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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

26 April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter
(Good Shepherd 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 25 April – 3 May 2026

Saturday 25 April <i>St Mark</i>	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Margaret Heslin (dec.) [PB]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 April Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	9.00am St Mary	Peter Brown (dec.) 29/60 [TB]
	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Frank McCoy (dec.) [JMc]
Monday 27 April	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 28 April	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
Wednesday 29 April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.30am St Philip Neri	Isla Ann Wray [ES]
Thursday 30 April	9.30am St Mary	Priest's Intention
Friday 1 May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>		
Saturday 2 May <i>St Athanasius</i>	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 May Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)	9.00am St Mary	Kathleen Cunningham (dec.) [MD]
	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Michael Short (dec.) [AS]

Weekday Readings: *Fourth 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

Baptisms

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Jessica Reed and Logan Betteridge into the Family of the Church

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 homepage and 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 this 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. The draft document can be viewed on the Parish website homepage.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP STEPHEN - PASTORAL STRATEGY

Thank you to all parishes who have completed and returned their reflections as part of our diocesan pastoral strategy. I, together with others, look forward to reading and praying through your discernments in the Spirit.

It is not too late for returns to be made if you are yet to submit.

We next move to a second phase as we invite local parishes to discern together in their Partnerships, or with others in their neighbouring area. Information and updates will be shared on our website.

Please keep this discernment in your prayers as we seek to respond to the Lord's call to worship Him and serve our communities in a flourishing and sustainable manner.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, SUNDAY 26 APRIL

Bishop Stephen invites us all to pray for vocations this Sunday. Please pray particularly for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Please pray every day that people will respond to the Lord's call to serve Him in ordained and consecrated life. They are intimate adventures in God's love.

In our parishes and churches and schools and chaplaincies, please offer regular time in prayer for vocations.

Pope Leo encourages us to offer time for Eucharistic adoration and to meditate faithfully on the Word of God. Prayer leads to vocations. This is not a last resort; it is the essential first resort. For more information, prayer resources, and for enquiries please contact:

vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk vocationspriest@diocesehn.org.uk
vocationsdeacons@diocesehn.org.uk

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL A collection for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle will be taken at all Masses this weekend 25/26 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.

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 – Tinned sweetcorn, hot dogs, potatoes and chopped tomatoes

OTHER priority items – Cooking Oil, biscuits, 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 and toothpaste.

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

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!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 30 April.**

Jen's weekly prayer

Spring time beauty once again captivates and enthral.
Surrounded by a huge canopy of cherry blossom,
the air was still,
the boughs of the blossom enfolding all who sat
beneath its shelter.
This was a special, awesome experience,
being absorbed by the peace of the moment.
Gentle drizzle did not dampen the pure beauty and
serenity of the moment,
allowing oneself to be still and be at one with it,
wrapped in calming, healing peace.
A huge contrast to the sad and brutal events
happening across the world,
where individuals are struggling with violence,
hunger, fear and pain.
May all who are suffering be comforted and bring
wisdom and right judgement to those in positions to
change the cause of conflict.
Grant that peace and protection replace anger and
aggression and may love, hope and light be their guide
to choose peace not destruction.

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

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 2:14a, 36-41*

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R/1*

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. **R/**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk
in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear,
for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R/**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R/**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R/**

Second Reading*1 Peter 2:20b-25*

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

Gospel*John 10:1-10*

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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