



**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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You see the Trinity if you see love.  
 St Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)

**31 May 2026**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**Year A**

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 30 May - 7 June 2026**

<b>Saturday 30 May</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Priest's Intention
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	Molly Ewing (dec.) [JW]
<b>Sunday 31 May</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	Christine Nealon (dec.) [KN]
<b><i>The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)</i></b>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 1 June <i>St Justin</i>	1.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 2 June	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 3 June <i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>	9.30am St Philip Neri	Priest's Intention
Thursday 4 June	9.30am St Mary	Priest's Intention
Friday 5 June <i>St Boniface</i>		
<b>Saturday 6 June</b>	<b>4.30pm Sacred Heart</b>	Priest's Intention
	<b>5.30pm St Philip Neri</b>	Jackie Hodgson (dec.) [M & J P]
<b>Sunday 7 June</b>	<b>9.00am St Mary</b>	People of the Parish
<b><i>The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (Year A)</i></b>	<b>10.30am Immaculate Heart</b>	Private Intention [AB]

**Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 9 Year 1**

**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

**Next weekend, at Masses on The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be invited to renew their commitment to their ministry**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** John Ernest Orton who has died recently. The Funeral Service for John will be at Mountsett Crematorium on Tuesday 16 June at 1.15pm. 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).**

## **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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS** is the first Encyclical to be issued by Pope Leo XIV, published on the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Encyclical *Rerum Novarum* issued by Pope Leo XIII in 1891. In *Magnifica Humanitas*, and in age of AI (Artificial Intelligence), Pope Leo XIV appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, the promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice and peace. To read the Encyclical, and commentaries on it, please visit the website [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

## **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*

**GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER 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. There are boxes at the back of each church for any raffle prizes, bottles, items for the tombola etc. Sign-up sheets are now 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<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:giftforlife20@gmail.com) Thank you for your support.

**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 the church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirement.

**BISHOP SÉAMUS' DIAMOND JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD** Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Sunderland, invites you to a Thanksgiving Mass for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Bishop Séamus Cunningham. The Mass will take place on **Saturday 20 June at 11.00am** at St Mary's Church, Bridge Street, Sunderland. There will be refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre.

#### Jen's Weekly Prayer

The ordinary can be extra-ordinary.  
The simple everyday activities can become memorable if they are carried out with love and care.  
It is the genuine interaction of each to the other like a silken thread joining one to another, friendships, families, gardens, landscapes are the beautifully woven fabric which wraps us in a safe warm place where we can be ourselves.  
Grant that we appreciate the ordinary blessings of each day where we can feel treasured, safe, to have the courage to be vulnerable and ask for help if we are in need, for like blooms and blossom in our gardens, we grow when we are nurtured.  
Help us to become like the tall, soothing and enfolding copper beech which spreads wide its encircling branches, to reach out with our love, our gifts, ourselves, to those who share our lives.

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**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office by **9.00am on Thursday 4 June**.

**INTERRELIGIOUS PRAYER FOR PEACE** A joint Christian/Muslim Visit to Pray for Peace will be held at St Mary's Chapel, Reid Park Road, Jesmond on Saturday 13 June at 2.30pm. Since 2010, a group of Christian and Muslim women have met annually to pray for peace in the ruins of St Mary's Chapel in Jesmond. St Mary's chapel was once an important medieval shrine to Our Lady, so it provides a suitable and tranquil setting to honour Mary, the mother of Jesus and to pray for peace. Men accompanying their families are allowed to attend. This year Brenda Dinsdale, President of the Reform Synagogue, will also attend along with members of the Reform Congregation. Refreshments will be available afterwards at Holy Name Church Hall, Jesmond.

**LITURGY AND MUSIC DAY - 27 JUNE** The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invites all parish musicians to a day of reflection on the role of the liturgy and music in the Mass at the beautiful setting of Ushaw College, Durham, on Saturday 27 June from 10.00am- 4.00pm. The day will be an opportunity to reflect on the liturgy and the role of music in the Mass, and to meet fellow musicians from across the Diocese. It will be led by Fr Adrian Dixon (Diocesan Liturgy team), Philip Robinson (Diocesan Choir) and Alison McLean (DCMA) and there is a £7.50 charge. To book a place, please email: [dcma@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:dcma@diocesehn.org.uk)

**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.

#### 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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)*

**First Reading***Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9*

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm***Dan 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R/52b*

***R/ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!***

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors. ***R/***

Blessed is your glorious and holy name. ***R/***

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory. ***R/***

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom. ***R/***

Blessed are you who look into the depths,  
seated upon the cherubim. ***R/***

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven. ***R/***

**Second reading***II Corinthians 13:11-14*

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Cf. Revelation 1:8*

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
the God who is and who was and who is to come.**

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel***John 3:16-18*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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