

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	29 June	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Val Russell Ss. Peter & Paul
Sun	30 June	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	People of the Parishes Cal Knowles RIP Ss. Peter & Paul
Mon	1 July	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Agnes Smith RIP Feria
Tue	2 July	10.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Crabtree & Birch Families Living & Deceased Feria
Wed	3 July				St Thomas
Thur	4 July	8.45 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's	Thomson & Gange Families Living & Deceased Feria
Fri	5 July	8.45 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass - 1st Friday	St. Teresa's	Gabby O'Sullivan RIP Feria
Sat	6 July	8.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Holy Mass - 1st Saturday Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Davy & McCrenalds Families Living & Deceased Alice Simpson Our Lady's Saturday 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	7 July	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 St. Teresa's	Jon Thomson People of the Parishes 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. TERESA'S

Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S

Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S

Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul



Sunday 30th June 2024

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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 we remember Saints Peter and Paul: two men so different, and yet so profoundly one in their faith, in their love for Jesus and his Church, in their Apostleship, and ultimately in their martyrdom in Rome. Two men certainly not born equipped to serve God, but who became equipped by Jesus himself with the grace necessary to become the human foundations upon which the whole of the Roman Catholic Church stands.

Peter is the "rock" on which Christ built his Church. Recorded in the gospels as betraying Jesus three times in one eventful night, who finds it so difficult to abandon kosher food and eat with non-Jews - this same Peter, a poorly-educated fisherman, prone to outbursts and weak under pressure, is the rock. His great capacity for love made Peter the perfect candidate for Jesus' call. Paul was a fiery, intellectual Pharisee who life had been persecuting Christians in Jerusalem. But his experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made Paul one of the most zealous, dynamic, and courageous ambassadors the Church has ever known. Christ saw that Paul's very strong personality was needed to help the Jews to accept that Jesus was the Saviour of all, and to initiate the Church's outreach to the Gentiles.

We must ask ourselves: if a denier and a murderer can be transformed by the mercy of Jesus Christ, why can't I? Why can't Jesus be calling me to do great things in my family, my workplace, my parish, my community, my country, my Church? Peter and Paul became apostles not through their own merits, but through their experience of Jesus' mercy. We don't have to be perfect for God to work through us - both our talents and our weaknesses can become God's means of helping others, if we allow. May God grant us the grace we need to constantly renew and transform our lives with the great hope we find in Peter and Paul, two unlikely men called by God to do great things.

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 July:

For the Sick: Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

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

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers Frances Tracy, Thomas Richard, Olivia Grace, George Patrick & Mia Isabella who are to be baptised this weekend. Please also pray for those we know who are unwell, as well as the many who have no one to pray for them; for those in hospital and for all undergoing treatment for serious illnesses. We continue to pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY - PETER'S PENCE

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, the great two Apostles of the Church. The annual collection for the missionary work of our Holy Father - Peter's Pence, will be taken at all weekend Masses next weekend. Please do give as generously as possible.

THANKSGIVING MASS

On Tuesday Morning at St Anthony's we will be having a special Thanksgiving Mass for our Year 6's and for the staff who are leaving St Albans this year. Bishop Stephen will be coming along to celebrate the Mass and will be delighted to say hello to any parishioners who are able to attend.

SECOND COLLECTION - STELLA MARIS

Next weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday, where we pray especially for all those who work at Sea, and for all those who minister to our seafarers. Please do give as generously as possible.

PARISH RESTRUCTURE MEETING

An open meeting for the parishes will take place on Tuesday 2nd July at 6.30pm at St. Anthony's, Walker. Please put this date into your diaries and come along.

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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Any Parents hoping to have their child baptised are asked to speak to Fr Jonathon, in person, after Sunday Mass to arrange this. This is the preferred way for organising Baptisms. One parent must be a Baptised Catholic, and one godparent should be a practising and confirmed catholic. The next baptism preparation meeting will take place on Monday 1st July after the 6.30pm Mass.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC - RCIA

If there is anyone considering joining the Journey in Faith, at the end of September, with the possibility of becoming Catholic, it is important to try and make an appointment to see Fr Jonathon. It is also an expectation that you would be coming to Sunday Mass (or the Vigil) each week. Please try and speak with Fr Jonathon as soon as possible

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!

Readers Study Day

In preparation for the new lectionary, the Diocese will be running a Day for Parish Readers in Hebburn. Along with this day, Fr Jonathon will also be running a day of reflection on the scriptures in November. All readers should attend these days. A sign up sheet, along with more information, for the Diocesan Day is available at the back of Church.

GENERAL ELECTION 2024

We continue reflecting on the 7 themes the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have provided to help us in preparation for the General Election on 4th July.

Theme 4. The Environment

Our responsibilities towards God's creation have always been made clear in Scripture and Church teaching. Every organisation and individual in society has a particular responsibility for looking after and nurturing the natural environment.

- Our government should adopt credible policies to reduce carbon emissions and assist poorer countries to meet their targets and obligations.
- Whilst recognising that difficult trade-offs might exist, such as with the need to ensure adequate housing, government at all levels should ensure that other aspects of the natural environment are nurtured and appropriate policies adopted to protect communities from the effects of climate change.
- In appropriate ways, governments should help and work with other institutions in society (such as schools and faith communities) make their own contributions to reducing carbon emissions.

Theme 5. International relations, human rights and peacebuilding

Catholic social teaching promotes global disarmament, working for peace, conflict resolution and upholding universal human rights.

- The Government should work internationally to promote genuine human rights that respect the dignity of all people.
- The Government should partner with faith communities in helping deliver aid to the world's poorest people.
- The Government should have a commitment to working to promote peace, disarmament, and security.
- The Government should welcome refugees and asylum seekers with compassion, and ensure that the UK has both a fairer system of immigration and asylum and a secure border.

For a more depth analysis of this theme and questions to ask candidates' views on it go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk>. Information about the final two Gospel Values can also be viewed on the Bishops Conference website. If you are eligible to vote, please do use your vote wisely to elect politicians that will uphold these Gospel Values.

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.

HOLY ISLAND CHILDREN'S CAMP

Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities and excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SUMMER FAYRE

The Little Sisters of the Poor have their Summer Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Saturday 29th June from 1pm-4pm. You will find a variety of stalls, including, arts and crafts, bottle stall, cakes & bakes, fancy goods, refreshments and tombola.

YOUTH 2000 GATHERING

Youth 2000 is holding an afternoon of prayer & praise, reflection and social on Sunday 7th July from 2.00pm to 4pm at St Cuthbert's RC Church, Old Elvet, Durham. Open to Young people aged 16-35 (under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form from frnickjennings@uwclub.net) Further enquiries email irishanthony12@gmail.com Don't forget to book for the Youth2000 Summer festival in Ampleforth Abbey August 23-26 <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024>