

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	10 Aug	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Anne Hayward	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	11 Aug	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 Margaret Wallace	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	12 Aug	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass St. Teresa's	Jones Family (Timperley)	Feria
Tue	13 Aug	9.15 am 10.00 am	Rosary & Exposition Holy Mass St. Anthony's	Katie & Joe Mooney	Feria
Wed	14 Aug	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass St. Anthony's	For World Peace	St. Maximilian Kolbe
Thur	15 Aug	8.45 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Rosary & Exposition Holy Mass Solemn Mass St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Michael Addison RIP People of the Parishes	The Assumption of Our Lady
Fri	16 Aug	8.45 am 9.30 am	Rosary & Exposition Holy Mass St. Teresa's	Moira Martin Anniversary	Feria
Sat	17 Aug	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	For World Peace Fr Neilus O'Connor RIP	Memorial of Our Lady 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	18 Aug	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 Deceased members of McConnell & Mee Families	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 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, Pat Matfin and Mary McLaren.

Our sick children: Josh Graham, James Taylor, Joseph Relph, Colby Taylor & Charlie Davidson

## THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

### Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for August:

**For Political Leaders:** Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

### 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.



**St. TERESA'S**

Heaton Road, Heaton



**St. ANTHONY'S**

Welbeck Road, Walker



**St. LAWRENCE'S**

Byker Crescent, Byker



# Parish Newsletter

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday 11th August 2024

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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 <a href="mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk">safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk</a>		
<b>Safeguarding Reps:</b>	St. Teresa's:	Jean Potts	
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	St. Anthony's:	Christine Dixon	
<b>Parish Websites:</b>	<a href="http://www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk">www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.stanthonystfrancis.org.uk">www.stanthonystfrancis.org.uk</a>	

## THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

This Sunday, we continue to read from the "Bread of Life discourse" found in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today's Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognise him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognise that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

We hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

**Fr. Jonathon**

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

### **WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS**

We keep in our prayers Orla Rosa & Calum 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 those who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

Thursday, 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Therefore, to allow you to fulfil your Obligation to attend Mass there will be a Vigil Mass on the Wednesday Evening at 7.00pm and an Evening Mass on the Thursday at 7.00pm.

### **BECOMING A CATHOLIC - RCIA**

The 'Journey In Faith' course will begin again at the end of September for those who are considering becoming a Catholic. If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or you are a Catholic who hasn't yet been confirmed, please speak to Fr Jonathon to register your interest in joining the programme. The programme will take place fortnightly on a Monday Evening, 7.15-8.15pm. 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.

### **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. 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.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you are looking to get your Child Baptised, you should collect a Baptism Application Form from Fr. Jonathon after Sunday Mass. Please remember that one parent must be a Catholic and that you should be living or worshipping within the parish boundaries. The next Baptism preparation course will take place over two sessions, on Monday 9th and Monday 16th of September at 7.15pm.

### **YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP**

The next meeting of the Young Adult Prayer Group will take place on Thursday 29th August at 7.00pm at St. Teresa's Church. The Group is primarily to allow those who are 18-35 to come together for a time of prayer, discussion and social time. Please come along if you are available.

### **THURSDAY EVENING ADORATION**

Over the last couple of months several people have spoken to Fr Jonathon about having a time of Adoration & Confession on a Weekday Evening, to allow those who work or go to school to come along. From the beginning of September we will therefore have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday Evening at 7.00pm, concluding with Night Prayer at 7.55pm. This will take place at St. Teresa's.

### **THANK YOU**

A Big Thank You to everyone who has supported the raffle for the New Lectionaries at St. Anthony's. The list of all the prize winners is displayed in the porch. A total of £346 was raised towards the cost of the lectionaries across the parishes. Can I also take this opportunity to thank The St Anthony Community Association, who have paid for a complete set of books in memory of Fr Michael Conaty.

## **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 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.

### **RUNNING THE GREAT NORTH RUN FOR CAFOD**

Would you like to take part in the Great North Run for CAFOD? If so, CAFOD would love to invite you to take on the challenge. The Great North Run happens on Sunday, September 8th in Newcastle and is the biggest Half Marathon in the world! If you'd like a place to run for CAFOD, please follow this link here: email [events@cafod.org.uk](mailto:events@cafod.org.uk) [https:// cafod.org.uk/fundraise/challenge-events/run-for-cafod](https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/challenge-events/run-for-cafod)

### **ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION ATTEMPT**

At the end of July, Lord Falconer was due to be introduce a Bill in the House of Lords to legalise assisted suicide and the Prime Minister has pledged that he will make time for MPs to vote on the introduction of assisted suicide. As we face these major threats, it's important to make it clear to both new and returning MPs at the start of this parliamentary cycle that they have a large number of voters in their constituency who don't want to see extreme anti-life changes to our laws. 'Right to Life' have launched an EasyAction tool on their website - [www.righttolife.co.uk](http://www.righttolife.co.uk) - that makes it simple to contact your local MP asking them to oppose these radical changes to the law (the pre-written email also includes vital information on these threats that we are looking to get in front of MPs as early as possible in the new Parliament). Please take action and contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

### **DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES**

The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle is looking to appoint the following Vacancies:

**Parish Finance Officer**, full-time, on a two-year fixed-term contract. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle, with travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date: 13 August.

**Cleaner**, St Charles, Gosforth – 5 hours a week. Closing date: 16 August.

**Parish Secretary**, Our Lady of Mercy, Sunderland – 20 hours a week. Closing date: 21 August. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.