

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	5 Oct	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Phil Gosling RIP	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	6 Oct	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	Stephen Hanson RIP Special Intention (GSJ)	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	7 Oct	8.30 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Silent Prayer Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Sheila Fletcher	Our Lady of the Rosary
Tue	8 Oct	9.00 am 10.00 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	For Matthew, a beloved Grandson, RIP	Feria
Wed	9 Oct					St. John Henry Newman
Thur	10 Oct	8.45 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Adoration & Compline	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Fr. Charles Mundy RIP	St Paulinus of York
Fri	11 Oct	8.45 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Paul Blenkinsop	St. John XXIII
Sat	12 Oct	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	Deacon Peter Lavery RIP Fr. Michael & Fr. Sean Conaty RIP	St Wilfrid 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	13 Oct	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 Gerard Lalor RIP	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. TERESA'S
Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S
Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S
Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday 6th October 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	
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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Children quickly learn that good behaviour is rewarded. How much they love the tight embrace of a parent when they have done the right thing! In this embrace they experience the blessing of human relationships. As children grow spiritually, they learn the blessed embrace of divine-human relationship. God's divine Law is their guide in all relationships.

In testing Jesus by putting Moses' commands against the original Law of God, the Pharisees harden their hearts to the divine-human relationships that the Law and covenant establish. Jesus demonstrates this divine-human relationship when he calls the children to come to him and embraces and blesses them. God's intention "from the beginning of creation" is that we live our relationships with each other with the openness and trust of children.

Growing in healthy human relationships is demanding a great deal of give-and -take, and calls for openness to self and other. God's embrace and blessing of each of us fosters these healthy human relationships. We experience God's embrace and blessing, for example, during prayer, when we forgive another, as we delight in another's goodness. Growing in life-giving divine and faithful human relationships is the concrete expression of our accepting the kingdom of God "like a child."

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: Ezra Stephen Johnson, Josh Graham, James Taylor, Joseph Relph, Colby Taylor & Charlie Davidson

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for October:

For the Church: Let us that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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 Ivy Mae & Lola Marie who are to be baptised this weekend 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, along with those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE - MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Pope Francis has called on all Catholics throughout the world to fast and pray on Monday for peace in our world. Therefore, St Teresa's will be open from 8am until after the 6.30pm Mass to allow people to come and pray silently for peace.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

We welcome to Mass this weekend the Children and Parents who are preparing for First Confession and Holy Communion as we celebrate the 'Enrolment' liturgy. Today, as we see this group of parents and their children, it is important for all of us to keep them in our prayers, to encourage and support them in the practice of their faith, especially in the coming weeks and months.

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 an 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.

PARISH VOLUNTEER CENSUS

The Diocese is currently carrying out a volunteer census. This is to ensure we identify all our volunteers, to offer support and appropriate training and recognition for the important part all play in the life of our parish. A volunteer is anyone who gives their time freely and regularly to assist anywhere within the Parish, School, or Diocese. During weekend of 12th/13th and 19th and 20th of October the census will be explained in more details after the weekend Masses. If you volunteer within the Parish/School/Diocese please complete one of the forms which will be available at the back of church or complete your details via the QR code.

RAVENSWOOD CHOIR CONCERT

The Ravenswood Choir will be coming along to host a concert for the parishes on Friday 25th October at 7.00pm at St Teresa's, Heaton. We will be using this opportunity to raise much needed funds for two local charities, The SVP at Byker Bridge and St Oswald's Hospice. Tickets are available priced at £5.

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.

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL - GOING OUT TO EVANGELISE

Would you be confident enough to go out onto Heaton Road, Chillingham Road, Welbeck Road or Shields Road and proclaim the Gospel and speak about your faith. Jesus encourages us to do this if at all possible. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks about this!

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the Young Adult Prayer Group will take place on Thursday 24th October 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.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE BOOK

Throughout the month of November the Church prays in a particular way for all the faithful departed. As parishes we will have a November Remembrance book, in which we can place the names of all our loved ones. Mass will be offered twice a week for all those who are named within it. If you would like a loved ones name to be included please pick up and complete the form and return this form with your offering.

LONG TERM ILLNESS AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Many parishioners require our prayers of support as they battle against their illness or loneliness and may not be able to attend Mass. If you know of anyone who could benefit from a home visit please let Fr Jonathon know. We would also like to update the list of names on our newsletter who ask for our prayers. If you are sick and would like to be included in the parish prayer list please let the parish office know.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you everyone, for the donation of £256 raised at Coffee Mornings at St Anthony's. Thank you to all those who came along to the Quiz Night at St Teresa's, a great evening was had by everyone!

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 5th November, Tuesday 3rd December. These Meetings take place each month between 6pm and 8pm.

FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 takes place on Saturday 15th 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 or Emmanuel Team on 07546302832

PRO-LIFE CONCERNS

Pro-life supporters in the United Kingdom are being restricted in the way they protest publicly, from next week in Scotland and from 31st October in England, as legislation is to be introduced that prevents people from gathering, protesting or even silently praying, in places where there are clinics carrying out abortions. Perhaps this is not everyone's way of protesting, but to even legislate against silent prayer is an affront to religious freedom. This refers particularly to those places where there are clinics performing abortions, with a 150-metre buffer zone, but it could spread further! Do you want the ability to be able to stand freely to pray silently where you want to? Bishop John Sherrington, the Bishops' representative for prolife issues states "In practice, and despite any other intention, this legislation constitutes discrimination and disproportionately affects people of faith. Religious freedom is the foundational freedom of any free and democratic society, essential for the flourishing and realisation of dignity of every human person. Religious freedom includes the right to manifest one's private beliefs in public through witness, prayer and charitable outreach, including outside abortion facilities. If you feel you could write to your MP to complain about this legislation, please do so. One worry about this legislation is that it may genuinely prevent some pregnant women from accessing desperately needed help and support.

THE ASSISTED DYING BILL

Right to Life has written stating that the Prime Minister, is "paving the way" for a parliamentary vote before Christmas on legalising assisted suicide. Media outlets are reporting that the Government and assisted suicide lobbyists are putting intense pressure on MPs who were successful in the recent Private Members' Bill ballot to introduce a Bill that would "rush into law" the legalisation of assisted suicide. If they are successful in persuading an MP to take a bill forward, a vote could be held within weeks! As a Catholic community we oppose any form of ending life early, so would oppose any change that an Assisted Suicide Bill would propose. Life is sacred from natural beginning to natural end. Please write to your MP to oppose this, so that the MP may gauge what the opinion is in this constituency. It's vital that all MPs and the Government urgently see that there is a large number of voters in each constituency who don't want to see an extreme change to our laws that would see the ending of many lives through assisted suicide.