

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	7 Sept	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Angela Miller	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	8 Sept	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
Mon	9 Sept	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	For World Peace	Feria
Tue	10 Sept	9.00 am 10.00 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Thompson Family	Feria
Wed	11 Sept				Feria
Thur	12 Sept	8.45 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Vocations to the Priesthood	The Most Holy name of Mary
Fri	13 Sept	8.45 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass St. Teresa's	Brian Jordan RIP	St. John Chrysostom
Sat	14 Sept	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Ruby Wedding Janet & Alan Henderson Living & Deceased Family & Friends	Exaltation of the Holy Cross 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	15 Sept	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. Lawrence's	People of the Parishes Gerard Lalor RIP	24th 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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday 8th September 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	
Parish Websites:	www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk	www.stanthonyssfrancis.org.uk	

THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment, with an unusually intimate method. Placing his finger in the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle, he looks to heaven and says "Ephphatha!", which means "Be opened!" This ritual is used in baptisms - the priest touches the child's ears and mouth with his thumb: "ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father."

Our second reading is a lesson in discipleship, reminding us of the impartiality needed if we are to follow Jesus. It is natural to feel more comfortable with people similar to ourselves, rather than with those who are very different. But this is not the Christian way - we must become aware of our boundaries and seek to live beyond them. In baptism we are healed - "opened" - so that we may hear God's word and thus proclaim God's deeds. But we are blind and deaf when we show favouritism or discrimination because of the status and wealth of other people. We are deaf when we refuse to recognise those who suffer around us, and do not acknowledge situations of inequality, injustice, poverty and marginalisation. We are deaf when we turn inward and close ourselves to the world because of selfishness, pride, anger, jealousy and our inability to forgive.

Mark tells us that Jesus has crossed the Jewish border to bring the Good News to the gentiles: God's power is the power to save. It is the power to change the one being saved in ways so immeasurable, as to change the individual for a life-time. We too must cross the borders to reach those who do not belong to us socially or religiously. The afflicted man in today's Gospel does not come to Jesus alone, but is brought to him by other members of the community. What faith on the part of these people! They believed that Jesus could heal his afflictions. As Christians, we believe this too - so who are we bringing to Jesus?

Fr. Jonathon

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers Benjamin Nicholson 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 Marion Brydon and Sheila Fletcher who have died recently. Marion's cremation service will take place at West Road Crematorium on Friday 13th September at 11.45am. Sheila's Requiem Mass will take place at St. Teresa's on Monday 23rd September at 9.45am.

SECOND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC EDUCATION

This weekend there is a second collection for Catholic Education. Please do give as generously as possible.

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.

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.

CAR PARKING AT ST. ANTHONY'S

From Monday 9 September until the end of October, St Anthony's day centre will be having extensive works carried out. In order for these works to be carried out safely, there will be no car parking spaces available in the car park. I would also ask that if you are walking to Church, that you do not enter through the car park. Could all parishioners use Philipson Street when attending St Anthony's Church.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

The application form for the programme was available from Ash Wednesday until Pentecost Sunday. Many thanks to those who have completed and returned their application. If you have missed this deadline, and you now have a child who is in school year 4, please speak to Fr Jonathon. A meeting for parents to discuss the forthcoming course will take place on Tuesday 24th September at 6.30pm in St. Teresa's Church. There is an expectation that parents are bringing their children to Sunday Mass regularly.

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 September 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.

DIOCESAN CHOIR NEEDS YOU!!

Your Diocesan Choir needs YOU! We are looking for new members to join our existing singers – sopranos altos, tenors and bass, all ages, all levels of experience and from all corners of the Diocese are welcome to come along and praise God in one of the best ways possible. We sing at Diocesan events at St Mary's Cathedral (ordinations, Chrism Mass, Marriage Mass, Healing Mass, and other special events) and perform at various venues at Christmas. Come along and join our friendly group when we rehearse on Thursday evenings at St Bede's Church, Jarrow from 7.00 – 8.30pm. and be part of something rewarding and joyous! For more information, please email Mary Frain at hndiocesechoir@outlook.com.