

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	20 July	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Lesley Stephenson RIP 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	21 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	People of the Parishes Nicholas Deevy 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	22 July				St Mary Magdalene
Tue	23 July				St Bridget
Wed	24 July				Martyrs of the Diocese
Thur	25 July				St. James
Fri	26 July				Ss. Joachim & Anne
Sat	27 July	8.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Holy Mass Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Fr Tom Kearnes O.P. RIP Pat Doolan Our Lady's Saturday 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	28 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	Priests of the Diocese (Living & Deceased) People of the Parishes 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. TERESA'S
Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S
Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S
Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21st July 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
 St. Lawrence's: George Paul Atkinson
 St. Anthony's: Christine Dixon

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

The apostles had been busy preaching, healing and driving out "demons" as Jesus had instructed them. Today they return with accounts of their activities, and seeing their fatigue Jesus invites them to take time to rest. But their plans for recuperation are interrupted by the crowds who follow them, eager to see Jesus - to be near him and to hear his words.

Jesus knew that the people were not purposely trying to impose themselves. Looking through the eyes of Jesus, we see them - scattered and leaderless. We sense his own desire for rest being overwhelmed by the stronger force of compassion. "His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd" - he saw the needs of those who were in front of him, and placed their needs above his own. In fact, "he began to teach them many things" - he wasn't planning to quickly dismiss the crowds, but had resolved to care for them thoroughly.

Loving our neighbour is often inconvenient and bothersome. Like other aspects of Christian behaviour, it can be difficult. Jesus's response shows us how one that truly loves his neighbour behaves. The ministry of the Church is an extension of this compassion of Jesus's - the willingness to walk in the shoes of another person, to understand the joys and sorrows of their life.

Christ is the good shepherd promised by Jeremiah: the same yesterday, today and forever. Vast crowds of people still wander around like sheep without a shepherd, but he has the same compassion for us that he had for the Galileans: he sees our helplessness and all our human weaknesses, and will not rest until we are gathered and restored. Today let us ask Jesus to give us his spirit of compassion so that we can be as sensitive and responsive to the needs of people around us as he was.

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 Cooper Tony who is 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, especially Fr Cornelius O'Connor and Mary Tait, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Mary's Funeral service will take place on Friday 2nd August at 1.45pm at St. Anthony's followed by cremation at Tynemouth. Fr Cornelius' funeral arrangements have yet to be arranged.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

This week, due to Fr Jonathon having a well deserved break, there will be no Masses between Monday and Friday. Weekend Mass times remain the same.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE ASSUMPTION SISTERS

This summer we will be saying a sad farewell to the Assumption Sisters who have been resident in walker for a number of years. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 10th August at 10.00am at St. Anthony's. This will be followed by refreshments at the Kids Kabin. Please do come along as we say Thank You and Goodbye to the sisters.

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 of the Blessed Sacrament 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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We keep in our prayers all of our teachers and children as they break up for the summer holidays. We pray that the summer holidays are a time of fun and relaxation, so that they return in September refreshed!

PARISH READERS STUDY DAY & DAY OF RECOLLECTION

In preparation for the new lectionary, Fr. Jonathon will be holding a study day for all parish readers. This will take place on Saturday 16th November at St. Teresa's. It will begin with Holy Mass at 10am and will be finished by 12.30pm. This day will include having a look at the new texts that are going to be used along with looking at how we prepare ourselves to proclaim the scriptures for others. The day will also allow us all to recommit ourselves to this important ministry. If you would like to become a reader, please speak to Fr Jonathon. Please put this date in your diaries!

PARISH AWAY DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS

There will be an away day for our Parish Altar Servers on Saturday 7th September. We will be heading up to Holy Island, where we will celebrate Mass before exploring the Island. We will then head to Seahouses for Fish & Chips and a game of Crazy Golf, before we head back home. If you would like to come along, please speak to Fr Jonathon to collect a consent form, along with more information about timings.

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Every Sunday at 5.00pm at St. Teresa's we have Sung Vespers and Benediction. Throughout the month of July, which is dedicated to the Precious Blood, we will be having devotions to the Most Precious Blood during this time. Evening Prayer and Benediction is a wonderful way to bring our Sunday to a close, spending time with Jesus in prayer and praise. Please do come along if you are able to.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE

Bishop Stephen spoke recently to a group of priests about praying regularly for vocations in our parishes and how important those prayers are. If we do not pray for this intention, then we should not be surprised that no priests come forward from our parishes. Therefore, every weekday during Adoration we will pray for Vocations, praying that young men respond to the Lords call to serve the Church.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE & THE WIDER CHURCH

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

We keep in our prayers Father Joseph O'Brien who was ordained this weekend at St Mary's Cathedral. May God continue to bless him as he begins his priestly ministry.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who think God might be calling them to serve in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle as a Priest, are invited to explore their vocation with the Diocesan Priestly Vocations Team. The evenings will take place at St Joseph's Church, Thorneyholme Terrace, Stanley on: Tuesday 3rd September, Tuesday 1st October, Tuesday 5th November, Tuesday 3rd December. These Meetings take place each month (except August) between 6pm and 8pm.

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>

YOUTH 2000 GATHERING

Youth 2000 summer festival will be taking place at Ampleforth Abbey, in North Yorkshire, between the 23 and 26th August. If you would like to attend please register at <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024>

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN: LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In September, meetings for parents and children in years 3-5 will begin at St Dominic's, on one Saturday per month, at 4pm. These meetings are independent of preparation for First Holy Communion in schools. So far, parents of 5 children have expressed an interest. Parents will gather to reflect on their joys and challenges, in ongoing accompaniment with Fr Peter Randall and catechists. Their children will be accompanied in a journey of discipleship which starts with the Good Shepherd. How do we know his voice? Who will open the gate for him? How does he protect his sheep? The first meeting will be a "taster", to explain and demonstrate the methods used. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr Peter by 31st July. prandallsj@jesuit.org.uk or by phone 07852 591292.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is seeking to appoint a Diocesan Director of Education. The Application Pack, available on the Diocesan Website, under the Vacancies section, states how important this role is in the life of the diocese and states that the role has four strategic responsibilities and seventeen principal responsibilities, as well as all the other things that come with this role. Check out the Application Pack for further information on www.diocesehn.org.uk. The closing date for Applications is 22nd July 2024

BLESSED JOHN INGRAM WALK

Father Luke Wilkinson will lead the 52nd annual Blessed John Ingram Walk between Newcastle and Gateshead, on Sunday 28th July. If you wish to join, please meet at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Gallowgate, at 2.30pm for a service at 2.45pm. The walk will start after the service, and will end with a service followed by light refreshments at St Edmund's Anglican Chapel on Gateshead High Street. There is a rather steep hill on the Gateshead side, so anyone wishing to attend the services only should arrange to be at St Edmund's at approximately 3.45pm. Everyone is welcome.