



Jesus said, 'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'
Matthew 11:25.30

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

5 July 2026

Fourteenth 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 4 July - 12 July 2026

Saturday 4 July (<i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>)	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Mary Henderson (dec.) [AH]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Bill & Shiela Hutchins (dec.) [DH]
Sunday 5 July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)	9.00am St Mary	Pauline Archbold (dec.) [DA]
	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 6 July (<i>St Maria Goretti</i>)	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 7 July	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
Wednesday 8 July	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 9 July	9.30am St Mary	Priest's Intention
Friday 10 July		
Saturday 11 July (<i>St. Benedict</i>)	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Victoria Swinburn (dec.) [AS]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Bernard & Molly Hearne (dec.) [CH]
Sunday 12 July Sea Sunday (Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers)	9.00am St Mary	Kath Airey (dec.) [KM]
	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 14 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

Baptisms

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Ned Rowson into the Family of the Church

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Jessica Butler, 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).

SEA SUNDAY Next Sunday 12 July is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Your financial support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

Stella Maris is the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church and there will be a retiring collection at Masses next weekend to support their work. If you wish, you can also donate by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate Thank you.

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL = JULY 100 CLUB DRAW

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making our *Gift for Life* Summer Social such a great success!

Your generosity helped to raise a brilliant £1,248.31 for our Gift for Life causes. Whether you attended the event, baked a cake, donated prizes, bought raffle tickets, tidied the garden or helped on the day, your contribution made for a really enjoyable parish get together. Thank you so much. Also, the July Gift for Life '100 Club' draw takes place after Mass this Sunday (5th July) at St Mary's. Why not join us for the draw, refreshments and a chat?

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.

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 PASTORAL DISCERNMENT – John Ingram Partnership

On Wednesday 24th June laity and clergy met for a second time to explore a partnership response for Bishop Stephen and the diocese. The following common strands emerged:-

- a clear understanding that we cannot continue as we are
- a willingness to face difficult realities honestly
- the beginnings of a shared direction across the Partnership

This is an important place to have reached.

At our next meeting (16th July), we will take a further step. We will not return to open-ended discussion. Instead, we will begin to identify a small number of clear Partnership priorities, which can then be developed into a plan. This will happen through smaller groups, based on geography, working to look at the current structures and resources and the issues we face.

Thank you again for the time, honesty and care so many have given to this process so far.

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.

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://diocesahn.org.uk/news/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome-assis/>

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code.



Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The gentle caressing lapping of the waves can be as tender as a lullaby. Each gentle swirl of water touching the soft wet sand brings with it its own unique tales. Within its memories are endless stories divulged by others as they poured out their joys, excitement, pain, anger, sorrows, commitments and treasured memories of births proposals fear and promises. It swells and sings, its colour changes it can offer the most beautiful deep blue, or shades of turquoise, at others a delicate pale baby blue or almost green in a raging storm to lash and swoop against harbour wall lighthouse and pier. We revere and respect the gigantic entity our friend our foe. May we cherish all of the many aspects of each other and love the deepest and brightest of us all for just as each wave soft or raging we are all unique and have special gifts to share. Enfold us that we may strive to share our gifts with others as the sea shares the shore and enable us cherish those we meet on our journeys. Help us to give thanks for those who guard our seas and those who harvest the produce it surrenders and marvel in its beauty and awesomeness.

Jen Jones (C) June 2026

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

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

Liturgy of the Word

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Year A

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. R/cf. 1*

R/ I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever. **R/**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

All your works shall thank you, O Lord,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds. **R/**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
I will bless your name for ever, my God and king. R/

Second reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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