

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

| Day  |            | Time  |   | Church   | Mass Intention  |   |
|------|------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| Sat  | 21<br>Sept | 4.45 pm<br>5.30 pm                                    | Confessions<br>Vigil Mass of Sunday   | St. Anthony's<br>St. Anthony's   | John Vardy Snr.   | 25th Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time                           |
| Sun  | 22<br>Sep  | 8.15 am<br>9.00 am<br>10.30 am<br>11.00 am<br>5.00 pm | Confessions<br>Holy Mass<br>Confessions<br>Holy Mass<br>Vespers & Benediction | St. Lawrence's<br>St. Lawrence's<br>St. Teresa's<br>St. Teresa's<br>St. Teresa's | People of the Parishes<br>Special Intention (L)                         | 25th Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time                           |
| Mon  | 23<br>Sept | 8.30 am<br>9.45 am<br>5.45 pm<br>6.30 pm              | Silent Prayer<br>Requiem Mass<br>Adoration & Confessions<br>Holy Mass         | St. Teresa's<br>St. Teresa's<br>St. Teresa's<br>St. Teresa's                     | Sheila Fletcher RIP<br>Dec'd Members of High<br>Heaton Mercy Associates | St Padre Pio  |
| Tue  | 24<br>Sept | 9.00 am<br>10.00 am                                   | Adoration & Holy Rosary<br>Holy Mass  | St. Anthony's<br>St. Anthony's   | John Dominic Wallace RIP  | Our Lady of<br>Walsingham                                 |
| Wed  | 25<br>Sept |   |   |  |   | Feria   |
| Thur | 26<br>Sept | 8.45 am<br>9.30 am<br>7.00 pm                         | Adoration & Holy Rosary<br>Holy Mass<br>Young Adult Prayer Group              | St. Lawrence's<br>St. Lawrence's<br>St. Teresa's                                 | Fr. Michael Conaty RIP  | Ss. Cosmas &<br>Damian                                    |
| Fri  | 27<br>Sept | 8.45 am<br>9.30 am                                    | Adoration & Holy Rosary<br>Holy Mass  | St. Teresa's   | Special Intention (Lynne)   | St Vincent de<br>Paul                                     |
| Sat  | 28<br>Sept | 8.00 am<br>4.45 pm<br>5.30 pm                         | Holy Mass (Latin)<br>Confessions<br>Vigil Mass of Sunday                      | St. Teresa's<br>St. Anthony's<br>St. Anthony's                                   | World Peace<br>Thompson, Kelly &<br>Hutchinson Families (L&D)           | Our Lady's<br>Saturday<br>26th Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time |
| Sun  | 29<br>Sep  | 8.15 am<br>9.00 am<br>10.30 am<br>11.00 am<br>5.00 pm | Confessions<br>Holy Mass<br>Confessions<br>Holy Mass<br>Vespers & Benediction | St. Lawrence's<br>St. Lawrence's<br>St. Teresa's<br>St. Teresa's<br>St. Teresa's | Deceased members of<br>McPeake Family<br>People of the Parishes         | 26th Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time                           |



**St. TERESA'S**  
Heaton Road, Heaton



**St. ANTHONY'S**  
Welbeck Road, Walker



**St. LAWRENCE'S**  
Byker Crescent, Byker



## Parish Newsletter

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 22nd September 2024



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| <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

Many people tend to define and evaluate others (and themselves) in terms of their job, wealth, house, looks, or education. But these things are of no significance whatsoever to God: true value lies in the human being behind the facade. The mistake that the apostles make in today's Gospel is to put social standing first - in their eyes the greatest was the one who had the highest position. Each wanted to get to the top in Jesus' kingdom. But Jesus told them - yet again - that that his kingdom was not about seeking honour and glory for oneself, but about serving others.

Every time Jesus encountered a person deemed worthless by society, he preached this same message. Every time he engaged in conversation with a woman, a leper, a person crippled or deaf or possessed, he spoke loudly and clearly that his first priority was in the value of the person. He cured the illness, forgave the sin, but only after treating the person with compassion and respect first. Jesus was preaching to anyone who would hear that this is the hallmark of ministry and leadership: to serve those who can give nothing in return, to lift up the broken-hearted, the despised, the shunned and to help them to realise that they are loved for who they are, not for what they have or what they can offer.

If you were to list those in our world to whom society effectively accords no status or dignity, it would be a very long list indeed. Many of us in our parishes have been greatly blessed. Much has been given to us in life, and the Gospel demands that we give much to others in return. God entrusts us to use whatever wealth, skills, abilities, and time that we have, as the servants of all. Everyone can and ought to see a true calling from God in their vocation and obligations in life; to do good, to improve the world in which we live, and to correct the abuses and selfishness we encounter.

**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 Isaac George who is to be baptised this weekend at St. Teresa's. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Nathan and Catherine who were married at St Teresa's on the 22nd of September at St. Teresa's. We continue to pray for all 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.

### **NEXT SUNDAY - HARVEST FESTIVAL & SCHOOL TAKEOVER**

Next Weekend we will be giving thanks to God for the Harvest. Therefore, we will be having a special collection of items that we can then donate to our local foodbanks. If you are able to contribute to this collection, please place the items in the boxes in our church porches. We will also be blessed by the contribution that our parish schools will make to the celebration of Mass. They will be leading us in our Music and Readings for these Masses.

### **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 preparation meetings will take place in November.

### **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. The car park gates will be locked on a Saturday Evening, so if you are walking to Church, please could do not enter through the car park. All parishioners should use the entrance on 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.

### **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.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEATON - THE LETTER**

Churches together in Heaton are planning a viewing of 'The Letter', which is a film exploring Pope Francis' teaching on the climate crisis. It will take place on Tuesday 24th September at 7pm in St. Teresa's Church Hall.

## **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)

### **FLAME 2025**

Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The theme is 'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). COST: £45 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). If you would like to attend Flame 2025, please speak to Fr Jonathon or to the chaplaincy team at your school or university.

### **EMMANUEL CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY**

The Emmanuel Catholic Charismatic community invites you to a day of renewal with the internationally renowned speaker Michelle Moran. This day will take place at St. Mary's High School on Saturday 12th October between 10.30am & 4pm. For further information please email Pat Kennedy on [pat.kennedy42@icloud.com](mailto:pat.kennedy42@icloud.com) or Emmanuel Team on 07546302832

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 2025**

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is marked on Friday 4th October. Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope).