



Love does no wrong to a neighbour;
therefore love is the fulfilling of the
law.
Romans 13:10

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

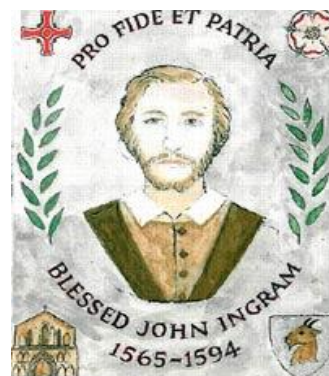
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The John Ingram Partnership
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

6 September 2026

Twenty Third Sunday of the Year

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 5- 13 September 2026

Saturday 5 September	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	John Rafferty (dec.) [AH]
	N.B.	St Philip Neri	Church currently closed
Sunday 6 September	9.00am	St Mary	People of the Parish
Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Joseph Quinn (dec.) [RQ]
Monday 7 September	1.30pm	Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 8 September <i>Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Molly & John Pinchen (66 th Wedding Anniversary)
Wednesday 9 September	9.30am	St Philip Neri School	Priest's Intention (<i>School Mass</i>)
Thursday 10 September	9.30am	St Mary	Priest's Intention
Friday 11 September			
Saturday 12 September	4.30pm	Sacred Heart	Kevin Keegan (dec.)
	N.B.	St Philip Neri	Church currently closed
Sunday 13 September	9.00am	St Mary	Helen Jackson (dec.) [C McT]
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year (Year A)	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish
<i>Day of Special Prayer for those involved in Catholic Education</i>			

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 23 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 9.00am - 9.20am on Thursday at St Mary's

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.30pm on Sunday 6 September at Sacred Heart

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 9.00am - 9.25am on Thursday at St Mary's

Baptisms

This weekend, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome Rosie Cook and Chantal Botuna into the Family of the Church

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Peter Power and Harry McMahon who have died recently. The Requiem Mass for Peter Power will be at St Gregory's Church, South Shields NE34 6NR on Friday 11 September at 10.15am. The Funeral Service for Harry McMahon will be at Sacred Heart Church on Monday 21 September at 10.15am followed by cremation at Mountsett Crematorium. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Jessica Butler, 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).

ST PHILIP NERI CHURCH - An important message from Canon Peter:

At the Parish Open Meeting on Wednesday 26 August, Andrew Gillingham, Diocesan Head of Property, gave a presentation concerning the necessary church roof replacement and electrical fixed wire renewal, with associated costs, at St Philip Neri Church (the presentation paper may be viewed via the St Philip Neri link at the top of the parish website homepage). Questions and discussion followed and the overall view of those present was that a decision needed to be taken about the present use of the church.

Having spoken with Bishop Stephen and following consultation with the Diocesan Head of Property and the area Dean, the decision is that, until further notice, the church will cease to be used. This is taking into consideration current health and safety concerns about the building with the need to ensure the safety of those using the building and those in its vicinity, not least the children and staff of St Philip Neri School. I appreciate this closure will come as sad news, but the safety of those using the building and those who may be in its vicinity is paramount.

The viability of the future of St Philip Neri Church will need to be considered within the context of the on-going discernment of the Pastoral Strategy for the Diocese and more information will be provided in due course.

During this closure, it may be prudent to consider adjusting the Mass times at our other two churches, St Mary and Immaculate Heart of Mary. However, this will need some consultation and careful consideration and I propose to facilitate this soon, initially by consulting the new PPC once it is established. Meanwhile, regular attendees at the St Philip Neri Saturday evening Vigil Mass are welcome to celebrate the Sunday morning Masses at St Mary, Whickham (9.00am) or Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lobley Hill (10.30am). Alternatively, there are Saturday Vigil Masses at the following churches within the Gateshead area/John Ingram Partnership:

Sacred Heart, Byermoor NE16 6NU 4.30pm
St Alban, Queen Victoria Street, Pelaw NE10 0QN 6.00pm
St Anne, Rokeby View, Harlow Green NE9 7UD 5.00pm
St Joseph (at St Barnabas CofE Church), Sterling Lane, Rowlands Gill, Highfield NE39 1PS 5.30pm
St Mary and St Thomas Aquinas, Stella Road, Stella NE21 4LR 5.00pm
St Wilfrid, Sunderland Road NE8 3QR 5.00pm

EDUCATION SUNDAY is next Sunday 13 September and is a Day of Special Prayer for those involved in Catholic Education. There will be a **Retiring Collection** at all Masses next weekend for those who wish to contribute towards the work of the Catholic Education Service in England and Wales.

SVP Anyone wishing to become a member of the SVP, please contact Paul Cummings on 07952 824431.

GIFT FOR LIFE SEPTEMBER '100 CLUB' DRAW The September Gift for Life '100 Club' draw takes place after Mass this Sunday (6th September) at St Mary's. Why not join us for the draw, refreshments and a catchup? It could be you! Many thanks for your brilliant support.

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

SACRED HEART 150TH ANNIVERSARY In October we will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church. If you have any old photographs, newspaper clippings or other memorabilia, could you please lend them to Fr Endre for scanning and reproduction.

CAPTURING PARISH LIFE AT SACRED HEART - A message from Sam Thomson Sacred Heart is clearly a very special place. As you prepare to mark its 150th anniversary and look back on its remarkable story, 2026 feels like a perfect moment to take a literal snapshot of this place and its community. I hope that in another 150 years people can look back on the photos I take and understand what has gone before. My hope is to meet and to get to know you, to take some photos that tell the story of Sacred Heart as it is today, and to gift to the parish the pictures as a lasting record. I am interested in day to day life in the parish, the church and the people that make it the amazing place I know it is. You might be wondering why? Well... there are a two things about this project which I really love. I live locally, just a few minutes up the road and I have a deep interest in the social history of this part of County Durham. I also just really like taking photos! It is a wonderful way to look at the world, to tell interesting stories and to meet brilliant people. I hope very much to meet you all soon. Sam

RCIA 2026 - 2027 IN OUR PARTNERSHIP Are you interested in finding out more about what being a Catholic means? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Then this is the course for you. An initial meeting will be held at St Patrick's Parish Centre (under St Patrick's Church), 9 High Street, Felling, Gateshead NE10 9LT on Wednesday 16 September at 6.30pm and then at a mutually agreed place for the rest of the course (i.e. October 2026 - March 2027). Alternatively, there will also be another initial meeting at St Joseph's, Shibdon Road, Blaydon NE21 5AE on Wednesday 16 September at 6.00pm. If you are interested, please speak with Fr Peter or Fr Endre or tel. Alan Egdeall on 07976 402023.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST - LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS Join us for this opportunity to experience the new life we are promised through Baptism in the Holy Spirit. All sessions will be held at St Anne's, Rokeby View, Harlow Green NE9 7UD from 7.00 pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome to join us on 24 September 2026 for an Introductory Session to hear how the seminars prepare us to open us to new life in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE Urgent: Stop assisted suicide - postcards available now! The vote in the House of Commons on assisted suicide is on 11 September. *Not Dead Yet UK* has provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September. Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard from the back of church, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today! Alternatively, for more information and/or to contact your MP online, please visit the *Right to Life UK* website - www.righttolife.org.uk

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 10 September**.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY The Sacred Heart Church, Great North Road, North Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5EB is taking part in this year's Heritage Open Day Programme. The Programme provides the opportunity for visitors to experience one of northern England's finest collections of William Morris & Co. stained glass, featuring outstanding Pre-Raphaelite designs by Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris and Ford Madox Brown. Whether you love stained glass, Victorian art, local history, architecture or simply enjoy discovering places you may never have visited before, the parishioners of the Sacred Heart would love to welcome you. The Church will be open on the following occasions (Entry is free): Tuesday, 15 September: 11am–3pm, Thursday, 17 September: 11am–3pm, Friday, 18 September: 11am–3pm. If you would like to find out more, please visit: <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/sacred-heart-church-north-gosforth-open-days.html>

AVE MARIA BRUNCH Women of all ages and from all across the Diocese are warmly invited to our Ave Maria brunch on Saturday 12 September, 10.00-12.00 noon at English Martyrs Church, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 3JR. Inspired by Mary's *Magnificat*, the morning will include prayer, reflection, music and fellowship as we rejoice in God's goodness. For the bring and share brunch, we ask that you bring an item e.g. pastries, croissants, fruit - drinks will be provided. For more information, please contact Mary Madziva at mmadziva@ymt.org

Jen's Weekly Prayer

Kindness, care, love and support are seeds
which bloom and flourish as they grow
and like all gardens they must be watered by love
which in return blossoms and increases by the choices
we have made to allow ourselves to grow and spread
the seeds of caring onto others by our actions, attitude
and compassion for those who may need
help, support or simply to sit in silence
knowing no words need be spoken.
Silence can be a huge gift and it can allow healing
to germinate for others and ourselves
just as listening can allow burdens, fears anxieties,
to be spoken in a safe place of trust.
May we be like the trees, listen to each other
help and support each other
and speak with care, love and understanding.

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SAFEGUARDING - CHANGE TO DBS LEGISLATION

Currently, anyone carrying out regulated activity with children can be supervised by a DBS holder when carrying out their role. However, this element of supervision is now being removed and **all persons carrying out regulated activity with children will require an enhanced DBS check with child barred list information from the 1st September 2026**. If a person teaches, trains, instructs, cares for, or supervises children often enough (3 times in 30 days), they will be in regulated activity with children even if someone else supervises them. This will also apply to any young helpers over the age of 16, who will also need a DBS check from the 1st of September if they are assisting with activities involving young people.

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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R/7c, 8a

R/ O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R/**

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R/**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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