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John 20:29

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

12 April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

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.
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 11 April - 19 April 2026

Saturday 11 April	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Deceased of Bowes & Heslin Families
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 April	9.00am St Mary	Bernard & Molly Hearne (dec.) [AT]
Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Frank McCoy (dec.) [JMCC]
Monday 13 April	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 14 April	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
Wednesday 15 April	<u>10.00am Immaculate Heart</u>	Requiem Mass - Ann Crompton RIP
Thursday 16 April	9.30am St Mary	Jackie Hodgson (dec.) [CN]
Friday 17 April	<u>10.00am St Philip Neri</u>	Requiem Mass - Elisa Potts RIP
Saturday 18 April	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Michael McKenna (dec.)
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 April	9.00am St Mary	Denis Dunphy (dec.) [DD]
Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Clive Jones (dec.) [GC]

Weekday Readings: *Second Week of Eastertide*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart & Thursday at St Mary's

Baptism

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Penny Freeman into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Ann Crompton, Kath Airey and Elisa Potts who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Ann Crompton will be at Immaculate Heart Church on Wednesday 15 April at 10.00am, followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. The Requiem Mass for Elisa Potts will be at St Philip Neri Church at 10.00am on Friday 17 April, followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, 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).

THE NORTHERN BRETHERN FUND - 'SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL' There will be a Retiring Collection this weekend 11/12 April to support the work of the Northern Brethren Fund. The Fund will remain open until Sunday 26 April for anyone who may wish to make further or individual donations. This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese so well over many years. **If possible, it would be much appreciated if you could give a suggested minimum amount of £5 or £10 per person and, if you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid your donation. You can also set up a Standing Order for regular contributions using the envelopes and forms available.** Information about legacies, the setting up of regular standing orders or other N.B.F. financial issues can be discussed with the N.B.F. Treasurer, Fr Ian Jackson, tel. 0191 586 4319, email ian.jackson@diocesehn.org.uk or Fr Peter Stott tel. 01670 513410, email peter.stott@diocesehn.org.uk

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 final 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. This meeting will give the opportunity to present the draft of the results of the three previous meetings and a summary of the responses to the questionnaire that was made available to parishioners. A copy of this draft summary (which following any further revisions that may emerge at the meeting on the 16 April will be sent to the Diocese), will be available to read before the meeting via the parish website/Facebook from 5.00pm on Tuesday 14 April.

GIFT FOR LIFE '100 Club' April Draw Results - and 'Save the Date' for Summer Social! The April *Gift for Life* '100 Club' draw took place last Sunday at Immaculate Heart. The lucky winners were: First Prize (£50) - Number 10; Second Prize (£30) - Number 34; Third Prize (£20) - Number 103. The next draw takes place at St Mary's on Sunday 3rd May. And remember- the *Gift for Life* Summer Social will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 28 June at St Mary's. Put the date in your diary! Thank you for all your generous support.

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 cover 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.

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

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 - cooking oil, tomato purée, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, pasta sauce, sugar, cereal.

OTHER priority items - UHT milk, dried pasta, long grained rice, tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc) hotdogs, carrots, potatoes, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, garden peas, sweetcorn, tuna, meatballs, 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

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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.

DIOCESAN VACANCY

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

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Jen's weekly prayer

As we embrace the joy and beauty of Eastertide,
grant us the insight and strength to enwrap
all those we love and cherish in our lives, to give thanks
for the gift of their love and to extend the gifts of love
to enfold all who are suffering hardship, fear,
anxiety, terror, pain and darkness.

Our days are brightened by the bountiful gifts
of the natural world which showers us with a
plethora of colour from palest white cherry blossom
to blue and purple early spring blooms or vibrant
golden forsythia and an artist palette of colour
to soothe and delight us.

We are entranced too with the opal hues
of the night sky as a shimmering silken veil falls
across the bright moon and stars once again
showing us we are not alone.

Guide us to walk our paths in harmony,
looking and truly seeing the extraordinary wonders
laid before us.

We ask that all peoples may be filled with peace
and allow the seeds of love to become verdant gardens
of joy and hope.

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's
Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 16 April.**

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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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*

First Reading*Acts 2:42-47*

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R/1*

**R/ Give praise to the Lord, for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.**

Let the house of Israel say, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' **R/**

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous. **R/**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad. **R/**

Second reading*1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Sequence**Victimae Paschali Laudes**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation*John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia.
You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me,
says the Lord.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Alleluia.

Gospel*John 20:19-31*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'
Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'
Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

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