

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	1 June	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parishes	Corpus Christi
Sun	2 June	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Chris McGuinness RIP  Lindsay & Wallace Families	Corpus Christi
Mon	3 June	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Lesley Frank Higgins	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
Tue	4 June	9.15 am 10.00 am	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Paul Roen	Feria
Wed	5 June					St. Boniface
Thur	6 June	8.45 am 9.30 am 3.45 pm	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass Funeral Liturgy	St. Lawrence's	D Day Veterans Francis Collins RIP	Feria
Fri	7 June	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Requiem Mass  Solemn Mass	St. Lawrence's  St. Teresa's	Francis Collins RIP  Jordan Family	The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	8 June	10.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Holy Mass  Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Teresa's  St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Molly Tunstall & Family  Anne Clarke	Immaculate Heart of Mary  10th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	9 June	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	People of the Parishes  Agnes Smith RIP	10th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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



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



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



## Parish Newsletter

### CORPUS CHRISTI



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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<b>Safeguarding</b>	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		
<b>Safeguarding Reps:</b>	St. Teresa's:	Jean Potts	
	St. Lawrence's:	George Paul Atkinson	
	St. Anthony's:	Christine Dixon	
<b>Parish Websites:</b>	www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk	www.stanthonysstfrancis.org.uk	

### THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, in which we pause to meditate on this divine mystery - that since the first Holy Thursday, Our Lord makes himself truly and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist, for us. Ordinary bread and wine are inwardly transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit through the priest, into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of the glorified Christ himself. When we receive the Eucharist, we too appear outwardly the same, but are inwardly transformed. We become one substance with Christ - like a second resurrection, he gives us his divine heart and soul for the mission as we go forth to make his message known throughout the world. In worthily receiving his Body and Blood we are given the grace to see what needs to be done, and the strength to carry it out.

Just as God became man in the most unexpected way, as a tiny baby to a lowly family, he once again humbles himself to the extreme. He desires so much to remain with us physically that he is willing to become utterly fragile and vulnerable in the consecrated host. Such is his great love for us, he trusts that we will shelter and protect him. We must have faith in him as he has faith in us! We are not called to understand or explain this mystery but to believe. To receive the transforming power of the Eucharist we must have faith in his Real Presence - to receive without belief is a sacrilege and prevents us from receiving the grace Christ wants to give. If all Catholics truly believed in the Real Presence resting, waiting, in our tabernacles, our churches would never be empty or closed.

The Holy Eucharist is not a symbol. It is not a metaphor, it is not a "piece" of Christ, but a person to be loved and kept company. Jesus said, "This is my body", and it is his body: wholly and entirely. It is true, because God has said so.

**Fr. Jonathon**

### Please continue to remember in your prayers:

*those who are sick or housebound and their carers:*

John Gourley, 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**

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

We keep in our prayers, and pray for the repose of the soul of, Francis Collings who has died recently. Frankie will be received into St Lawrence's on Thursday 6th June at 3.45pm. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 7th June at 11.00am followed by Cremation at West Road.

### **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.

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Every year on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are recommissioned to go out to the sick and housebound to take them Holy Communion. This weekend across our parishes this will take place after the Homily. Please continue to pray for those who offer their time to this important ministry, and for all those whom they visit to bring the Bread of Life.

### **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.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING**

The next baptism preparation meeting, for those parents who have already returned a baptism application form, will take place on Monday 3rd June after the 6.30pm Mass at St Teresa's. If you would like a child baptised, please collect a form from Fr Jonathon after Sunday Mass and return it to him the following week.

### **BRINGING YOUR CHILDREN TO MASS**

It is wonderful to see the young families of our parishes come to Mass together. Some families stay away because they have some young children who may be quite noisy. A church without the noise of babies is an imperfect Church. We need families with children at Mass, because they, because you, are the future of our parish communities. Please do not stay away, but come and bring your children with you.

### **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.

### **FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**

The Feast of St Anthony is on 13th June, therefore we will be having a Patronal Mass at St Anthony's at 6.30pm, followed by tea and cake afterwards. Please do come along and celebrate one of our Saints.

### **HEATON FESTIVAL**

The Heaton Festival will take place on Saturday 22nd June in Heaton Park. It is just 3 weeks away and we are in need of a few more volunteers to help with stewarding, along with people to help with the take down and tidy up at the end of the day. Could you be the person we are looking for? Sign up sheets are available at the back of church, or alternatively you can sign up through the website at [heatonfestival.com](http://heatonfestival.com)

### **NEW WINE PRAYER GROUP**

Meets every Wednesday 6.30pm-7.30pm in St. Anthony's Presbytery. If car park gates locked, please enter via Philipson Street. Everyone is very welcome.

## **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**

Today 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

### **REFUGEE WEEK - ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese will take place 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.

### **CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

CCRS seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, and for all teachers. The 2024-2025 CCRS course programme is now available on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professionaldevelopment-and-formation/#ccrs> If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

### **DISCERNMENT WORKSHOPS**

A series of online workshops looking at the principles and practice of Ignatian Discernment are taking place on 11th June, 25th June. These meetings are open to young adults in their 20s and 30s. In these workshops, leaders will consider what Ignatian Spirituality teaches us about clarifying our choices, ways of listening to God's Spirit in our lives and discerning the way forward. To register please email: [FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com](mailto:FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com).