

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	18 May	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	Angela Miller  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
Mon	20 May	9.15 am 10.00 am	St. Teresa's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	Catherine Blackburn  Mary, Mother of the Church
Tue	21 May				St. Godric
Wed	22 May				St. Rita of Cascia
Thur	23 May				Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Fri	24 May	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Teresa's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	Crabtree Family (Living and Deceased)  Feria
Sat	25 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	Molly Tunstall & Family  For Peace in our World  The Most Holy Trinity
Sun	26 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. Lawrence's	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & May Procession	Private Intention (C.W)  People of the Parishes  The Most Holy Trinity



**St. TERESA'S**  
Heaton Road, Heaton



**St. ANTHONY'S**  
Welbeck Road, Walker



**St. LAWRENCE'S**  
Byker Crescent, Byker



## Parish Newsletter

### PENTECOST SUNDAY



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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  
 St. Lawrence's: George Paul Atkinson  
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### THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

Today, Easter concludes with the Solemnity of Pentecost. We celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity, upon Mary and the apostles as they gathered once again in the Upper Room. After Jesus' death, his disciples were disappointed, distressed, and fearful. The Holy Spirit transformed them into brave, joyous evangelisers who proclaimed the Gospel unceasingly, filled with excitement and burning with love for the Lord! They were able to communicate in ways they never thought possible; speaking and preaching in every language. Pentecost heralded a new beginning. God no longer speaks solely through selected prophets, but through everyone baptised in the Spirit.

Jesus calls for our whole lives - our choices, our actions and words - to be his visible presence in the world. But like the disciples, we more often have reservations about publicising our faith, fearing ridicule or rejection. We have to penetrate through worldly values that are so at odds with Christ's, to show that humility, compassion, forgiveness, self-sacrifice and obedience bring greater joy and freedom than all the fame and money in the world. We are neither asked nor expected to do this on our own - it is the reason Jesus sent us his Advocate, "the principal agent of the whole of the Church's mission" (CCC 852). He alone knows the Father and the Son perfectly, and he alone is able to guide the Church into the full truth. The Spirit longs to burn the knowledge of God's love and mercy into each of our hearts, to fill us with the same joy that the first Christians knew. He empowers us to live differently in the midst of a world still awaiting full redemption.

The Holy Spirit will come to anyone who seeks him with an open and repenting heart. Let us pray for a "New Pentecost" for the "New Evangelisation": for the Spirit to be re-ignited in every person, baptising each of us afresh with a greater zeal for mission, prayer and service, so that we may be the disciples that we are meant to be.

**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 Ordinary Time (Summer)

We are asked to pray for these intentions: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life & Seafarers.

## **NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE**

### **CHANGES TO MASSES THIS WEEK**

This week Father Jonathon will be making his annual priest retreat with the fellow priests of the diocese. Therefore, Mass will only be celebrated in our parishes on Monday at 10.00am at St. Teresa's and on Friday at 6.30pm at St. Teresa's. There will be no Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Please do keep all the priests in your prayers during their annual retreat.

### **PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS**

We keep in our prayers, and offer our congratulations to, Parker Ian Hullah who will be baptised on Saturday 18th May at St Anthony's.

### **NEW LECTIONARIES**

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture Readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising the liturgical texts. The new Lectionaries will be mandatory for use in all parishes from Advent Sunday. The new Lectionaries, along with the book of the Gospels, will cost each parish £975. If you would like to make any donations towards these new books, and have them dedicated in memory of a loved one, please speak to Fr. Jonathon. At St. Teresa's the current Mass reading Books will no longer be used from this weekend. If you would like to take away the old books with you as you leave today, you are very welcome to do so. There will be an opportunity to order your own Sunday Missal at a price of £19.95. If you would like to order your own Missal, please place your name and money in an envelope and give to Fr Jonathon by Sunday 23rd June. These will be ordered before the end of June and all the new books will arrive at the beginning of October.

### **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.

### **YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP**

The Young Adult Prayer group will meet again on Wednesday 29th May at 7.00pm at St. Teresa's. We will begin with Exposition, followed by a reflection on the Holy Eucharist. The Sacrament of Confession will be available to those who wish to go. We will conclude our evening at St Teresa's Club for some social time together. Please do spread the word and come along.

### **CAR PARKING AT ST. TERESA'S**

Over the last couple of months the car parking at St Teresa's as 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.

### **YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP—THE LITTLE FLOWERS**

The next meeting of the Young Adult Prayer Group will take place on Wednesday 29th May at 7.00pm at St. Teresa's. The evening will consist of Exposition, with a reflection on the Eucharist by Fr Jude Ibeh OP, followed by social time in the St T's Club. This is a great way to meet other young Catholics, to grow in our faith together, and to ask questions. Please do spread the word and come along.

### **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 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!

### **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**

### **DIOCESAN VISION**

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 all available on the diocesan website.

With assurances and prayers + Stephen

### **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