of Easter Morning at Immaculate Heart

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.**

IN SHORT SUPPLY - tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc.) pasta sauce, sugar, long grained rice.

OTHER priority items - UHT Milk, dried pasta, tinned hotdogs, carrots, potatoes, rice pudding fruit, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, garden peas, sweetcorn, tuna, meatballs, rice pudding, custard, cereal, cooking oil, tomato purée, coffee, tea bags, biscuits, toothpaste, spray cleaner, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, shampoo, antiperspirant, feminine hygiene (especially tampons), toilet rolls.

Other items we put into the monthly food bags, especially for the refugee project - tinned kidney beans & chickpeas please. Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart church between 9.30 -10.30 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 contact Katie Wilkinson either via mobile 07837 386 760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

DIOCESAN PASTORAL STRATEGY In Bishop Stephen's Pastoral Letter read at all Masses on the weekend 21/22 February, we heard about God's calling for our Diocese and the hopes and challenges we all face in the coming years. All parishes are asked to reflect and discern on their mission as we continue our journey to live as a flourishing Diocese alive in the Holy Spirit. More information is available on the diocesan website - www.diocesehn.org.uk/pastoral-strategy

DIOCESAN PASTORAL STRATEGY - OPEN PARISH MEETING The next Open Parish Meeting for Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish will be at 6.30pm on **Thursday 16 April in St Mary's Primary School** (access via Dockendale Lane, Whickham NE16 4EN - car parking available in the church car park and school yard). All are welcome.

As part of this process of discernment, you are invited to complete a questionnaire which can be viewed, completed and submitted via the QR code below or via the parish website home page. Copies of the questionnaire will also be available at Masses on the weekend of 28/29 March. Please complete and return questionnaires by the end of Sunday 29 March.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Please note we are not meeting in April. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5 May at 1.30pm in Immaculate Heart Church.

SACRED HEART BYERMOOR Donations towards Easter Flowers would be most welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The lady who used to clean Immaculate Heart Church and St. Mary's Church & Hall has recently retired. A new cleaner will hopefully be appointed soon. We already have a volunteer for St Philip Neri Church, but in the meantime if anyone would be willing to volunteer to clean at Immaculate Heart or St Mary's, this would be much appreciated. If you feel you can help in any way, please have a word with Fr Peter or Denise Hebron, tel. no. 07554 445679.

CHURCH BRASS CLEANING Immaculate Heart Tuesday 31 March 10.00 am. All help welcome.

CAFOD - THANK YOU to all parishioners in both parishes for your generous support for the Family Fast Day this year which raised £376.30

LENTEN ALMS - THANK YOU to all parishioners in both parishes for your generous support for the Lenten Alms collection this year which raised £468.27.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Wednesday 1 April.**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year April 2026 - March 2027 are now available at the back of each church. If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving or standing order and would like to make arrangement to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or tel. 0191 460 4274. Also, if you are a UK Taxpayer, you might consider Gift-Aiding your donations which would mean that the parish would then benefit from an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for a Gift-Aid form or for further information. If you have access to internet banking, you may wish to set up a standing order online to make your regular parish contributions. The details required for you to do this are as follows:

Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish

Payee: DHN Gateshead Our Lady and St Philip Neri

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 21167936

Reference: insert your own name

Commencing: day/month/year

Frequency: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually

Sacred Heart Parish, Byermoor

Payee: DHN Byermoor The Sacred Heart

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Account Number: 91492241

Reference: insert your own name

Commencing: day/month/year

Frequency: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Role: Cleaner

Contract: Permanent

Salary: ££7,862.40 pro rata per annum

Hours: Part-time 12 hours per week

Working Pattern: Able to be negotiated at interview.

Location: St Mary, Hencotes, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 2EB

How to apply: Please visit:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/cleaner-6/>

Closing Date: 12:00 pm, 31/03/2026

Role: Parish Secretary

Contract: Permanent

Salary: £8430.24 pro rata per annum

Hours: Part-time 12 hours per week

Working Pattern: Able to be negotiated at interview.

Location: St Mary's, Great Lime Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 7AB

How to apply: Please

visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-18/>

Closing Date: 12:00 pm, 13/04/2026

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR JOB VACANCY - Assistant Cook

An exciting opportunity is available at St Joseph's Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for an Assistant Cook.

Hours available: 37.5 hours per week, including evenings and weekends.

Please note, sponsorship for this role is not available and applicants must have the right to work in the UK, which will be checked if successful.

For more information, please contact St Joseph's Home, tel. 0191 273 1279.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The woven fabric of each day is enriched by the beauty and variety of blossom once more visible on shrubs and trees ,delicate cream and softest pink, dazzling yellow, forsythia green catkins ready to burst forth soft and fluffy.

Our hearts gladden, we smile and treasure these fleeting yet exquisite joys.

As we absorb the beauty of these annual delights, grant us the strength to hold those who are living through dark and fearful days, where colour, safety, beauty, are not present.

Guide all who make decisions to choose the road of peace and harmony, care and compassion, justice, light and love.

May they shelter children, the weak, injured and disabled and all in danger to places of safety and calm.

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SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE

The agency that oversees safeguarding in the Catholic Church has observed 'good practice' in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle across all eight of the recognised National Safeguarding Standards.

In an audit report published recently, the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) in particular hailed major improvements in Church leadership, governance, ministry, culture and the care of those people who have been harmed.

To read the CSSA final report please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Hexham-and-Newcastle-final-for-full-publication.pdf>

To read the Diocesan statement in full please visit

[https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Press-](https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Press-Release-from-the-Diocese-of-Hexham-and-Newcastle-audit-report-February-2025.pdf)

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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

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem**Gospel***Matthew 21:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**First Reading***Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is
weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear

to hear as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backwards.

I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a. 19-20. 23-24. R/2a***R/ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he delights.' **R/**

For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones. **R/**

They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.
But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me! **R/**

I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.' **R/**

Second Reading*Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*(26:14 - 27:66)*

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