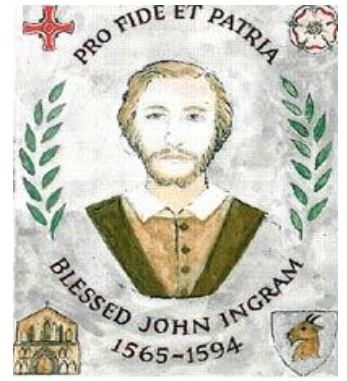




Jesus said 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'
Matthew 28:18-19

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The John Ingram Partnership
 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

26 May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity

Year B

As we await the appointment of our new Parish Secretary, Denise Hebron has kindly offered to assist in the Parish Office on Tuesday 10am - 2pm and Friday 1pm - 4pm. She can also be contacted during these hours by email stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or by telephone 0191 460 4274 / 07554 445679.
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS 18 - 26 May 2024

Saturday 25 May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 May	9.00am	St Mary	Christine Nealon (ann.)
The Most Holy Trinity	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	Gerty Watson (dec.)
Monday 27 May <i>St Augustine</i>			
Tuesday 28 May	9.30am	Immaculate Heart	Mary Cookson (dec.)
Wednesday 29 May <i>Pope St Paul VI</i>	9.30am	St Philip Neri	Mabel Porter & the Porter Family (ann.)
Thursday 30 May	9.30am	St Mary	Thomas William Airey (ann.)
Friday 31 May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>St Mary</u>	Marie Hogg (dec.)
Saturday 1 June <i>St Justin</i>	5.30pm	St Philip Neri	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 June	9.00am	St Mary	Kathleen Cunningham (dec.)
The Body and Blood of Christ	10.30am	Immaculate Heart	William & Grace McPhee (dec.)

Weekday Readings

Ordinary Time Week 8 Year 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.00am - 9.25am On Tuesday at Immaculate Heart, Wednesday at St Philip Neri & Thursday at St Mary's

At Masses next weekend, 1/2 June, The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be invited to renew their commitment to their ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK Veronica Coleman, Ann Crompton, Raymond Deponio, John Jukes, Maria Thi Kien Chiene Le, John Leitch, Frank McCoy, Cheryl Anne McDonald, Nora Miller, Pauline Mulholland, Margaret Murphy, Astrid Muse (Gower), Joseph Relph, Tony Richardson.

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).

Fr Melaku Tafesse of the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers) has written to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the Mission Appeal he made on 4/5 May which realised £909.75. He is also sincerely grateful for the wonderful fraternal hospitality he received during his visit. May God continue to bless him and all the Comboni Missionaries in their ministry in the name of the Lord Jesus and His Church.

DIOCESAN VISION - A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP STEPHEN

Dear Sisters & Brothers

In order to grow as a synodal Church it is important that we all have a chance to pray and discern how the Holy Spirit is inviting us to grow in mission in our parishes and communities. To facilitate this I, together with others, offer an initial Diocesan vision for your prayerful reflection. Our discerned Diocesan commitments are: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him; To Grow as One Diocesan Family - Rebuilding Relationships; Forming and Developing People for Mission; Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home. Each of these commitments are developed in the vision. It is not my intention to impose this vision. It is offered for further reflection and I invite all of our parishes and communities to prayerfully reflect on them. We offer accompanying resources and support to enable this reflection.

Please contact your parish office if you would like hard copies of these materials which are available to view on the diocesan website (<https://diocesahn.org.uk/news/diocesan-vision-what-is-the-lord-calling-us-to-be-and-do/>)

With assurances and prayers

+ Stephen

We entrust the future of our diocesan family to our patron, Blessed Lady Immaculate, pray for us.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 2023 - 2024 We have recently completed the first draft of the parish accounts for the Financial Year April 2023 - March 2024 and it reveals that funds have increased slightly by £4,089 to give a closing surplus of £262,919. This compares favourably to the deficit of £33,927 last year with the main reason for the improvement being a fall in repairs spend from £65,032 to only £16,426.

Offertory collections during the year April 2023 - March 2024 of £57,446 are a 3.3% increase on the previous year while we are also reporting two years of Gift Aid Claims at £17,589 to bring us right up to date. We have historically just reported the claim actually received in the year but this always related to the year prior. Consequently, we have included £11,182 for Gift Aid money yet to be claimed from HMRC for the year April 2023 - March 2024. This is in line with Diocesan guidelines. Rental income from St Mary's Presbytery and Hall, Whickham and Dockendale Cottage, Whickham totalled £23,663 while fundraising, donations and votive candles contributed a further £11,228. Mass stipends and stole fees income (i.e. for funerals, weddings) was £7,683. Expenditure is spread over a number of categories including utilities (£23,242), staff wages (£18,068), clergy costs (£16,125), diocesan levy (£10,716), repairs (£16,426), insurance premiums (£8,005), gardening services (£3,990), Joe's Place Donation (£1,494), Anniversary celebration expenses (£1,177), council tax (£1,749) and various church requisites and parish office costs (£12,528). As a separate item, the parish continues to hold monies on behalf of Gift for Life, Foodbank and special collections which total £14,338 at the end of March.

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing generosity in the form of Offertory Collections and donations as we seek to keep our parish in as healthy a financial position as possible in support of its duty of maintenance and mission.

THANK YOU FROM BILL COOKSON AND ALL THE FAMILY
I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during this very sad time. It was also comforting to see the tremendous congregation at Mary's Requiem Mass, beautifully conducted by Canon Peter. The care and support we've had has been a great help and is very much appreciated. The money raised for Cancer UK was £600. Once again on behalf of the family, many thanks.

THANK YOU FROM BERNADETTE MCNALLY *Veronica Hayes' family would like to thank everyone who attended Veronica's Requiem Mass and for all the lovely cards and messages of support received. Many thanks.*

PARISH FOOD BANK AND REFUGEE PROJECT UPDATE
N.B. We are short of most produce - even if you can only bring along 1 or 2 tins please bring them along to church to help out. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

FOOD ITEMS IN SHORT SUPPLY: UHT milk, tinned rice pudding and fruit, meat (mince, corned beef, pek), biscuits, toilet rolls.
OTHER priority items: pasta sauce, tomato purée gravy granules, cooking oil, squash, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, cereal, tinned hotdogs, meatballs, potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots, garden peas, custard, tuna, soup, fruit, crisps, , jam, chopped tomatoes, teabags, sugar, coffee, spray cleaner, washing up liquid, laundry powder/liquid, feminine hygiene - (towels & tampons), antiperspirant, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste.

Other items we put into the monthly food bags, especially for the Refugee Project: tinned chickpeas & kidney beans.

Every Thursday, volunteers are in Immaculate Heart Church between 9.30am - 10.30am so parishioners can drop off donations then if they wish - please come in to say 'Hello' and see what we're up to. Any queries, please contact Katie Wilkinson, 1 Mayfield, Whickham either via mobile 07837 386760 or email teachkate1@gmail.com

RED BOX 2023 In 2023 Our Lady and St Philip Neri Parish raised £3577.97 through our Red Boxes and donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries (www.missio.org.uk). Thank You!
Our missionary community here at Our Lady and St Philip Neri is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more.

GIFT FOR LIFE SUMMER SOCIAL - SUNDAY 30 JUNE – CAN YOU HELP? The Gift for Life Summer Social takes place at 2pm on Sunday 30 June at St Mary's Hall (and, weather permitting, the Walled Garden.) The planning team is looking for a few more helpers to make the event a big success. Also, if you wish to donate a raffle prize, plants, bottles, make/buy cakes we would love to hear from you at giftforlife20@gmail.com More details to follow - but think tea, cakes, scones, crafts, stalls, raffle, games for the kids, quizzes and a chance to catch up on the gossip! There will be something for all ages and it's a great way to build up our parish community. What's more, it's all in aid of Gift for Life so you'll be making a difference there too. *Signup sheets and boxes for raffle prizes are now available at the back of each church.* Thank you!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 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.

THE JOHN INGRAM PARTNERSHIP UPDATE Our parish is part of the John Ingram Partnership. Regular meetings are held with clergy and lay representatives to look at ways that the Catholic Community in our local area can work together and support each other.

At the May meeting we thanked Canon Patterson for his many years of service in the Partnership and wished him a long and happy retirement. We look forward to welcoming his successor. In this time of change for many of our parishes we encourage patience and understanding. Let us continue to support our priests and pray for them; and work hard to encourage and develop our faith communities.

There are many amazing projects helping others in our parishes. Our Partnership supports a project known as Joe's Place, which is currently in its 10th year. There are volunteers from nearly all of our parishes, and donations of food and other items are generously donated too. The Bishop will be visiting the project to mark its anniversary.

The Partnership Group will meet again in September. We hope to encourage more people to become active in their Parishes and to take an interest in developing our local community in the Gateshead area through the John Ingram Partnership.

The Annual John Ingram Walk from Newcastle to Gateshead takes place on the Sunday nearest to 26 July. Details will be in Parish Newsletters for those interested in taking part.

FAITH EVENTS AT USHAW

Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament On Sunday 2 June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and 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 at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> or on the sheet at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers - this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

Workshop on Synodality On Saturday 8 June, Ushaw will be holding a day workshop on what the Synod on Synodality means for us. There will be sessions on the current stage of the worldwide Synod, including an opportunity to look at some of the outputs of last October's General Assembly in Rome. The workshop will also look at some practical examples of synodality in our local parishes and church groups. The workshop costs £10. The day starts with welcome and refreshments at 10.30am and will finish by 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, or you will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. You can book for the workshop on Ushaw's website at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> For those who are new to synodality and would like to find out more about what the Synod is, and why it is important for our local church, there will be an optional introductory session starting at 9.30am.

REFUGEE WEEK EVENT AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - Our Home: "Stretch your tent curtains wide" (Isaiah 54: 2)

An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm. This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England.

We will have the opportunity to listen to people's stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends. We will hear what the Diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours. During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole Diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our Diocese.

Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration organised by the Vicariate for Caritas.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND - 29 JUNE 2024

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team (YMT) look forward to welcoming you to the Significance Festival Weekend this June, in particular for the main event on Saturday 29th June, from 10am onwards. There will be a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music, spread across the Emmaus Youth Village, which will be open for you to enjoy in the beautiful Derwent Valley! We welcome everyone to gather for Mass for the Feast of St Peter and Paul at 3.15pm, with Bishop Stephen, followed by a BBQ and Ceilidh in the evening.

Individuals, families, and parish groups are all welcome. For additional details and to book, please email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org. Single or shared accommodation and camping areas are available to book (all self-catered), for Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets for the Saturday evening BBQ are £10 each.

Entry on Saturday for the speakers, fayre, Mass, and ceilidh is FREE (additional charges apply for accommodation, camping and the BBQ) - but we hope this day will be welcoming, fun and affordable for all the family and individuals of all ages!

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL AMENDMENTS - ABORTION

The House of Commons will vote on important amendments to abortion law on Tuesday 4 June and people can email their MPs easily using this link to the BCEW website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>

NEWSLETTER ITEMS Please send any items for next weekend's Newsletter to the Parish Office **by 10.00am on Thursday 30 May.**

First Reading*Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R/v.12*

*Response: **Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.***

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
2. By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading*Romans 8:14-17*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 28:16-20*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Jen's Weekly Prayer

The sweet sound of bird song fills the early morning air with joy and brings a smile to greet the day. Their evening chatter on calm warm evenings brings a comforting and reassuring conclusion as light fades and moonlight is revealed. Nature herself is now extending her artistic palette as brighter and more abundant colour springs forth from plant tree and flower. The air is sweet with new scents to assail our senses. May we treasure the feast before us and nurture it for we are very blest. We have rain, wind, mist and sun all of which enable us to have the landscapes which are breathtaking and awesome. Help us to cherish them and where climate change, natural or manmade disasters have depleted so many areas around the world that they no longer produce food or clean water for communities to thrive, we pray that solutions will be found and help us all to contribute to the growth of sustainable food for everyone and clean water to drink, and may hope peace and love fill our hearts and minds.

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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 (see posters in church) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 243 3305 or safeguarding@diocesahn.org.uk

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