



The angel spoke and said 'I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would.'
Cf. Matthew 28:5-6

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
St Mary ▪ Wickham
St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston
and
THE PARISH OF SACRED HEART, BYERMOOR

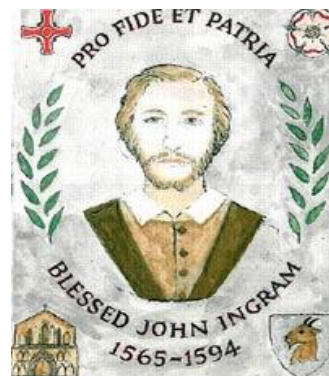
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

5 April 2026

Easter Sunday

Year A

The Parish Secretary, Theresa Noble, is on annual leave and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday 14 April 9.00am-3.00pm

Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 4 April - 12 April 2026

Saturday 4 April Vigil & First Mass of Easter	5.30pm St Mary	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 April	10.00am Sacred Heart	Deceased of Phelps Family [HP]
Easter Sunday (Year A)	10.00am Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.) [VMcG]
Monday 6 April in the Easter Octave	<i>N.B.</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 7 April in the Easter Octave	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
Wednesday 8 April in the Easter Octave	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 9 April in the Easter Octave	9.30am St Mary	Tom & Audrey Gleeson (dec.) [JD]
Friday 10 April		
Saturday 11 April	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Deceased of Bowes & Heslin Families
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Second Sunday of Easter 12 April	9.00am St Mary	Bernard & Molly Hearne (dec.) [AT]
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Frank McCoy (dec.) [JMCC]

Weekday Readings: Octave of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday 12 April 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 - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Ann Crompton has died recently. The Requiem Mass for Ann 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, 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 BRETHREN FUND - 'SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US WELL' There will be a Retiring Collection next 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

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

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.

THE NORTHERN CROSS April edition is available this weekend, price £1.50.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 9 April.**

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

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.

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 - UHT milk, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding pasta sauce, sugar, cereal.

OTHER priority items - 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, 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 VACANCIES

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

Washed by clear crystal water, stones are transformed,
smoothed, reshaped and scattered along their way
from rock to inlet stream and river.

Love too is washed and shaped by each one of us,
for just as the seeds planted in the dark earth
and watered by the rain emerge to become
flowers, plants, trees, grasses to feed, clothe and with
spectacular displays enhance our lives,
calm and heal us;

for each of us plays a part in the lives of others.
Individuals, couples, families, communities,
we help each other to grow, to be reshaped
and coloured anew.

There will be sadness, pain and for some
extraordinary challenges to overcome,
but in united care and compassion,
the blossoms which emerge can be breathtaking.
Help us allow ourselves to accept the love of others
and our love for ourselves,
each one of us unique, and allow our symphonies
and stories to glow with love.

Even when tears fall, love remains strong like beaten
gold, healing, enfolding, calming and soothing,
bringing hope in times of joy and pain.

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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-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 10:34a, 37-4*

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: '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. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R/24*

**R/ This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

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.' **R/**

The Lord's right hand is exalted.
The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R/**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes. **R/**

Second reading*Colossians 3:1-4*

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Easter 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*1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a*

Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel*Matthew 28:1-10*

After the Sabbath, towards the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.' So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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