



Jesus said: 'And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.'

John 17:5

**THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI**  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary ▪ Lobley Hill  
 St Mary ▪ Whickham  
 St Philip Neri ▪ Dunston  
 and  
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 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

**17 May 2026**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**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](mailto: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 16 May - 24 May 2026**

<b>Saturday 16 May</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Priest's Intention
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 17 May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Bernard & Anne McKenna (dec.) [MD]
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	Matthew Bullock (dec.) [AB]
<i>World Communications Day</i>			
Monday 18 May	1.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 19 May	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 20 May	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 21 May <i>St Godrick</i>	9.30am	St Mary	Kathleen Airey (dec.) [MD]
Friday 22 May			
<b>Saturday 23 May</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	Mary & Joseph McConnen (dec.)
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>St Philip Neri</b>	Jackie Hodgson (dec.) [DH]
<b>Sunday 24 May</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>St Mary</b>	Molly & Bernard Hearne (dec.) [DH]
<b>Pentecost Sunday (Year A)</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish

**Weekday Readings: Seventh Week of Eastertide**

**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 & at 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

**Baptism**

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Georgina Grace Butler into the Family of the Church

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK** 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).**

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - SUNDAY 17 MAY** The theme of this year's World Communications Day is *Preserving Human Voices and Faces*. In his message for the 60<sup>th</sup> World Day of Social Communications Day, Pope Leo XIV highlights the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity. Pope Leo's message for this Day can be read at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leos-message-for-world-communications-day-2026/>

**There will be a Retiring Collection at all Masses this weekend 16/17 May** to support the work of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in forging positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people.

#### **GIFT FOR LIFE '100 Club' May Draw Results – and Summer Social**

The May *Gift for Life* '100 Club' draw took place last Sunday at St Mary's. The lucky winners were: First Prize (£50) – Number 13; Second Prize (£30) – Number 39; Third Prize (£20) - Number 60. The next draw takes place at Immaculate Heart on Sunday 7th June at Immaculate Heart. **Please put Sunday 28 June in your diaries** – the *Gift for Life* Summer Social takes place that afternoon at St Mary's. We will soon be requesting bottles, plants, cakes and raffle prizes. We are also looking for helpers to plan and run the event. Contact us on [giftforlife20@gmail.com](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) Thank you for all your generous support.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS** Tuesday 19 May - it's the third Tuesday of the month!! We serve coffee/ tea and refreshments at Immaculate Heart after the 9.30am Mass. It would be lovely if you could join us, and increase our numbers! All are welcome!

**FOOD BANK & REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE** We welcome **ALL non perishable produce - even if you can only donate 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out - monetary donations are also very much appreciated.**

**IN SHORT SUPPLY - laundry powder/liquid, tinned sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, cooking oil, biscuits, shampoo, antiperspirant, feminine hygiene (especially tampons).**

**OTHER priority items** - UHT milk, tomato purée, pasta sauce, dried pasta, long grained rice, tinned meat (corned beef, mince beef, pek etc), hot dogs, potatoes, chopped tomatoes, fruit, custard, rice pudding, baked beans, tuna, meatballs, soup, cereal, coffee, tea bags, sugar, toothpaste, spray cleaner, washing up liquid, toilet rolls.

**Other items** we put into the monthly food bags, especially for the refugee project - tinned kidney beans & chickpeas please.

Every Thursday volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30 -10.30 so parishioners can drop donations off here if they wish - please come in to say 'Hello!' and see what we're up to.

Any queries contact Katie Wilkinson either via mobile 07837 386 760 or email [teachkate1@gmail.com](mailto:teachkate1@gmail.com)

**SACRED HEART, BYERMOOR - Presentation on the possibility of amalgamation with Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish** After the Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 16 May, we will have a presentation on the canonical process of amalgamation, in order to offer a clearer understanding of what it is, and what it involves. This is simply an information meeting, to have a better understanding of what we need to consider as a parish. Please stay for it if you can, we will aim to have it take no longer than 30 minutes.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new Financial Year April 2026 - March 2027 are now available at the back of each church.** If any parishioners do not yet contribute by planned giving or standing order and would like to make arrangement to do so, please contact the Parish Office, email [olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:olpn.gateshead@diocesehn.org.uk) or tel. 0191 460 4274. Also, if you are a UK Taxpayer, you might consider Gift-Aiding your donations which would mean that the parish would then benefit from an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for a Gift-Aid form or for further information. If you have access to internet banking, you may wish to set up a standing order online to make your regular parish contributions. The details required for you to do this are as follows:

#### **Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish**

Payee: DHN Gateshead Our Lady and St Philip Neri  
Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 21167936

Reference: insert your own name

Commencing: day/month/year

Frequency: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually

#### **Sacred Heart Parish, Byermoor**

Payee: DHN Byermoor The Sacred Heart

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Account Number: 91492241

Reference: insert your own name

Commencing: day/month/year

Frequency: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually

**SVP CAMP – HOLY ISLAND** Calling all young adults 18+. Do you have a week to spare to spend on Lindisfarne this Summer helping out at the Holy Island SVP Camp? Volunteers are needed to work alongside the children who stay in the SVP purpose-built centre on the island. Weeks, 3, 5 and 6 of the Summer have 60 children ready to have a great time rock pooling, walking, arts and crafting and enjoying outdoor activities but we need more helpers to ensure they have the best time!

- Week 3 Sat 1<sup>st</sup> August - 8<sup>th</sup> August
- Week 5 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> August - 22<sup>nd</sup> August
- Week 6 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> August

If you are interested have a look at the website <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or email Barbara Taws [barbarat@svp.org.uk](mailto:barbarat@svp.org.uk)

All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.

**THE NORTHERN CROSS** May edition is now on sale, price £1.50.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 21 May.**

**MINSTERACRES** There will be a 'Day of Consolation' with Chris Smith on Wednesday 20 May (10am-4pm) at Minsteracres. This is a small, intimate day retreat - maximum 12 people - for anyone navigating loss or bereavement, and has been warmly received by those who have attended in previous years. More details about this day retreat can be found here: <https://minsteracres.org/product/day-of-consolation-with-chris-smith-may2026/>

**LAUDATO SI'** To celebrate Laudato Si' Week, Mass for the Care of Creation will be celebrated at 10.00 am on Saturday 23 May at St Augustine's Church, 30 Coniscliffe Road, Darlington DL3 7RG. The Diocesan Environmental Group wishes to extend an invitation to everyone in the Diocese to attend and to bring family and friends – everyone is welcome!

**CORPUS CHRISTI: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw** On Sunday 7 June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirement.

#### **Jen's Weekly Prayer**

Bring us peace of mind and strength of will  
to carry on and seek to be the best that we can be.

Give us the courage to continue  
to seek and venture forward.

Bring hope from that spiral of despondency  
which can harm.

Shelter us in your loving strength.

Enlighten our darkness, be the illumination  
which we seek.

Calm the ravages of fear which threaten to destroy.

Restore our reason which is lost.

May we seek the wisdom and giftedness  
which is ours from you.

To carry us forward in strength, in peace and in hope.

Be with us as our friend, our help, our healer  
and our guide.

*Revised Jen Jones © October 2020*

**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-](https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Press-Release-from-the-Diocese-of-Hexham-and-Newcastle-audit-report-February-2025.pdf)

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*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)*

**First Reading***Acts 1:12-14*

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Psalm 27(26): 1. 4. 7-8a. R/13*

***R/ I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.***

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread? **R/**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,  
to enquire at his temple. **R/**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer me.  
Of you my heart has spoken,  
'Seek his face.' **R/**

**Second reading***1 Peter 4:13-16*

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***John 14:18*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

**Gospel***John 17:1-11a*

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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