



'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'
Matthew 9:37

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI
Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill
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St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston
and
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14 June 2026

Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Year A

The Parish Secretary, Theresa Noble, will be available in the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery on Tuesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm. She can also be contacted by email olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 on Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00am - 3.00pm and Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm. Postal Address: St Mary's Presbytery, Malvern Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE11 9LL

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 13 June - 21 June 2026

Saturday 13 June <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Maureen Hughes (dec.)
Sunday 14 June Eleventh Sunday of the Year (Year A)	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Harry Attrill (dec.) [SA]
Monday 15 June	9.00am St Mary	Barbara Stephenson (dec.) [PG]
Tuesday 16 June	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Wednesday 17 June	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Thursday 18 June	9.30am Immaculate Heart	George Pearson (dec.)
Friday 19 June	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Saturday 20 June <i>St Alban</i>	9.30am St Mary	Ann Tate (dec.)
Sunday 21 June (Day for Life) Twelfth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	<u>10.30am Immaculate Heart</u>	Funeral Service - Dorothy Ann Lynch RIP
	<u>5.30pm St Mary</u>	First Holy Communion Mass
	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Terry & Mary Maguire & Patricia Lanning (dec.)
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Jackie Hodgson (dec.) [GSC]
	9.00am St Mary	Kath Airey (dec.) [SK]
	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 11 Year 2

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 & St Mary's on Thursday

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 pray for the children from Sacred Heart, St Mary's and St Philip Neri Schools who are celebrating their First Holy Communion at this time.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS John Ernest Orton, Dorothy Ann Lynch and George Pearson who have died recently. The Funeral Service for John will be at Mountsett Crematorium on Tuesday 16 June at 1.15pm. The Funeral Service for Dorothy will be at Immaculate Heart Church on Thursday 18 June at 10.30am. May they 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).

DAY FOR LIFE On Sunday 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. A message and prayers for Day for Life from the Bishops of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland can be found at www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/. **There will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses next weekend 20/21 June to support the Day for Life Fund**, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life link above.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: PARISH FOOD BANK UPDATE

For over six years, our parish has provided vital support to families in need. This mission has been sustained entirely by your incredible generosity and the hard work of five dedicated volunteers.

Planned Closure

The current volunteer team, all aged 70+, has decided it is time to retire from the physical demands of shopping, packing, and delivering. Therefore, the Food Bank will close on 31 July 2026, with the final delivery taking place on Thursday 30 July.

This transition is supported by recent government changes to Universal Benefits, which have provided significant financial relief to many of the larger families we serve.

Immediate Actions

- **Donations: Please cease all food and monetary donations immediately.**
- Remaining Funds: Surplus stock and funds will be used through July, with any remainder being gifted to Blaydon Food Bank, Joe's Place and Corpus Christi Food Co-op.

An Opportunity to Continue

If a new group of parishioners wishes to take over the running of this outreach (as it is run now or with a new methodology), the current team is happy to provide mentoring and support during a transition period. Please contact the Parish Office if you feel called to lead this ministry.

A Note of Gratitude

We celebrate the wonderful impact this project has had over the last six years. Thank you for your constant encouragement and support; you have made a profound difference in the lives of many local families.

RE-ENERGISING OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL As part of the Pastoral Planning discernment process for the Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri, we identified the need to 're-energise' our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). At the PPC meeting on 19 May it was agreed that the best way to do this was for all existing members to stand down and for an open and inclusive process for forming a new PPC to take place as soon as practicable. A small group of former PPC members is reviewing the most recent PPC guidelines and will publish these and details of the process for forming the new Parish Pastoral Council in the next few weeks. In the meantime please pray for this process and do consider whether you, or someone you know in the parish, might be being called to serve our parish in this way.

PPC MINUTES The agenda and approved minutes of the final PPC meeting held 19 May 2026 are now available to read at the back of each church.

TEA AND COFFEE after 9.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church on Tuesday 16 June - all welcome!

THE NORTHERN CROSS June edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

PARISH FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY APRIL 2025 - March 2026

Our Lady & St Philip Neri Funds have fallen by £7,686 to £263,428 in the 12 months to the end of March.

Offertory collections (loose plate, envelopes and Standing Orders) of £61,596 are 1.7% up on last year which is good news while the potential gift aid claim on eligible income is £12,116. Rental income from the three St Mary properties was £27,044 which delivered a surplus of £8,643 after the deduction of gas, electricity, water, insurance and repair costs. This is down on last year's surplus of £12,736 due to a new boiler and windows bought for Dockendale Cottage. Further costs will fall into the new financial year.

The other significant items of income was a legacy of £3,000 for which we are always grateful and £2,800 of stipends/stole fees retained for the parish.

In terms of costs the large value items are the aforementioned repairs (at £16,381 some £7,618 more than last year), utilities of £20,327, staff wages at £19,640, administration expenses of £14,226, the Diocesan Levy of £12,136 while Fr Endre's duties as Assistant Priest bring a charge of £11,000 as we share his allowance and presbytery costs with Sacred Heart.

Puzzling is a 74% increase in the annual St Philip Neri gas consumption. Any suggestions or offers to try and get to the bottom of this would be gratefully received.

The target for the new financial year is to secure increases on the rental properties.

Sacred Heart, Byermoor Funds have fallen by £9,311 to £53,440 during the course of the year.

Offertory collections in all its forms totalled £12,563 which is the same as last year. However, this is insufficient to fund a full-time parish priest hence the 50/50 split of Fr Endre's costs with Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish.

The gift aid claim is £2,783 but could it be higher? If you are a tax payer and not signed up, please give this some serious thought and join the other parishioners who are already gifting. Repair and maintenance expenditure of £7,999 is hugely down on last year's £32,194 but a number of areas were identified for update and renewal with the first of these, tree felling and pruning, coming in at a cost of £4,810. (The cemetery wall demolition and laying of top soil falls into the new financial year.)

GIFT AID if you are a UK Taxpayer, and are considering Gift-Aiding your donations, this 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

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE - AND JUNE '100 CLUB' WINNERS Our *Gift for Life* Summer Social takes place on Sunday 28 June from 2pm at St Mary's Hall (and garden if we get good weather). Everyone is welcome to attend and we extend a warm invitation to parishioners from Sacred Heart parish too. Raffle tickets are now on sale. There are boxes at the back of each church for any raffle prizes, bottles etc. In addition, we are looking for items for the tombola and children's books. Sign-up sheets are on the notice boards so we can get an idea of numbers for catering. If you are able to make or buy something for the cake stall or provide plants, that would be great too. We are also looking for more helpers and new ideas - please see a member of the *Gift for Life* group - or email us on giftforlife20@gmail.com The June Gift for Life '100 Club' draw took place at Immaculate Heart last Sunday. The winning numbers were First prize (£50) Number: 82, Second prize (£30) Number: 77, Third prize: (£20) Number: 129. Congratulations!

SACRED HEART 150TH ANNIVERSARY In October we will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church. If you have any old photographs, newspaper clippings or other memorabilia, could you please lend them to Fr Endre for scanning and reproduction.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME Places are still available for those who would like to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome in October 2027. The details of the pilgrimage and how to book can be found on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome-assisii/>

DIOCESAN PROPERTY TRUSTEE VACANCY The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Trustee with property skills and experience. Chaired by the Bishop, The Board of Trustees provides leadership and determines the overall strategic direction of the organisation. Individuals with significant property, estates management and acquisitions experience and knowledge of charity law relating to land are encouraged to visit the Diocesan Website to download the role descriptor and application form. How to apply: Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/diocesan-trustee/>
Closing Date: 26 June 2026.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

I believe that you are my helper and my strength.
Grant to me hope and enlightenment.
Guide my weary mind that I may use my life fully
and be open to my gifts and the gifts of others.
May I work with those I love and be at peace
with those who do not want my love.
Help me to begin to accept I cannot change others
only myself.
Grant to me the joy of reaching further happiness
in the love of others and accept my love for myself.
May I be open and welcoming.
Calm my anxieties and restore my reason.
May I be filled with hope, enveloped and sheltered
in your cloak of love.

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BISHOP SÉAMUS' DIAMOND JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Sunderland, invites you to a Thanksgiving Mass for the 60th Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Bishop Séamus Cunningham. The Mass will take place on **Saturday 20 June at 11.00am at St Mary's Church, Bridge Street, Sunderland.** There will be refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre.

LANCHESTER ST BEDE'S SCHOOL Open Day to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our School opening. We are delighted to invite pupils, families, former students, staff and members of the community to our School Open Day on Saturday 27 June 10.00am to 2.00pm at the school site.

LITURGY AND MUSIC DAY 27 JUNE The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invites all parish musicians to a day of reflection on the role of the liturgy and music in the Mass at the beautiful setting of Ushaw College, Durham, on Saturday 27 June from 10.00am - 4.00pm. The day will be an opportunity to reflect on the liturgy and the role of music in the Mass, and to meet fellow musicians from across the Diocese. It will be led by Fr Adrian Dixon (Diocesan Liturgy team), Philip Robinson (Diocesan Choir) and Alison McLean (DCMA) and there is a £7.50 charge. To book a place, please email: dcma@diocesehn.org.uk

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR FUNDRAISING NIGHT 4 JULY The Little Sisters of the Poor are hosting a 50s and 60s night at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle on Saturday 4 July at 7.00pm. There will be live entertainment, a licensed bar and bingo. Tickets cost £7. Please call 0191 273 1279 to book. All proceeds will go to St Joseph's Home.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 18 June.**

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*Exodus 19:2-6a*

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." '

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R/3c*

R/ We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R/**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us; we belong to him.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R/**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **R/**

Second reading*Romans 5:6-11*

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.

Alleluia.

Gospel*Matthew 9:36-10:8*

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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