



Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. *Matthew 13:8*

**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**

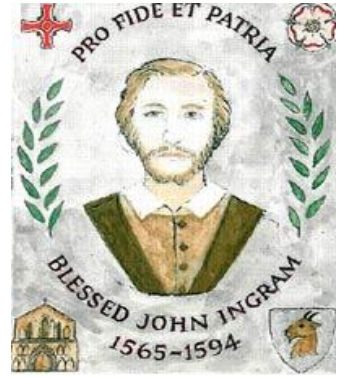
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The John Ingram Partnership  
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**12 July 2026**

**Fifteenth Sunday of the Year**

**Year A**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 11 July - 19 July 2026**

<b>Saturday 11 July</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Victoria Swinburn (dec.) [AS]
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	Bernard & Molly Hearne (dec.) [CH]
<b>Sunday 12 July</b>		
<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	Kath Airey (dec.) [KM]
<i>Sea Sunday (Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers)</i>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 13 July	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention <i>Sacred Heart School attending</i>
Tuesday 14 July	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Deceased Members of McHugh Family [MMCh]
Wednesday 15 July	9.30am St Philip Neri	Daniel Harrison (dec.) <i>St Philip Neri School attending</i>
Thursday 16 July	9.30am St Mary	Priest's Intention
Friday 17 July	9.30am St Mary	Priest's Intention <i>St Mary's School attending</i>
<b>Saturday 18 July</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Mary & Ray Bell (dec.) [MM]
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	Joe, Josie & Terry O'Keefe (dec.) [KO'K]
<b>Sunday 19 July</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Angela Corrigan (dec.) [J & A McP]

**Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 15 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 Olivia Green and Harley Coff 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** This Sunday 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 this weekend to support their work. Envelopes are available if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.** You can also donate on line by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) Thank you.

**GIFT FOR LIFE 100 CLUB Winners & A THANK YOU** The July Gift for Life '100 Club' draw took place at St Mary's last Sunday. The winning numbers were First prize (£50) Number: 61, Second prize (£30) Number: 88, Third prize: (£20) Number: 70. Congratulations to the winners. The next draw takes place at Immaculate Heart on Sunday 2 August. Also, just another thank you to everyone who made our *Gift for Life* Summer Social such a great success. In particular, we would like to highlight the excellent work carried out by the young people who helped in setting up the event and running stalls and activities - well done!

#### **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 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** In October we will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** July edition is now on sale, price **£2.00**.

#### **DIOCESAN PASTORAL DISCERNMENT – John Ingram Partnership**

On Wednesday 24 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 on 16 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://diocesehn.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 at [cafod.org.uk/Venezuela](http://cafod.org.uk/Venezuela) or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code below.



Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

**LOURDES AT HOME** As we prepare to travel to Lourdes on 31 July, there will be people who would like to participate from here in our Diocese who cannot be with us.

**Blessing of Hands** There will be Mass with the Blessing of Hands in St Mary's Cathedral, with Bishop Stephen as the principal celebrant. We all serve each other in our own way, whether it be as a registered helper, youth member, medical team, pilgrim or those who pray for the success of our pilgrimage at home. Everyone is welcome to this special Mass on Tuesday 21 July at 6.30pm in the Cathedral.

**Pilgrimage Hymn Book** Many who are participating from home have asked if they can purchase a copy of the hymn book. These will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21 July, and are priced £5.00.

**Centenary Pilgrimage Medal** There is a special centenary medal this year which is based on the medal from the Holy Year of 1958. The medal has a maroon ribbon with a gold-coloured metal St Cuthbert's Cross attached. Again, these will be on sale at the Cathedral on Tuesday 21 July, and are priced £5.00.

**Live Streaming** When in Lourdes, the Masses and services will be live streamed via the Diocesan Hospitalité YouTube channel and the Lourdes Sanctuary YouTube channel. More details will be available on the Diocesan Hospitalité Facebook page. Please keep the success of the Centenary pilgrimage in your prayers.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 16 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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)*

### Jen's Weekly Prayer

The twilight sky once more entrances  
as daylight begins to slowly fade into shades  
of opal pearl and glowing topaz  
to flood the sky for our delight  
and to feel it's comforting peace and calmness  
enfolding us as we gaze upon the beauty and tranquility  
of our nightly lullaby.

Calmness and peace are not the coming nights'  
companions for those who face conflict, pain and  
suffering, anguish and fear for loved ones  
or watch as once again they have to seek shelter  
from bombardments.

You know our cries, you do not abandon us  
in our times of pain and suffering.

Grant that we who are safe on land and on the seas  
enfold and cherish all who fear the night  
because of conflict and destruction.

Spirit of wisdom, enfolded in your tender care,  
may their fears be replaced with hope  
that they may once again feel the healing balm of love  
embracing them and giving them courage and strength.

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**First Reading***Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord:

'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R/Luke 8:8*

**R/ Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.**

You visit the earth, give it water;  
you fill it with riches.  
God's ever-flowing river brims over  
to prepare the grain. **R/**

And thus you prepare it:  
you drench its furrows;  
you level it, soften it with showers;  
you bless its growth. **R/**

You crown the year with your bounty.  
Abundance flows in your pathways;  
in pastures of the desert it flows.  
The hills are girded with joy. **R/**

The meadows clothed with flocks.  
The valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! **R/**

**Second reading***Romans 8:18-23*

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;  
all who find him will live for ever.

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel***Matthew 13:1-9*

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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