

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	11 May	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parishes	7th Sunday Of Easter
Sun	12 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 William Hazel (Sick) Family Private Intention (J.O.)	7th Sunday Of Easter
Mon	13 May	9.30 am	St. Teresa's	Holy Mass Chioma Joanne Edeh	Our Lady of Fatima
Tue	14 May				St. Matthias
Wed	15 May	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Anthony's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass No Intention Received	Easter Feria
Thur	16 May	8.45 am 9.30 am	St. Lawrence's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass No Intention Received	Easter Feria
Fri	17 May	8.45 am 9.30 am	St. Teresa's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass (1 st Friday) Gabby O'Sullivan RIP	Easter Feria
Sat	18 May	8.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Holy Mass Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday No Intention Received Angela Miller	Easter Feria Pentecost Sunday
Sun	19 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 People of the Parishes Agnes Smith RIP	Pentecost Sunday



St. TERESA'S
Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S
Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S
Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 12th May



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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 once again places us in the Upper Room, on that Friday morning. Christ's suffering and death are near at hand, and he knows he is leaving his disciples in a hostile world. He intercedes for them, he intercedes for us; and for all Christians to come. He entrusts us all to the loving care and protection of his Father.

What he does not pray for is our withdrawal from the world, or freedom from pain and temptation, much as we may seek this. Joy is not the absence of hardship - it is the deep peace that is found in God, and only in God. This is what makes us different. Jesus wants us in the world, where we live, work, study, and interact. Our commission is to transform mankind, so that all may share and reflect the love found in the Holy Trinity. How can it be that materialism, pride and egotism can be chosen, and God's love rejected? Satan leads this active opposition. As such, Christians are faced with danger; influenced by the world's culture, tempted and deceived constantly, and this is why Jesus asks the Father to protect us "from the evil one". Satan will never defeat God. When we place our faith in Christ, we access a portal to heaven, here on earth. Through the Holy Spirit we are able to acknowledge our sins and mourn our inability to resist temptation. Instead of driving us into despair, our sin drives us to Christ. Joy is found in the words of the tax collector: "God, have mercy on me, a sinner!"

Our lives must conform to the standard of the Trinity - whatever we are doing, we must be people of integrity, filled with truth and love so that others may see us to be what we truly are: disciples of Jesus. We remain in this broken, sin-filled world to gather the lost for Christ - because we are not the only ones he loves and died for. As Pentecost approaches, remember that millions still believe Easter is about rabbits and chocolate eggs. We are here to tell the truth about an empty tomb and risen Saviour.

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This Sunday is World Communications Day. It is the World Day of prayer for us to pray about how we proclaim to others what we believe in, how we communicate to others, the importance of our faith for us and of how that faith can help other people too. Therefore a retiring Collection will be taken as we leave church. If anyone feels they have something to offer in the field of communicating the gospel, with ideas of how to do this better in the parish, by helping with the Facebook page or setting up Instagram accounts for the parish, please speak to Fr Jonathon.

CHANGES TO MASSES THIS WEEK AND NEXT

There are a couple of changes to the weekly schedule both this week and next week. This week on Monday, Mass will take place at 9.30am at St. Teresa's. There will be no Mass on Tuesday. On Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm at St. Anthony's. Next Week Father Jonathon is on the diocesan priest's retreat so Mass will only be celebrated on Monday at 10.00am at St. Teresa's and on Friday at 6.30pm at St. Teresa's.

RECENTLY DEPARTED

We keep in our prayers Myra Carty, Adelaida Ord, Margaret Standing and Joseph Stephenson who have all died recently. Myra's Cremation service will take place on Monday at 11.15am at Tynemouth Crematorium. Adelaide's Cremation service will take place on Wednesday at 11am at West Road Crematorium. Margaret's Cremation service will take place on Wednesday at 1.30pm at Tynemouth Crematorium. Joseph's Cremation service will take place on Thursday at 11.45am at West Road Crematorium. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS

We keep in our prayers, and offer our congratulations to, Lucas James, Tommy Eric and Isabelle Lynette who are to be baptised this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES ACROSS OUR PARISHES

Our First Holy Communion Masses continue to 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.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Novena to the Holy Spirit will be said before all Masses until Pentecost Sunday. A copy of the Novena prayers will be available at the back of our churches for everyone to collect.

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. Before every Mass during the week we will pray the Rosary for peace in the world, in our families and in our daily lives. On Saturday morning at 8.00am there will be Votive Mass of Our Lady at St. Teresa's. We will end the month of May with Sung Vespers and a May Procession on Sunday 26th May at 5.00pm. This will take place at St Lawrence's. Please do spread the word and come along!

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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Every year on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi you are recommissioned to serve in the parish as Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to continue in this important ministry can you please speak to Fr. Jonathon and fill out a form. You will need to be recommissioned to be able to continue in your ministry. This will take place during the Sunday Masses on the solemnity of Corpus Christi.

CAR PARKING AT ST. TERESA'S

Over the last couple of months the car parking at St Teresa's has become very dangerous. It is extremely important that there is access to the car park for the emergency services. Therefore, it is requested that parishioners do not park in the middle of the Car Park on a Sunday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION 2024/25

Application forms are still available from Fr Jonathon for children who are currently in school Year 3 or above, and who would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025. Application forms must be collected from Fr. Jonathon before the 2nd of June and returned by the 9th June. The application forms include all the dates for the sessions.

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 Vespers 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!

MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Currently the parishes have 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.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL

Significance Festival will be held at the Emmaus Village on Saturday 29th June from 10am. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright will take place at 3.15pm, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. To book, please email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or call 01207 592244.

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