



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

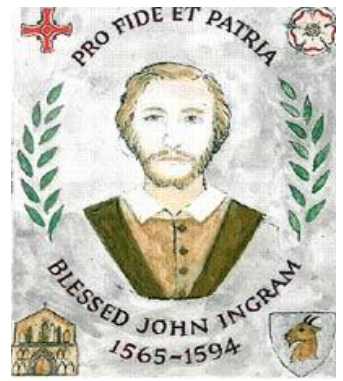
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O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore thee....
 I believe all the Son of God has spoken;
 than truth's own word there is no truer
 token. *St Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)*
Transl. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

7 June 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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 6 June - 14 June 2026

Saturday 6 June	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Priest's Intention
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Jackie Hodgson (dec.) [M & J P]
Sunday 7 June	9.00am St Mary	People of the Parish
<i>The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>	10.30am Immaculate Heart	Private Intention [AB]
<i>(Year A)</i>	11.00am Sacred Heart	<i>First Holy Communion Mass</i>
Monday 8 June	<i>N.B.</i> Sacred Heart	<i>No Mass today</i>
Tuesday 9 June	9.30am Immaculate Heart	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 10 June	9.30am St Philip Neri	Margaret & Christopher Daunt (dec.) [TD]
Thursday 11 June <i>St Barnabas</i>	9.30am St Mary	Priest's Intention
	<u>9.45am</u> Sacred Heart	Bishop's Mass (<i>Sacred Heart School attending</i>)
Friday 12 June <i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)</i>	<u>1.15pm</u> Sacred Heart	Patronal Mass (<i>Sacred Heart School attending</i>)
	<u>5.30pm</u> St Philip Neri	<i>First Holy Communion Mass</i>
Saturday 13 June <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	4.30pm Sacred Heart	Maureen Hughes (dec.)
	5.30pm St Philip Neri	Harry Attrill (dec.) [SA]
Sunday 14 June	9.00am St Mary	Barbara Stephenson (dec.) [PG]
<i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</i>	10.30am Immaculate Heart	People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Ordinary Time Week 10 Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm - 5.20pm on Saturday at St Philip Neri, 1.00pm
 9.00am - 9.20am at Immaculate Heart on Tuesday & at St Mary's on Thursday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

4.30pm on Sunday 7 June 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 Rina-Maria Vickers into the Family of the Church

This weekend, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be invited to renew their commitment to their ministry.

Please pray for the children from Sacred Heart, St Mary's and St Philip Neri Schools who are celebrating their First Holy Communion at this time.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS John Ernest Orton and Dorothy Ann Lynch who have died recently. The Funeral Service for John will be at Mountsett Crematorium on Tuesday 16 June at 1.15pm. The Funeral Service for Dorothy will be at Immaculate Heart Church on Thursday 18 June at 10.30am. May they 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.

PPC MINUTES The agenda and approved minutes of the final PPC meeting held 19 May 2026 are now available to read at the back of each church.

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.

THE NORTHERN CROSS June edition is on sale this weekend, price £1.50.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS is the first Encyclical to be issued by Pope Leo XIV, published on the 135th 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

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 Dockendale 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 AND JUNE '100 CLUB' DRAW

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 - please see a member of the *Gift for Life* group – or email us on giftforlife20@gmail.com Also, the June Gift for Life '100 Club' draw takes place this Sunday (7 June) after Mass at Immaculate Heart. Good luck everyone!

CORPUS CHRISTI: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw

Sunday 7 June 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.

DIOCESAN PROPERTY TRUSTEE VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Trustee with property skills and experience. Chaired by the Bishop, The Board of Trustees provides leadership and determines the overall strategic direction of the organisation. Individuals with significant property, estates management and acquisitions experience and knowledge of charity law relating to land are encouraged to visit the Diocesan Website to download the role descriptor and application form. How to apply: Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/diocesan-trustee/>
Closing Date: 26 June 2026.

Jen's Weekly Prayer

The final light of day shone like the glow of an opal with its highlights of gold soft yellow, turquoise, blue and a deeper pearlised blue of this unique and beautiful gem, for what is hidden is as captivating as what is revealed.

Warmth and a soft warm breeze, punctuated by the beautiful sounds of birdsong, brought the day to its close.

We do not always see the whole person, often only glimpses of the whole yet their presence to us can bring joy and comfort which enables us to tackle the sometimes painful and difficult moments or days

when life can be hard, much like a mountain to climb rather than a gentle stroll along a soft green path.

We may never see the whole landscape around us.

Help us to truly value each aspect of beauty or kindness we do encounter, and for the many across the world who are suffering, filled with fear,

lack of food, water or shelter,

that through the actions of others,

they may experience their special moments once again and be filled with warmth, hope, strength and compassion, and feel the hands of love.

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BISHOP SÉAMUS' DIAMOND JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Sunderland, invites you to a Thanksgiving Mass for the 60th 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.

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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 9.00am on Thursday 11 June**

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*Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a*

Moses spoke to the people: You shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Do not forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R/12a*

R/ O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

O Sion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates;

he has blessed your children within you. **R/**

He established peace on your borders;

he gives you your fill of finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth,

and swiftly runs his command. **R/**

He reveals his word to Jacob;

to Israel, his decrees and judgements.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;

he has not taught them his judgements. **R/**

Second reading*1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

Brothers and Sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 6:51*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel*John 6:51-58*

At that time: Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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