

The Lord sits as King forever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Psalm 28:10-11

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

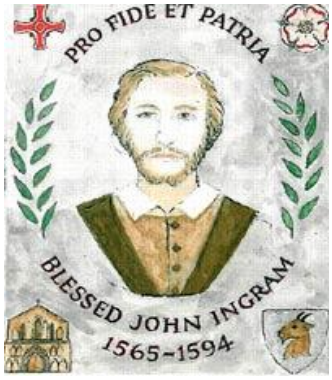
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Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

22 November 2026 — Our Lord Jesus Christ the King — Year A

The Parish Secretary, Theresa Noble, is on annual leave and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday 1 December 9.00am-3.00pm

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 21 - 29 November 2026

Saturday 21 November	**4.30pm**	**Sacred Heart**	People of the Parish
	N.B.	**St Philip Neri**	***Church currently closed***
Sunday 22 November	**9.00am**	**St Mary**	Brenda Robson (dec.) [MR]
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year A)	**10.30am**	**Immaculate Heart**	Frank McCoy (dec.) [JMcC]
Day of Special Prayer for Young People			
Monday 23 November	1.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 24 November *St Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions*	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	In Thanksgiving [EA]
Wednesday 25 November	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Thursday 26 November	9.30am	St Mary	Stephen Airey (dec.) [CN]
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Funeral Service for Anne Veronica Dee (RIP)
Friday 27 November			
Saturday 28 November	**4.30pm**	**Sacred Heart**	Fr Joe Brown (dec.) [PB]
	N.B.	**St Philip Neri**	***Church currently closed***
Sunday 29 November	**9.00am**	**St Mary**	Tom & Audrey Gleeson (dec.) [JD]
First Sunday of Advent Year (Year B)	**10.30am**	**Immaculate Heart**	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings*: Ordinary Time Week 34 Year 2*

Sacrament of Reconciliation
1.00pm – 1.20pm on Monday at Sacred Heart, 9.00am - 9.20am on Tuesday & Wednesday at Immaculate Heart and Thursday t St Mary's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1.00pm – 1.25pm on Monday at Sacred Heart, 9.00am - 9.25am on Tuesday & Wednesday at Immaculate Heart and Thursday at St Mary's

Please pray for Ellie and Joel who will be Baptised, Vivian, Edward and Reece who will be Baptised and Confirmed and Lindsay who will be Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and Confirmed during the 10.30am Mass at Immaculate Heart Church this Sunday

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Anne Veronica Dee and Maria Astrid Muse (Gower) who have died recently. The Funeral Service for Anne will be at Immaculate Heart Church on Thursday 26 November at 11.00am, followed by cremation at Saltwell Crematorium. The Requiem Mass for Maria will be at Immaculate Heart Church on Wednesday 2 December at 10.00am, followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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, Joseph Relph, Patricia Smith, 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).

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY Today we celebrate World Youth Sunday, giving thanks for the young people of our Diocese and praying for their continued growth in faith. **The retiring collection today supports the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT), helping young people encounter Christ through retreats, events and outreach across our Diocese. Gift Aid envelopes are available, or you can scan the QR code on the poster to donate.** Thank you for your prayers and generous support. Check out YMT on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and the website www.ymt.org

GIFT FOR LIFE 100 CLUB' NEW NUMBERS ON SALE Numbers for the next year of the '100 Club' are on sale - from now until Sunday 29 November. The cost remains the same at £25 per number for the year – but if you buy 3 numbers you will get a fourth one FREE! Payment is in advance either by cash or cheque made payable to Our Lady & St Philip Neri (please write 100 Club on the back of the cheque). The prizes will be finalised once we know how many numbers have been sold but we hope that we will be able to continue the £50 first prize, £30 second prize and £20 third prize. Please note existing numbers will not be carried over into the new scheme – it is 'first come, first served' for numbers for the new arrangements, If you have any questions, please see one of the Gift for Life Group or contact us on giftforlife20@gmail.com. Thank you for your generous support.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS 2026 - collection begins this weekend 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 place it 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.

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 this 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.

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.

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 December in Immaculate Heart Church at 1.30pm. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting (the patterns are easy, and wool can be provided) or if you are interested in what we hope to do with this ministry, please come along. All are welcome! For further information, please contact Joan McCoy tel. 0191 488 4395.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES If you would like a candle to be lit during the Christmas season in memory of your deceased loved ones, please write their name(s) on one of the envelopes at the back of church and include your donation. **Please complete and return your envelopes by Thursday 17 December** and don't forget to indicate in which church you would like the candle to be lit. Completed envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets at weekend Masses or posted through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery or Sacred Heart Presbytery.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT Once again we are joining the annual Table Top Christmas Tree event held at Spoor Methodist Church. After 9.00am Mass this Sunday 22 November, you are invited to take a wooden bauble home, decorate it with a design of your choice or donate any bauble. Bring it back to St Mary's on Sunday 29 November. You can see all the finished trees on display at Spoor Methodist Chuch 3, 4 and 5 December 10 till 4pm. (See poster in the porch.)

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

CLIMATE AND NATURE CRISIS Everyone is invited to attend a Coffee Morning with a showing of the People's Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis at Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Consett DH8 9RT on. Saturday 28 November from 10.00am to 11.45am. The film is suitable for ages 16 and over and everyone is welcome. It is free although donations will be welcome on the day to help cover the cost of room hire and refreshments. Please book your place here: https://buytickets.at/minnie/2500540

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for the Parish Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 26 November.**

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.

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.

CONCERT AT LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR HOME The City of Newcastle Male Voice Choir and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at The Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home, Newcastle on Saturday 5 December . Tickets available from St Joseph's Home 0191 273 1279.

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 *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps. 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. R/1*

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. ***R/***

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. ***R/***

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ***R/***

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. ***R/***

Second reading *I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Mark 11:9, 10*

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

Gospel *Matthew 25:31-46*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."
'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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