

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	26 Oct	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parishes	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	27 Oct	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass & Confirmation Vespers & Benediction Sr Norma Lynch Sheila Fletcher RIP	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	28 Oct	8.30 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Church open - Silent Prayer Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass For the success of the Youth Retreat	Ss. Simon & Jude
Tue	29 Oct	9.00 am 10.00 am	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Mary Kelly Anniversary RIP	Feria
Wed	30 Oct				Martyrs of Douai College
Thur	31 Oct	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.30 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Anthony's	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Vigil Mass of All Saints Chris McGuinness RIP Vocations to Priesthood	Feria
Fri	1 Nov	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.30 pm	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Solemn Mass Sheila Fletcher RIP People of the Parishes	All Saints
Sat	2 Nov	9.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Requiem Mass Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday The Faithful Departed Peter Stephenson & Family	All Souls 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	3 Nov	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass & Confirmation Vespers & Benediction People of the Parishes McConnell & Hall Families	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. TERESA'S
Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S
Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S
Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday 27th 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 243 3305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk		
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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

"I want to see." The blind beggar Bartimaeus knew that he was missing so much, cut off from the visual beauty of life, and socially outcast. He cries out to Jesus for help, no longer bearing to remain in his state of life. Jesus asks him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The answer appears obvious, but Jesus does not presume to know: because he respects Bartimaeus' free will, he waits to be told. This is God's way with us too - despite knowing our needs, he never forces himself into our lives but waits to be invited. He is always asking us the same question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

It might seem extraordinary that the crowd of followers try to hinder Bartimaeus' attempts to go to Christ, try to stop him from meeting and following the Lord. Yet do we, by words or actions, prevent others from meeting Jesus, or have we experienced this ourselves? Do we suppose that some person or situation is beyond help, so we don't bother to pray for them? When we have the chance to help someone to spiritually grow, do we hold back because of disinterest or laziness? Do we jealously guard our plans so that small needs or kindnesses seem an inconvenience? Are we reluctant to make space for people in our parishes? Are we eager to bring people to Jesus, or do we have to be pushed into doing so? Are we disciples or just one of the crowd?

Bartimaeus represents humanity's constant yearning for healing, and freedom from the spiritual blindness that limits our relationship with God and fellow men. Just as Jesus asked others to relay his invitation to Bartimaeus, so he continues to use people to pass on his invitation today. These mediators represent the true followers of Christ: sensitive to the cries of those who seek to see, always pointing the blind towards the path that leads to light. The modern disciple radiates the same message of joy and hope: "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!"

Fr. Jonathon

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:

John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Mrs Wilson, 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 Cillian Forbes Crawford who will be baptised this weekend at St Teresa's. We also offer our prayerful congratulations to Agnes and Maura who will be confirmed by Bishop Stephen at St Teresa's this weekend. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Terence George Simpson who has died recently. Terry's Funeral service will take place at West Road Crematorium on Wednesday 30th October at 12.30pm, followed by burial at the West Road. We keep 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.

PARISH VISITATION BY BISHOP STEPHEN

Bishop Stephen is visiting our family of parishes this weekend. On Tuesday he spent the day in our Parish Primary Schools, meeting all the staff and children. Bishop Stephen will be celebrating the weekend Masses along confirming two of our parishioners. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to meet Bishop Stephen and to get to know him. There will be teas and coffees in the hall after Mass at St Teresa's.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The 1st of November is the Solemnity of All Saints, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Therefore, to help you all to fulfil that obligation for the Solemnity there will be a Vigil Mass at 6.30pm on Thursday at St. Anthony's, along with an additional Mass on Friday 1st November at 6.30pm at St Teresa's.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION COURSE 2024/25

This year the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be done on a partnership-wide basis with sessions taking place at St Teresa's 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. The first session will take place on Tuesday 3rd December.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC - RCIA

The 'Journey In Faith' course will begin again on Tuesday, 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 RESTRUCTURING

This week Fr Jonathon has submitted the necessary documentation to the council of priests asking for the parishes to be amalgamated. As part of the preparations, next weekend, we will be voting upon a new name for the new parish. This will be done by alternative voting. The suggested names are as follows - St Albans, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Carlo Acutis and Christ the King. If you have any other suggestions please speak to Fr Jonathon this weekend.

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.

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 as soon as possible.

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 on Monday 4th November at 7.15pm at St Teresa's.

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.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

The annual appeal for the Priest Training Fund will be made next weekend. The fund is used to help pay for the training of our priest's and seminarians. Currently the Diocese has two seminarians and 10 enquirers. Therefore, a second collection will be taken next weekend at all weekend Masses. Please do give as generously as possible.

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 Midday. 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 or contact the parish office. Please put this date in your diaries!

PARTNERSHIP SPIRITUALITY DAY

On Saturday 16th November there will be a time of reflection for any and all parishioners interested in the future of our parishes. It will be led by the Jesuit Fathers from St Dominic's. The day begins with arrivals at 9.30 (for a prompt 10.00am start). The day will consist of a short talk then, before and after lunch, two sessions in which we will reflect on our experience of church and, using a story from the Gospels to assist us, we will look to addressing needs for the future of our local parishes. The day will end promptly at 2.30pm. Tea, coffee and water will be provided but you will need to bring a packed lunch.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

St Anthony's are planning the annual Christmas Raffle, which will take place just before Christmas. Any donations of prizes will be gratefully accepted. These can be handed to either Jennifer Richardson at St Anthony's or to Fr Jonathon. Raffle tickets will be available in the coming weeks with the grand draw taking place on Saturday 14th December.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE & THE WIDER CHURCH

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.

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.

CAFOD DISASTER EMERGENCY APPEAL

The Disasters Emergency Committee, of which CAFOD is a member, have just launched a "Middle East Humanitarian Appeal". The effect of the devastation upon the people of Gaza and Lebanon is disturbing, and people across the world watch on, feeling so helpless. 2.1 million people – almost the entire population of Gaza – do not have enough to eat; 1.9 million people are displaced in Gaza, and another one million in Lebanon. In Gaza, people are dying of hunger and disease, as well as injuries caused by the conflict. Food and clean water are desperately scarce. Shelters are overwhelmed, and hospitals are struggling to treat the thousands of people injured. Donate now. Donations can be handed in to the Presbytery or donate online at cafod.org.uk or www.dec.org.uk.