



Your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
Wisdom 12:16

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

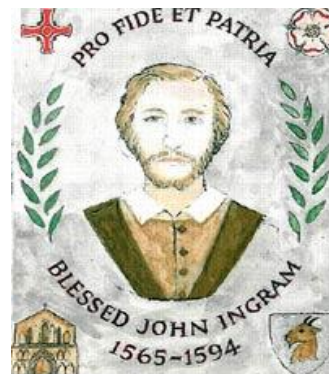
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

19 July 2026

Sixteenth 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 18 July - 26 July 2026

Saturday 18 July	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Mary & Ray Bell (dec.) [MM]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Joe, Josie & Terry O'Keefe (dec.) [KO'K]
Sunday 19 July	9.00am St Mary	People of the Parish
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Angela Corrigan (dec.) [J & A McP]
Monday 20 July	<u>9.30am</u> Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 21 July	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
	<u>12 noon</u> St Mary	Funeral Service - Veronica Mary Gilmour RIP
Wednesday 22 July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 23 July <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	9.30am St Mary	Ann Tate (dec.) [MT]
Friday 24 July <i>Martyrs of the Diocese</i>		
Saturday 25 July <i>St James, Apostle</i>	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Thomas & Sarah Morris (dec.) [MM]
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 July	9.00am St Mary	Kath Airey (dec.) [MD]
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Joseph & Cecilia Cobbing (dec.) [GC]

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 16 Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am on Monday at Sacred Heart, Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am on Monday at Sacred Heart, Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

Baptism

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Mia Dobson-Thompson into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Veronica Mary Gilmour and Robert James Martin who have died recently. The Funeral Service for Veronica will be on Tuesday 21 June at 12 noon at St. Mary's Church, followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery.

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).

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 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.

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

TEA/COFFEE served after Mass at Immaculate Heart on Tuesday 21 July (and every third Tuesday of the month). All welcome.

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-assisi/>

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 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.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

When we feel lost, lonely, unsure of how
to move forward, help us reach out to you,
Holy Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding.
Help us to reunite with the beauty we have around us,
the variety of leafy trees and blossoming bushes,
flowers in their magnificent array of bountiful
summer colours, some shades are strong others soft,
including the blue and purple lavender flowing
in banks of beauty and the calming white roses
through to delicate pink shades.
The whole palette of colours to entrance and delight us
with their beauty and fragrances.
Guide us that we can have the courage to reevaluate
the variety of emotions we feel;
some are painful others tender and hopefully
many filled with love and care.
May we feel the joy and beauty that we encounter
and be touched by the gentle care others gifted to us
when we were in need of strength to begin again.

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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*Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 86(85):5-6. 9-10. 15-16a. R/5a*

R/ O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication. **R/**

All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R/**

You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me. **R/**

Second reading*Romans 8:26-27*

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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 13:24-30*

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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