

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	31 Aug 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	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
Mon	2 Sept 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass & Novena	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Edward & Eileen Grant (Anniversaries)  Feria
Tue	3 Sept 9.00 am 10.00 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass & Novena	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Doris Clapshoe  St Gregory the Great
Wed	4 Sept			Translation of St. Cuthbert
Thur	5 Sept 8.45 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Funeral Liturgy Solemn Mass	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Anthony's St. Teresa's	Special Intention (L.M.) Jayne Brooks-McCarty RIP Missionaries of Charity  St. Teresa of Calcutta
Fri	6 Sept 8.45 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	For World Peace  Feria 1st Friday
Sat	7 Sept 8.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Adoration & Holy Rosary  Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Teresa's  St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Angela Miller  23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	8 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	Ged Lalor RIP People of the Parish  23rd 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 September:

**For the Cry of the Earth:** Let us pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live

### During Ordinary Time (Autumn)

We are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, The Harvest, The fruits of Human Labour, Justice and Peace in the World, Victims of War, Young People & Prisoners.



**St. TERESA'S**

Heaton Road, Heaton



**St. ANTHONY'S**

Welbeck Road, Walker



**St. LAWRENCE'S**

Byker Crescent, Byker



# Parish Newsletter

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Sunday 1st September 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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## THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

On the weekend of the 14th/15th September our country will be holding a National Eucharistic Congress, where clergy, religious and laity will gather to promote awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Representatives from every Catholic diocese in England and Wales (including our own parishes) will come together for this at Oscott College, Birmingham.

For Catholics, the Holy Eucharist is not just a symbol, or a memory - not just "something", but "someone". The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is his physical presence, in the fullest sense possible: body and blood, soul and divinity. He is present in the Eucharist in his divine nature, and in his own individual human nature. Thus is present the Jesus of history: the one who was conceived and carried by Mary at Nazareth; who was born in a stable at Bethlehem; who lived in Palestine; who walked and talked and wept and slept and ate and drank; who shed his blood on the cross and who rose from the grave. We believe this, because Christ himself has said so (Jn 32-69).

At the simplest level, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honouring the Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Yet in a deeper sense, remaining silent in his Presence, watching and waiting, we open ourselves to Christ's grace which flows from the Eucharist, and the Lord draws us to himself and gently transforms us. True love sets no conditions, it simply loves; and yet it grows through intimacy, closeness or regular contact. In John 21:16, Jesus asks Peter the question that will determine his whole life: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Waiting in the tabernacles and on the altars of our churches, Jesus asks each of us the same question: do you love me? We have opportunities to spend time with Jesus in the exposed Eucharist everyday! Eucharistic Adoration also includes visiting the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle whenever the churches are open. To mark the occasion of the Congress, there will be a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday 15th September at 5pm at St. Lawrence's. I encourage you all to come along, to spend some quality time with Jesus, and accompany him as he blesses our communities.

**Fr. Jonathon**

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

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

We keep in our prayers Violet Lynnette 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-McCarty 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.

### **SECOND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Education. Please give as generously as possible.

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

On Thursday 5th September the Church celebrates the Feast Day of St Teresa of Calcutta. A special Mass will be held on Thursday 5th September at 6.00pm at St.Teresa's, followed by refreshments and a short film about Mother Teresa's life and mission.

### **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 are available at the back of our churches.

### **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!

### **RED MISSIO BOXES**

It is that time of year again when we ask those with Red Mission Boxes to return them to be emptied. If you have one, please return them or collect an envelop, so that the money can be sent to the Mill Hill Fathers.

### **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. Parent's must attend both sessions.

### **YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP**

The next meeting of the Young Adult Prayer Group will take place on Thursday 26th 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. 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.

## **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 only takes 30 seconds.