



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

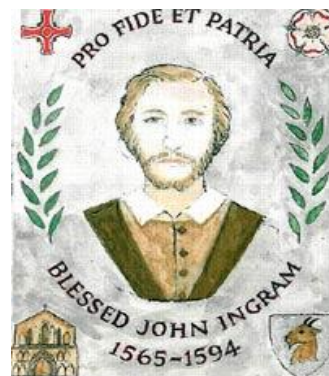
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Come, Holy Spirit, searching fire,
 Whose flame all evil burns away.
 With light and love come down to us
 In silence and in peace to stay.
Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal

24 May 2026

Pentecost Sunday

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 23 - 31 May 2026

Saturday 23 May	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Mary & Joseph McConnen (dec.)
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Jackie Hodgson (dec.) [DH]
Sunday 24 May	9.00am St Mary	Molly & Bernard Hearne (dec.) [DH]
Pentecost Sunday (Year A)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
Monday 25 May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	<u>9.30am</u> Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 26 May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 27 May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	9.30am St Philip Neri	Kathleen Airey (dec.) [M & JP]
Thursday 28 May <i>Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	9.30am St Mary	Priest's Intention
Friday 29 May		
Saturday 30 May	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Molly Ewing (dec.) [JW]
Sunday 31 May	9.00am St Mary	Christine Nealon (dec.) [KN]
The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 8 Year 1

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 9.00am - 9.20am 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

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS John Ernest Orton who has died recently. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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).

LAY TRAINING FUND COLLECTION There is a Retiring Collection at all Masses this weekend 23/24 May for the Diocesan Lay Training Fund.

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL Gift Social - can you help? Just a reminder that our *Gift for Life* Summer Social takes place on Sunday 28 June from 2pm at St Mary's Hall (and garden if we get good weather). Everyone is welcome to attend and we extend a warm invitation to parishioners from Sacred Heart Parish too. We are looking to make this event even better than in previous years, but to do so we need your help. From next weekend there will be boxes at the back of each church for any raffle prizes, bottles, items for the tombola etc. Sign-up sheets will also appear on the notice boards so we can get an idea of numbers for catering. If you are able to make or buy something for the cake stall or provide plants, that would be great too. We are also looking for more helpers and new ideas - the planning meeting for the event takes place on Thursday 4 June at 7pm at St Mary's Hall and we would be delighted to see you there. Any questions or suggestions – please see a member of the *Gift for Life* group – or email us on giftforlife20@gmail.com Thank you for your support.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 June 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) The agenda and approved minutes of the PPC meeting held in February 2025 are now available to read at the back of each church.

PARISH FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY APRIL 2025 - March 2026

Our Lady & St Philip Neri Funds have fallen by £7,686 to £263,428 in the 12 months to the end of March.

Offertory collections (loose plate, envelopes and Standing Orders) of £61,596 are 1.7% up on last year which is good news while the potential gift aid claim on eligible income is £12,116. Rental income from the three St Mary properties was £27,044 which delivered a surplus of £8,643 after the deduction of gas, electricity, water, insurance and repair costs. This is down on last year's surplus of £12,736 due to a new boiler and windows bought for Dockendal Cottage. Further costs will fall into the new financial year.

The other significant items of income was a legacy of £3,000 for which we are always grateful and £2,800 of stipends/stole fees retained for the parish.

In terms of costs the large value items are the aforementioned repairs (at £16,381 some £7,618 more than last year), utilities of £20,327, staff wages at £19,640, administration expenses of £14,226, the Diocesan Levy of £12,136 while Fr Endre's duties as Assistant Priest bring a charge of £11,000 as we share his allowance and presbytery costs with Sacred Heart.

Puzzling is a 74% increase in the annual St Philip Neri gas consumption. Any suggestions or offers to try and get to the bottom of this would be gratefully received.

The target for the new financial year is to secure increases on the rental properties.

Sacred Heart, Byermoor Funds have fallen by £9,311 to £53,440 during the course of the year.

Offertory collections in all its forms totalled £12,563 which is the same as last year. However, this is insufficient to fund a full-time parish priest hence the 50/50 split of Fr Endre's costs with Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish.

The gift aid claim is £2,783 but could it be higher? If you are a tax payer and not signed up, please give this some serious thought and join the other parishioners who are already gifting. Repair and maintenance expenditure of £7,999 is hugely down on last year's £32,194 but a number of areas were identified for update and renewal with the first of these, tree felling and pruning, coming in at a cost of £4,810. (The cemetery wall demolition and laying of top soil falls into the new financial year.)

if you are a UK Taxpayer, and are considering Gift-Aiding your donations, this 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

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

When life feels bleak and pain, anxiety,
a sense of doubt and sometimes fear creep towards us,
help us to once again look outwards.

The discarded pathways and edges of land
are often ignored.

However, they too can be filled
with colour, to sparkle after rain
and glow when touched by sunlight.

They can show us that even when everything
seems dark, we can witness colour and beauty,
even if they are weeds.

As we gaze upon our landscapes,
help us to truly thank you for their beauty
and the blessings they bring.

The soft and gentle blossom following rain
gleams like jewels as the sun once more
shines upon them.

Many peoples across the world are
weary and frightened.

Enfold them that they may gather their strength and
believe that they are valuable and precious
just as our natural world is precious.

Help us to move forward with renewed hope
to care for each other and the earth
upon which we reside.

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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 1st August - 8th August
- Week 5 Sat 15th August - 22nd August
- Week 6 Sat 22nd - 29th 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

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

LECTURE AT HOLY NAME, JESMOND 'From Francis to Leo: The Catholic Church in a Change of Era.' This lecture given at Holy Name, Jesmond, on Saturday 16 May by Austen Ivereigh, Catholic journalist, commentator and biographer of Pope Francis, can be viewed on YouTube using the following link <https://www.youtube.com/live/R48ce9vHr9w?si=Nb88o3nNfrX37TKZ>. In his lecture, Dr Ivereigh explains the nature of the Francis-Leo transition, how the Church is being called to change its way of operating, and why it matters for the future of faith in these islands.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 28 May.**

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

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps. 104(103):1ab, 24ac.29b-30. 31,34. R/cf.v. 30*

R/ Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your creatures. **R/**

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. **R/**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I will rejoice in the Lord. **R/**

Second reading*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13*

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sequence - Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will ;All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Gospel*John 20:19-23*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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