

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	24 Aug	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parishes  21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	25 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	Healy & Dryden (Dec) Families Mary McMaster  21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	26 Aug				Blessed Dominic Barberi
Tue	27 Aug	6.30 pm	Holy Mass & Novena	St. Teresa's	For the work and mission of the Missionaries of Charity St Monica
Wed	28 Aug	6.30 pm	Holy Mass & Novena	St. Anthony's	Vocations to the Priesthood St Augustine of Hippo
Thur	29 Aug	9.00 am	Holy Mass & Novena	St. Lawrence's	No Intention Received Passion of St John the Baptist
Fri	30 Aug	9.00 am	Holy Mass & Novena	St. Teresa's	No Intention Received Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward
Sat	31 Aug	8.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Holy Mass & Novena Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	No Intention Received Monica Oxborough 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	1 Sep	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 Gallagher Family 22nd 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

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday 25th August 2024

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Fr Jonathon Bowes	Presbytery:	0191 265 5290
		Parish Mobile:	07761 885745 (Emergencies only)
		Email:	Jonathon.bowes@diocesehn.org.uk
<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Christine Dixon		
Office Hours:	Tuesday & Thursday	9.00am-3.00pm	Tel: 0191 265 5290
	Wednesday	10.00am-2.00pm	Email: stteresa.heaton@diocesehn.org.uk
<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	
	St. Lawrence's:	George Paul Atkinson	
	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.stanthonyssfrancis.org.uk">www.stanthonyssfrancis.org.uk</a>	

## THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

The Gospel today concludes Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life, and we see many disciples who were with Jesus beginning to leave because they were unable to accept Jesus' words. Jesus' teaching was difficult to accept, and instead of softening the gravity of his words to keep everyone around, Jesus says "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." Jesus knew that following him is a difficult task. Only those who are chosen by the Father, and willing to take up the hardships that come with belief in Christ can follow Jesus to the end.

The crowd slowly begins to dwindle, from five thousand disciples down to the twelve, who Jesus turns and asks if they also will leave. Peter responds with a beautiful confession of faith, saying "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life." What differentiated the twelve Apostles from the disciples was simply trust. The teaching of Jesus would have been just as difficult for the twelve to grapple with, however they believed that Jesus was truly the son of God. Their trust in the person of Jesus, the man who they've spent all this time with, and the man who performed these miracles in their midst, wasn't wavered because of the unbelief of the crowds.

The decision to follow and trust in Jesus is completely in our hands. As in the first reading of Joshua, when the Israelites approached the promised land, they had the option to go back to where they came from, for the road of a Christian is not easy. Before them was great obstacles, yet behind them was an easy life. When we are faced with a similar decision, how do we respond? It has become increasingly difficult to be authentically Christian in a world which is not. To be able to truly live out our calling as stewards, we must know Jesus and trust him. The best way to know Jesus is through his word. Let us spend time this week immersed in the scripture, getting to know our Lord.

**Fr. Jonathon**

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

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

We keep in our prayers Elise Dominique 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 those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray for the repose of the soul of Jayne Brooks who has died recently. Jayne's Funeral Service will take place at St. Anthony's on Thursday 5th September at 11.00am, followed by burial at Heaton Cemetery.

### **CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

Please note the changes to the Mass times this week.

### **HOLY ISLAND TRIP**

The Altar Servers from across our parishes will be having an away day on Saturday 7th September to Holy Island. We will be having Mass on the Island at 10.30am. We will then be spending some time on the Island before heading to Seahouses for Fish & Chips and Crazy Golf. If any parishioners would like to join us you are most welcome. Please do let Fr Jonathon know if you are going to be joining us on the Island.

### **NOVENA TO ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA (MOTHER TERESA)**

On Thursday 5th September the Church celebrates the Feast Day of St Teresa of Calcutta. The Missionaries of Charity, who Fr Jonathon supports, have asked our parishes to host this year's celebrations for them. Therefore, the sisters will be giving a short presentation on the life and work of St. Teresa after every Mass from the 27th August. It will be concluded with the Novena Prayer. A special Mass will be held on Thursday 5th September at 6.00pm at St. Teresa's, followed by refreshments.

### **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS & CELEBRATION**

On Saturday 14th September there will be a National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott College, Birmingham. Fr Jonathon will be representing the Diocese on the day. Every Church across the country is asked to have a Holy Hour on Sunday 15th September to deepen our love and devotion to the Eucharist. Therefore, we will be having Sung Vespers, Homily and a Procession on Sunday 15th September at 5.00pm at St. Lawrence's.

### **PARISH QUIZ NIGHT**

Please make a note in your diaries of Tuesday 1st October, which is the Feast day of St Therese. To mark the Patronal Feast we will be having a Quiz Night in the Parish Hall from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. The Quiz will be based on the TV show 1% Club, which will test your general knowledge and logical thinking. Tickets are priced at £5 each which will include a Hog Roast and entry to the Quiz. Please feel free to bring your own drinks. Tickets will be available from the back of our churches from September.

### **PARISH CENSUS**

It is always good practice to keep the parish records up-to-date. Therefore, when you enter Church, please pick up a Census form. Please fill these out at Church and place in the box marked 'completed census forms'. Please do feel free to these to parishioners who you know are sick or housebound.

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

The 'Journey In Faith' course will begin again on the 29th October, for those who are considering becoming a Catholic or who would like to deepen their knowledge of the faith. 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 Tuesday Evening from 6.45pm.

### **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!

### **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!

### **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. Parents must attend both sessions.

### **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, with the opportunity for confessions, every Thursday Evening at 7.00pm. The Holy Hour will conclude with Night Prayer.

### **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.

### **SVP - THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

This year in England the SVP are celebrating 180 years of service. Across our parishes many people have been blessed by the help and the support that the SVP offers. However, in recent years the number of SVP members across our parishes has been in decline. Therefore, we are currently appealing for new members to come forward to help continue the work of the SVP in our area. If you would like more information about the work of the SVP, or you would be interested in joining, please speak to Brian Dale at St. Teresa's or contact John Doyle on 07933005840.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Although, the parish has Intentions for Sunday Masses, we currently have 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? 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.

### **NEW WINE PRAYER GROUP**

The group resumes at St Anthony's on Wednesday 4 Sept from 6.30-7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

## **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.

### **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 takes 30 seconds.

### **S.V.P. 'VINNIE'S—CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PACKED LUNCH BOX APPEAL'**

Thank you for such generosity. We're advised that Vinnies now have enough lunch-box food to end of holidays.