

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	27 Apr	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday Lesley Stephenson RIP	5th Sunday of Easter
Sun	28 Apr	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction The People of the Parishes Gabby O'Sullivan RIP	5th Sunday of Easter
Mon	29 Apr	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Teresa's	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass Gabby O'Sullivan RIP	St Catherine of Siena
Tue	30 Apr	9.15 am 10.00 am	St. Anthony's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass Lesley Stephenson RIP	St Pius V
Wed	1 May	9.00 am	St. Teresa's	Holy Mass Rev John Hawthorne RIP	St. Joseph the Worker
Thur	2 May	8.45 am 9.30 am	St. Lawrence's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass Fr. Phil Carroll RIP NBF	St. Athanasius
Fri	3 May	8.45 am 9.30 am	St. Teresa's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass (1 st Friday) James Stanley Lindsay RIP	Ss. Philip & James
Sat	4 May	10.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Holy Mass (1 st Saturday) Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday Paul Blenkinsop People of the Parishes	The English Martyrs 6th Sunday of Easter
Sun	5 May	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction Dec'd Members of Watson Families John & Betty Nicholson RIP	6th Sunday of Easter



St. TERESA'S

Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S

Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S

Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28th April



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Safeguarding	The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are listed below or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk		
Safeguarding Reps:	St. Teresa's:	Jean Potts	
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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

Today's gospel is from Christ's discourse at the Last Supper. He is preparing the disciples for mission, and reassuring them of his constant life-giving presence. In a clear analogy for the relationship between God and his people, Jesus tells them he is the "true vine". All those who respond to Jesus' call to abide with him become branches grafted to the vine. The Father is the owner of the vine. To abide in Jesus means to be in constant communion with him - to draw our strength from him, obey him, to love him and one another, resisting sin and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. It means to know and give thanks that he is the source of our life and of every good thing we do; and that without him, we can do nothing.

Fruitfulness is not to be confused with success, nor productivity. Jesus is asking for relationships, connectedness, community. When we see our lives conforming to the example of Jesus - when we are loving, compassionate, humble, serving others - we know we are fruitful, as then our lives glorify God.

Yet fruitfulness is no guarantee of a pain free life. Pruning is needed to remove anything that inhibits growth, and it is ultimately for our spiritual benefit. Every branch that bears fruit is pruned in order to produce even more fruit, and no-one is exempt. Anger, pride, envy, selfishness - all this dead wood must go. God prunes his children as sees fit, and he alone decides the quality and quantity of fruit that pleases him. Even good things may have to be lost in order that other things may flourish. During this process remember God is close by, his hand is upon us - it is proof that he loves us personally and that we are his. Through faith, all the challenges and difficulties of our lives can be looked at as opportunities to become more Christ-like. If life is painful for you right now, consider prayerfully - what may be stopping your growth?

Fr. Jonathon

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:

John Gourley, Francis Collings, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Aileen, Tommy Allan, Tony Errington, Pat Matfin, Mary McLaren and Gerard Lalor.

Our sick children: Josh Graham, James Taylor, Joseph Relph, Colby Taylor & Charlie Davidson

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for May:

For the formation of religious and seminarians : We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

During the Easter Season

We are asked to pray for these intentions: ; New members of the Church; Vocations; The right use of the Media; the Church and for Human Work

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

RECENTLY DEPARTED

We keep in our prayers Father Phil Carroll, Deacon John Hawthorne, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Myra Carty and Lesley Stephenson who have all died recently. Father Phil's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday at 12.05pm at St Marys Cathedral. Deacon John's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th May at 10.30am at Sacred Heart Church, Wideopen. Elizabeth's graveside service will take place on Wednesday 8th May at 10.30am at Jesmond Old Cemetery. Myra's Cremation service will take place on Monday 13th May at Tynemouth Crematorium. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS

We keep in our prayers Harry Gareth Gary Goodbarn, Maridh Margaret Goodbarn, Finja Marei Hilgen, Jonas Lian Hilgen who are to be baptised this weekend. We also keep in our prayers Jacques Peacock and Claire Foley who were married at St Teresa's on Saturday.

ST. LAWRENCE'S PARISH MEETING - DECIDING THE WAY FORWARD

A general meeting will take place for St. Lawrence's on Saturday 4th May at 10.30am in St. Lawrence's Church. This meeting will allow us to look at the current situation that we are facing, along with an overview of our finances, and what work needs to be carried out. We will then look at the future of the church building and how we continue to move forward as a vibrant and thriving community. Please do spread the word and come along to this important meeting.

MAY DEVOTIONS - PRAYING THE ROSARY EVERYDAY

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. To mark our Lady's Month there will be several additions to the regular weekly schedule of services across our parishes. We will crown Our Lady at all Masses on the first weekend of May. Every Saturday Morning at 8.00am there will be Holy Mass, followed by the Holy Rosary at St. Teresa's Church. On Friday 10th May we will be joined by the Children from St. Teresa's for Holy Mass and a May Procession into the school playground. Before every Mass during the week we will also pray the Rosary for peace in the world, in our families and in our daily lives. We will end the month of May with Sung Vespers and a May Procession on Sunday 26th May.

A DAY WITH THE LORD - CORPUS CHRISTI

At the beginning of June we will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. To mark this Solemnity we will be having a day with the Lord. This will take place on Saturday 1st June at St. Anthony's. We will begin with a votive Mass to Our Lady at 10am followed by Exposition. There will be three talks on the Eucharist spread throughout the day. We will end our Day with the Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi at 5.30pm concluding with a short Eucharistic Procession around the grounds of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - PREPARATION MEETING

Any Parents hoping to have their child baptised are asked to speak to collect a baptism application form from Fr Jonathon after Sunday Mass. Please note that one parent must be a Baptised Catholic, and at least one godparent should be a practising catholic. The next Baptism preparation meeting will take place on Monday 6th May at 7.15pm at St Teresa's.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION 2024/25

Application forms are now available from Fr Jonathon for children who are currently in school Year 3 or above, and would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025. Application forms must be collected after Sunday Masses and returned by Sunday 20th July.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH 2024/25

Some people are already asking about the next Journey in Faith programme with a view to becoming a Catholic. This will begin at the end of September and run through until after Easter next year. Those who are enquiring, and those who are interested or not too sure are asked to contact Fr Jonathon to organise an opportunity to meet with him, to discuss your own situation.

NEW READERS

We are always happy to welcome new readers onto the Readers Rota across our parishes. We are looking for young people, and young adults, and basically anyone else who wishes to read. There may be a "practice read" before commencing and then we will get you on the next rota. Please speak to Fr Jonathon if you would like to be added to the next rota.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES ACROSS OUR PARISHES

Our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated throughout the month of May. Please do keep our children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. These are parish celebrations, so please do make every effort to come along and support our young people in their journey of faith.

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

This is a Year of Prayer, called by Pope Francis to prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025. He asks that during 2024 we focus on the words of the Our Father, and try to get back to what it really means to pray the Our Father. There will be a short series of reflections on the Our Father during Sunday evening Vesper's at St. Teresa's. These will begin on the 12th of May. It is hoped that a number of different people will lead a reflection. More details will follow shortly.

DAILY MASS AND EXPOSITION

Mass is celebrated within our three parishes every day (except a Wednesday). Are you retired? Are you on holiday? Are you free during the day? Do you need some support? Come to Mass during the week and experience the benefits we receive by doing so. Adoration gives us some quiet time for prayer and peacefulness and at Mass the Lord Jesus feeds us with his body and blood. What a wonderful opportunity lies before us every week! During Lent, there will be more opportunities to come before Our Blessed Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Please accept his invitation to 'come to me'.

MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Currently the parishes has very few Mass intentions booked in during the week. There is nothing better than having a Mass offered for someone, or for some intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps for a deceased relative or friend, or for someone who is sick, or for your own intention? For Mass to be offered it is tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priest. Please contact the office, or fill out a Mass envelope (available in the church porches) and return to Fr Jonathon if you would like a Mass offered. If you request a specific date and that date is not available the Intention will be said on the nearest possible date.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE & THE WIDER CHURCH

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more. The evenings will take place at St Joseph's Church, Stanley once a month on a Tuesday Evening. For more information, please see the posters in the church porches or speak to Fr Jonathon.

CORPUS CHRISTI: EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT USHAW

On Sunday 2nd 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 on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car and if you are able to offer lifts

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Tuesday is the National day of prayer for Victims and Survivors of abuse. A special Mass will take place at St Mary's Cathedral at 12.05pm, celebrated by Bishop Stephen. Please do keep in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse.

From the Parish Diaries			
Monday	2.00 - 3.00 pm	Scripture & Natter Group	St. Teresa's
Tuesday	10.30 - 11.30 am	Coffee & Natter	St. Anthony's
Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30 pm	New Wine Prayer Group	St. Anthony's
Thursday	7.00 - 8.30 pm	'The Chosen' Discussion Group	St. Teresa's