

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	9 Nov	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Alan Watson 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	10 Nov	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 10.55 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Requiem Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	For the War Dead For the War Dead 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	11 Nov	10.45 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Remembrance Service Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Margaret Wallace St Martin of Tours
Tue	12 Nov	8.30 am 9.00 am 10.00 am	Church open - Silent Prayer Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Alice Simpson RIP St Josaphat
Wed	13 Nov				Feria
Thur	14 Nov	8.45 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Holy Hour & Compline	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Fr Bill Rooke RIP Feria
Fri	15 Nov	8.45 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Parish November Book St Albert the Great
Sat	16 Nov	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	Deceased Clergy People of the Parishes Mass of Our Lady 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	17 Nov	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 10.55 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Requiem Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Fr. Cornelius O'Connor RIP Nicholas Deevy RIP 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10 November 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

Our readings today feature two destitute widows. The widow from Zarephath, on the verge of dying from malnutrition, gives Elijah the very last bit of food that she has, in an act of complete faith and charity. In the Gospel Jesus notices the widow at the temple humbly giving away her last coins, all that she has left to survive on. For the Jews, the practice of almsgiving was a way of recognising that all goods and gifts belong to God, and that he has entrusted the more fortunate to distribute those gifts to those in need - not out of pity, but out of the justice which human dignity requires. The widows, both materially poor and "poor in spirit" (Mt. 5:3) put all their trust in God's providence in their selfless sacrifices. Jesus uses the example of the widow at the temple to remind his disciples of this fundamental truth: that as people made in the image of God, we have a responsibility to give unselfishly to others. Today's Gospel comes right at the end of Jesus' public ministry, just before his eventual arrest and crucifixion, and points to Jesus' personal readiness to sacrifice everything, even his own life, for the true peace of the world.

This weekend, we pause with our nation, as we remember those millions of men - our family members - who also sacrificed their lives to restore peace to the world. Many war memorials - carved onto stones in every village and every town the length and breadth of Europe - point to this profound parallel between the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of these men by bearing Jesus' words: "Greater love hath no man than this" (that a man lay down his life for his friends) (Jn 15:13). We honour the sacrifice and service of those we remember today when we adopt their selflessness, and by looking outside of ourselves, beyond our own needs, when we create communities that are safe and where all people can live in peace and dignity.

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 November:

For those who have lost children: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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

PARISH RESTRUCTURING - NEW PARISH NAME

On Thursday this week the council of priests meet and they agreed that our family of parishes should be amalgamated into a single parish. This will be promulgated by the Bishop in due course. Can I also thank everyone who voted last weekend and indicated what you would like the New Parish to be called. As you will have noticed from the front of the Newsletter, the new name for our single parish will be 'The Parish of Christ the King'.

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers 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. We pray for James McChrystal who died recently and whose cremation service took place on Friday.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - REMEMBRANCE DAY

This Weekend the nation will pause to remember all those who have died in conflict. Therefore, Mass at St Teresa's will begin at a slightly earlier time of 10.55am so that we can observe the act of remembrance at 11.00am. Tomorrow, the 11th November, there will be an Ecumenical service of remembrance at St Lawrence's Church at 10.45am.

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed, remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. As parishes we 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.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH SUNDAY

The Solemnity of Christ the King takes place on Sunday 24th November. It is also a day of special prayer for the Youth of the Church. Therefore, there will be another 'parish takeover' by our primary schools that weekend. The Children from the schools will be choosing the hymns, leading us in the readings and prayers of the faithful, along with welcoming people to Mass, taking the collection, and bringing up the offertory gifts. A second collection will be taken that weekend for the work of YMT. In preparation for the Feast, we will be having a Novena of Prayer, praying for our different communities as we come together as one parish. The Novena will be prayed everyday after Holy Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As we become the parish of Christ the King, it gives us all the perfect opportunity to look at how we serve each other and our communities. As part of this, the parish council have agreed that now is the perfect time to hold the Parish Council Elections. In our Church porches you will find nomination sheets for the positions that are available on the Parish Council. A general meeting will then take place on Wednesday 4th December at 7.00pm at St Anthony's Church, where we will report back on the work of the parish council over the past year and elected those to serve on the Parish Council for the next 2 years.

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Every Sunday at 5.00pm at St. Teresa's we have Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction. This time of prayer is such a wonderful opportunity to bring our Sunday to a close, spending time with Jesus in prayer and praise. Please do try and come along if you are able to!

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.

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 a expression of interest form. The first session will take place on Tuesday 3rd December.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH COURSE

The 'Journey In Faith' course has started 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 session this Tuesday, at 6.45pm in St Teresa's will look at 'Who is Jesus?'

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEATON - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Church together in Heaton will be held at Heaton Baptist Church on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm. Please do come along if you are able to hear about the work that Churches Together do in Heaton. It is a great opportunity to meet with other friends from our local churches, while also being actively involved in the spreading of the Gospel in our local community.

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.

LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT

During the season of Advent there will be a number of additional services and events. On Advent Sunday we will have a special Sung Vespers & Benediction at 5.00pm at St. Teresa's. Every Saturday morning at 7.30am we will have a 'Rorate Mass', which is celebrated by candlelight in honour of Our Blessed Lady. This will be followed by Tea & Toast! On Friday 20th December we will host a Parish Family Movie Night, watching Angela's Christmas, at St Anthony's, with the movie starting at 7.00pm.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - PIETY STALL

The Piety Stalls at St Anthony's and St Teresa's have been restocked with cards and rosaries. There is a wide selection of beautiful Christmas Cards, Mass Cards, and Sympathy Cards. These are all sold at cost price! The Piety Stall at St Teresa's can now be located in the cupboard on the lefthand side of the porch.

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.

48TH NEWCASTLE GUIDES AND BROWNIES

The Brownies and Guides would like to invite you to their Coffee Morning which will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday 17th November after morning Mass until approx. 1pm. We will be serving tea and coffee and there will be a Raffle and a Tombola Stall along with a Cake Stall and a Craft Stall. The funds raised will be split between the Guide and Brownie Unit for their funds. We also have 3 Guides who are taking part in a County Trip to Switzerland next year and they will also have a stall to raise funds towards their Trip. We do hope you will come along and support us and we look forward to welcoming you all.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE & THE WIDER CHURCH

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.



JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen