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THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
 Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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 and
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The John Ingram Partnership
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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 18 April - 26 April 2026

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]
Monday 20 April <i>St Anselm</i>	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 21 April	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 22 April	9.30am St Philip Neri	Ann Crompton (dec.) M & J P
Thursday 23 April <i>St George</i>	9.30am St Mary	Kathleen Cunningham (dec.) [SD]
Friday 24 April	<u>10.00am St Mary</u>	Requiem Mass - Kathleen Airey RIP
Saturday 25 April St Mark	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Margaret Heslin (dec.) [PB]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 April	9.00am St Mary	Peter Brown (dec.) 29/60 [TB]
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Frank McCoy (dec.) [JMc]

Weekday Readings: Third Week of Eastertide

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 at Immaculate Heart on Tuesday & Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1.00pm - 1.25pm on Monday at Sacred Heart, 9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart,
 Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Kathleen Airey who has died recently. The Requiem Mass for Kathleen will be at St Mary's Church on Friday 24 April at 10.00am, followed by burial at Saltwell Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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

DIOCESAN PASTORAL STRATEGY

Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish - Following the final Open Meeting on Thursday 16 April, the Parish has now completed its initial consideration of the Diocesan Pastoral Strategy. The discerned summary from the consultation meetings and responses to the questionnaire are in the document to be returned to the Diocese. This document can be viewed on the Parish website [here](#) and on the Parish Facebook. Paper copies are available at the back of church for those unable to access the internet.

Sacred Heart Parish - There will be a meeting after the 4.30pm Mass next Saturday 25 April to present a draft discerned summary of the meetings held on Saturday 14 and 21 March and the responses to the questionnaire which were also circulated. Following the meeting next Saturday, and including any revisions/amendments resulting from this meeting, the summary document will be sent to the Diocese.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL A collection for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle will be taken at all Masses next weekend 24/25 April - envelopes will be available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

RED BOX 2025 - THANK YOU! In 2025, Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish raised £2741.84 through our Red Boxes and donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries rely on your support so that they can continue to flourish. Visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more.

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL - Sunday 28 June - St Mary's We are aiming to make this year's *Gift for Life* Summer Social event even better than in previous years. However, to do so we need more people to be involved in planning and running it. You (and your ideas) would be really welcome! If you are interested in getting involved, please speak with one of the Gift for Life Group or contact us on giftforlife20@gmail.com Thank you.

ST MARY'S CHURCH AND HALL CLEANING Volunteers are invited to come to St Mary's Church on Wednesday 29 April at 10.30am to help with the cleaning of both St Mary's Church and Hall. Your generous response would be appreciated - many hands make lighter work!

SACRED HEART EASTER FLOWERS Thank you for all your kind donations for the Easter Flowers.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 23 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

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, biscuits.

OTHER priority items - UHT milk, tomato purée, pasta sauce, dried pasta, long grained rice, tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc) hotdogs, carrots, potatoes, , tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, garden peas, sweetcorn, tuna, meatballs, cereal, coffee, tea bags, sugar, 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

Jen's weekly prayer

The brilliant golden orb of the moon
glinted and gleamed on the horizon
of the deepest blue black sky like,
an enormous newly minted jewel.

There was an extraordinary sense of peace and comfort
watching this wondrous moment of total silence,
sacred and filled with hope.

The moon is an incredible celestial neighbour
so far away yet visible to our naked eye,
it is boundless in its beauty.

It gives us our tides and for millennia,
it and the breathtaking beauty of the stars
have guided multiple generations to their destinations
and guided others to new and exciting discoveries.

Help us all to always value and treasure the planet
upon which we dwell and the multitude and diversity
of peoples and creatures who inhabit it with us.
Grant that we treat each other and all life on land,
in the seas and in air with respect and thanks.

Enable us to enfold all peoples, creatures,
the fruits and beauty of the natural world
in our time of custodianship of our planet
with grateful love and thanks.

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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)

[Release-from-the-Diocese-of-Hexham-and-Newcastle-audit-report-](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

First Reading*Acts 2:14, 22-33*

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 16(15):1-2a, 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11. R/1*

R/ O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot. **R/**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R/**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption. **R/**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever. **R/**

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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