

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
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	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	15 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. Lawrence's	People of the Parishes  Gerard Lalor RIP	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	16 Sept	8.30 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Fr. Cornelius O'Connor RIP	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
Tue	17 Sept	9.00 am 10.00 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Elizabeth Muldoon	St. Robert Bellarmine
Wed	18 Sept					Feria
Thur	19 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	For World Peace	St. Theodore of Canterbury
Fri	20 Sept	8.45 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	P.D Sebastian RIP	Ss. Andrew Kim, Paul Cong & Companions
Sat	21 Sept	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	World Peace  John Vardy Snr.	St. Matthew  25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	22 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  Special Intention (L)	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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 15th 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	
	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.stanthonystfrancis.org.uk">www.stanthonystfrancis.org.uk</a>	

### THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

"Who do you say that I am?" We believe that Jesus is both God and the Son of God, that he is our Redeemer and Saviour. But how does this translate into our daily lives? "Whoever wishes to be a follower of mine...." is one of the most crucial statements in the whole of the Gospels. It forces us to ask ourselves how much it means to us to be disciples of Jesus. But are we prepared to give what it takes?

Jesus makes it clear that the cross and discipleship are inextricably connected. They always have been; they always will be, but Peter had not yet appreciated this connection. We hear him profess his faith in Jesus, calling him "the Christ". But as soon as Jesus starts explaining what his mission will entail - rejection, suffering and death - Peter objects. Like Peter, we profess Christianity, but often are in denial of the self-giving and acceptance of suffering that this requires.

The Letter of James is still just as powerfully relevant today. In these times of discrimination, poverty and addictions, let us not be Christians who go home from church to live secular lives: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" We can only follow Christ if and when we also practice genuine love and care of neighbour and stranger alike. Faith and good works are inextricably tied together, just as discipleship and the cross.

Like Peter, in the light of Jesus' truth we find that we are challenged to re-evaluate our assumptions. A simple prayer practice, an examination of conscience, can help us with this. At the end of the day (or any convenient time), we take 5 to 10 minutes of quiet reflection and silence to look deeper into our life. We examine our relationships, responsibilities and daily encounters, to see if we have met them with love and a true Christian purpose. Where did we fail? Where did we succeed? At the conclusion we thank God for our blessings of the day, ask pardon for our failures, and the grace and strength to follow Christ with a faith that is alive tomorrow

**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, 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.

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

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

We keep in our prayers 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 Sheila Fletcher who has died recently. Sheila's Requiem Mass will take place at St. Teresa's on Monday 23rd September at 9.45am followed by cremation at West Road Crematorium.

### **SECOND COLLECTION - EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY**

This weekend we celebrate Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday). It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. We should encourage one another to pray for our parish communities, that they would become intentionally missionary in their life and witness. A second collection will also be taken to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

This weekend a national Eucharistic Congress is taking place in Birmingham. Each parish has been invited to deepen our love and devotion to the Eucharist. Therefore, we will be having Sung Vespers, Homily and a Procession TODAY at 5.00pm at St. Lawrence's. Please do come along and walk with Jesus as he continues to bless us and our communities.

### **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 at the end of masses.

### **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.

### **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.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION COURSE 2024/25**

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place this academic year for all in Year 9 and above who wish to receive this Sacrament. This preparation will be done on a partnership-wide basis with sessions taking place at St. Teresa's, Heaton on a Tuesday evening (6.45-8.15pm). If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year, please speak to your parish priests to collect a expression of interest form.

### **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!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 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](mailto:hndiocesechoir@outlook.com).

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION LEADERS**

Are you able to volunteer as a Marriage Preparation Course Facilitator? Are you a confident communicator? Would you like to help couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage? Marriage Care is looking for volunteer couples and individuals who would like to train with them in this exciting role. For more information, please contact Moira Graham at [marriagecare.tyneside@gmail.com](mailto:marriagecare.tyneside@gmail.com)

### **DONATE TO YOUR PARISH ONLINE**

You are now able to make a donation to your parish via the Diocesan Website. Click onto <https://diocesahn.org.uk/> click on DONATE at the top of the page and then scroll down until you come to the parish you wish to donate to and then follow the onscreen instructions.