

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.
Entrance Antiphon for Mass of All Saints

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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1 November 2026 — All Saints — 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 31 October - 8 November 2026

Saturday 31 October	**4.30pm**	**Sacred Heart**	People of the Parish
	N.B.	**St Philip Neri**	***Church currently closed***
Sunday 1 November	**9.00am**	**St Mary**	Dec. Members & Friends of Cunningham Family
Solemnity of All Saints	**10.30am**	**Immaculate Heart**	Bill & Shiela Hutchins (dec.) [DH]
Monday 2 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	The Faithful Departed
All Souls (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)	6.00pm	Sacred Heart	The Faithful Departed
Tuesday 3 November *St Martin de Porres*	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 4 November *St Charles Borromeo*	9.30am	St Philip Neri School	Priest's Intention
Thursday 5 November	9.30am	St Mary	Helen Jackson (dec.) [CMcT]
Friday 6 November			
Saturday 7 November *St Willibrord*	**4.30pm**	**Sacred Heart**	Nancy & Tommy Ashley (dec.) [SH]
	N.B.	**St Philip Neri**	***Church currently closed***
Sunday 8 November	**9.00am**	**St Mary**	People of the Parish
Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (Year A)	**10.30am**	**Immaculate Heart**	Matthew & Francis Bullock (dec.) [AB]
Remembrance Sunday			

Weekday Readings*: Ordinary Time Week 31 Year 2*

Sacrament of Reconciliation
5.30pm - 5.50pm on Monday at Sacred Heart, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart and Thursday at St Mary's

Benediction *at 4.30pm on Sunday 1 November at Sacred Heart*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday at Immaculate Heart and Thursday at St Mary's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Jessica Butler, Veronica Coleman, Brigitte Jones, Peter Jones, 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).

GIFT FOR LIFE NOVEMBER 100 CLUB DRAW – AND NEW NUMBERS FROM NEXT WEEK The November *Gift for Life* '100 Club' draw takes place after Mass this Sunday (1 November) at St Mary's. Come along for refreshments, good conversation and to see the draw take place. Also, we are pleased to announce that the '100 Club' will continue to run from December and new numbers will be on sale from next weekend. Each number costs £25 for the year - but if you buy three you get a fourth one free! Thank you for all your brilliant support. We have recently sent £1,800 to each of the projects in Indian and Kenya and continue to donate £50 each month to the Justice and Peace Refugee Project locally. Without your generosity this would not be possible. If you wish to get in touch please e-mail giftforlife20@gmail.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 November in Immaculate Heart Church at 1.30pm. If yu enjoy knitting or crocheting (the patterns are easy and wool can be provided) of if you are interest in what we hope to do with this ministry please come along. All are welcome! For further information please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 4884395.

ANNUAL SERVICE OF LIGHT Sunday 15 November 3pm at St Mary's RC Church, Dockendale Lane, Whickham. You are cordially invited to come along to this Service led by Rev. Paul Nichols from the QE Hospital. It is a quiet and prayerful opportunity to remember our loved ones who have died in the Gateshead area. Light refreshments wil be available in St Mary's Hall afterwards.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS 2026 - collection begins the weekend of 21/22 November. Every Christmas, parishioners actively live their faith by offering support to those in need at Christma and this year we would like to continue with this invaluable outreach work.

We are confident that our parishioners will repeat last year's amazing effort of supplying Christmas gifts to children across Gateshead who have been identified at risk of not receiving a Christmas gift this year (we liaise with Gateshead Social Services to obtain a list of vulnerable children who fall into this category). Social Services have requested that all gifts to be donated must be unwrapped, in a gift bag, tagged with the gender and age of the intended recipient.

- **The Angel Trees** with tags will be in each church from weekend of **21/22 November** - please note there will be more tags this year for 13+ children (especially boys) - Social Services have requested this as they particularly struggle with this age group every year. **All gifts must be handed in by the end of the weekend 12/13 December.**
- Gateshead social services will be collecting all gift donations on **Wednesday 16 December** from Immaculate Heart church.
- **Finally** if you would prefer someone else to shop for you please feel free to donate cash in an envelope marked 'Angel Tree' and placed in the collection plate at church.

Any queries, please contact either Katie Wilkinson via email teachkate1@gmail.com telephone 07837 386760 or Denise Hebron via email denisehebron@yahoo.co.uk telephone 07554 445679.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2027 If your child is currently in Year 4 (or above) and they are not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2027, please contact the Parish Office at Immaculate Heart Presbytery as soon as possible by email or telephone:
e-mail olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk tel. 0191 460 4274. Please provide your name, address, telephone number and email address. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCES HALF YEAR ACCOUNTS
(April - September 2026)

Our Lady & St Philip Neri

Funds have fallen by £9,326 to £254,025 in the 6 months April - September 2026.

Offertory collections (loose plate, envelopes and Standing Orders) of £32,074 are 7.4% up on last year which is good news while the potential gift aid claim on eligible income is £7,073. This is over £1,000 higher than last year and includes £500 attached to a £2,000 donation for which we are always thankful. Rental income from the three St Mary properties was £13,158 but with repairs for the Cottage alone coming in at £8,187 and hall repairs of £3,526 there is a half year deficit of £2,977. Rent increases have been or will be negotiated with the tenants.

In terms of costs. the large value items are the aforementioned repairs (at £17,279 some £9,878 more than last year), utilities of £8,059, staff wages at £9,725, administration expenses of £6,922, the Diocesan Levy of £5,720 while Fr Endre's duties as Assistant Priest bring a charge of £6,000.

Repair expenditure is the dominant cost that dictates whether we generate a surplus or deficit. The second half year already has spend of £5,427 and £5428.32 is earmarked for St Mary's church oil boiler flue repair and £5932.80 for the purchase and erection of debris netting to make safe the school side of St Philip Neri church.

Sacred Heart, Byermoor

Funds have fallen by £5,818 to £47,622 during the 6 months April - September 2026.

Offertory collections in all forms totalled £6,115 which is pretty much the same as last year and we also received £1,000 from the estate of a parishioner.

Again, costs were very much in line with the same period in 2025 with the exception of repairs. The total figure of £8,114 includes the sum of £6,960 for the removal of the perimeter cemetery wall and laying of top soil. Without this item we would have reported a surplus of over £1,000.

OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI AND SACRED HEART PARISHES SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY this year is on Thursday 3 December at St. Mary's Hall. Mass will be celebrated at 11.15am followed by lunch and festivities in St. Mary's Hall. There are lists at the entrance of each church - if you would like to attend, please put your name on the list by Sunday 22 November. If you find you are unable to attend, please let us know, even if it is on the morning of the lunch, otherwise food will be wasted. Also, if you know of anyone who would like to attend but is unable to get to church, let us know and we may be able to arrange transport for them. Contact details are Denise Hebron tel. 07554 445679 or Katie Wilkinson tel. 07837 386760.

THE NORTHERN CROSS November edition is on sale this weekend, price £2.00.

SACRED HEART SPONSORED WREATHS AND CANDLES This year again there will be sponsored wreaths and candles as part of our Christmas celebration and decoration of Church . Families can sponsor a wreath at a cost of £20 and a candle for £10. There is a list available at the back of Church to sign up for a wreath or candle dedicated to loved ones. Due to limited space please consider doing this soon. Funds raised go to Sacred Heart Church.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE invites you to come and hear Fr Colin Patey speak on *The Dream of Gerontius: how might Newman's poem inform our November prayers for the Holy Souls?* in the hall of the Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle NE2 3JX on Tuesday 10 November 2026, at 7.30pm. "We shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is" (I John 3:2). A timely reflection from Scripture and Newman's great poem. Father Colin Patey was ordained at Durham Cathedral and served for 20 years as an Anglican. He was ordained as a Catholic priest in 1998, He is now retired but very active as a supply priest and leading occasional retreats. As a High Church Anglican, Fr Colin was inspired by Newman, Pusey and Keble, and as he approached the Catholic Church, Newman's journey became an even greater inspiration for him.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for the Parish Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 5 November**

Jen's Weekly Prayer

When anguish, fear, pain and uncertainty
consume and envelop us in our daily lives,
we can be swept along in its dark wake;
help us to look up, look out and truly view the scenes
we can see in the beauty which still surrounds us.
There are many places across the world where
when they look out all they can see
is devastation and destruction;
help those who are in the midst of such scenarios
to recall where there once was
beauty, joy and laughter.
We need the solace of recalling the wonders
around and above us.
The radiant coloured leaves swirling around
in the autumn sunshine, bronze, copper, russet, pale
green, gold, performing their exquisite annual dances
for our joy and delight.
The night sky too is a source of comfort and peace
as the deep velvet sky blazes with its brilliant jewels
of radiant beauty peace and calm.
For all who are facing challenges,
may they be calmed and strengthened
to hold on to even the smallest recall of joy,
a smile, kind words, a special image or music,
that with courage and fortitude
they can become stronger and be filled
with renewed strength, peace and hope.

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LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS FAYRE The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21 November 2026 at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. The Fayre is on from 12 noon until 3pm. There will be a raffle, tombola, bottle stall, arts and crafts and other stalls. They will have a children's stall where everyone is a winner Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

FLAME 2027 takes place on **Saturday 6 March 2027.** The theme is **'TAKE COURAGE'**. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, almost 900 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults).
COST: £55 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact Mary Madziva mmadziva@ymt.org

DRIVING FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES If you volunteer to carry out regular parish activities (such as banking monies or taking Holy Communion to the housebound) and this requires you to drive, it might be a good idea to check whether your personal motor insurance policy provides sufficient cover in the case of an accident. Some information and guidelines from the diocese have been displayed at the back of church and are available on the diocesan website. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the parish office on 0191 460 4274 during office hours or email olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk and we'll be happy to help.

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 Representa5t0ive (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 *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14*

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.
After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R/ cf. 6*

R/ Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. ***R/***

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things. ***R/***

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. ***R/***

Second Reading *1 John 3:1-3*

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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