

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	16 Nov	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parishes 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
Mon	18 Nov	8.30 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Church open - Silent Prayer Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Intentions of Anthony Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul
Tue	19 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	Parish November Book Feria
Wed	20 Nov				St Edmund
Thur	21 Nov	9.00 am 7.00 pm	Holy Mass Holy Hour & Compline	St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Parish November Book Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri	22 Nov	8.45 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Syd Field RIP St Cecilia
Sat	23 Nov	7.30 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Holy Mass (Latin) Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Deceased Clergy of Diocese Deceased Luntley & Dixon Family Mass of Our Lady Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Sun	24 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	People of the Parish James Stanley Lindsay RIP Our Lord Jesus Christ the King



## PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17 November 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 243 3305 or at <a href="mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk">safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk</a>		
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### THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Our readings present a scene of chaos at the end of time - the sun will be darkened, the stars will fall from the heavens, "it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began". The world is falling apart. But Jesus is not absent. The Son of Man "will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds" - the elect being those who have continued his works of love and charity on earth.

Yet many of us spend an immense amount of time and energy on things that are truly insignificant. We give hours and sometimes days of our lives to trivia that ultimately does not make any difference one way or the other. We lick our wounds and nurse grudges; wrapped up in our own agendas, staring into screens and phones. When we take our last breath, will those be the things that mattered? Our God is a Father of pure and merciful love - his Son has promised to come again, and he has given us plenty of warning and daily opportunities to amend our lives in preparation. God's desire is that we will all be saved; he walks with us always to lead us in the path of salvation.

The Gospel makes it clear that the final stage of history will be one in which God is victorious; in which all will be well. Believing that, we can place the pains and tragedies of life into a larger perspective. We can carry our crosses of suffering and bereavement, rejection or loneliness, in the knowledge that they are neither where we are heading, nor where we will end up. Despite all that is happening in the world - painful though it may be - we remain in the hands of the Almighty God, who will never let evil and oppression triumph forever Jesus.

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**

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

We keep in our prayers Matilda and Harry who are to be baptised this weekend at St Teresa's. We also pray for Kathleen Baxter and Patricia Young who have died recently. Patricia's Graveside service will take place on Tuesday 21st November at Holywood Cemetery. 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.

### **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.

### **ST ANTHONY'S - VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

As you will be aware the old flats, Hexham House, will be demolished by a controlled explosion on Saturday 30th November. The Church however is in the exclusion zone which means we will not be able to access the church during a period of time. As there is no fixed time at present, and to allow people advance notice, the Vigil Mass will therefore be moved to St Teresa's on Saturday 30th November. My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### **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.

### **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 meeting takes place on Monday 2nd December at 7.15pm at St Teresa's, Heaton.

### **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 next session is Tuesday 27th November, at 6.45pm in St Teresa's, where we will look at 'The God who speaks'.

### **COMING ALONG TO WEEK DAY MASS & ADORATION**

Please remember that we have Adoration in our churches before weekday Mass. We also have adoration on a Thursday evening and on a Sunday afternoon. Are you free to come along? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament gives us some quality quiet time in the presence of Our Lord which we all need in our lives. The Mass is the source and the summit of everything we do. Please try and come along. The benefits will be worth it.

### **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!

### **MASS ON THURSDAY AT ST LAWRENCE'S**

There will be no Mass this week on Thursday. This is so Fr Jonathon can attend a Day of Recollection for our priests.

## **"PEOPLE LOOK EAST" - THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

This year during the season of Advent we will celebrate Masses *ad orientem*, with the priest and the people facing the same direction during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is particularly appropriate to do this during Advent as we look with longing and anticipation to Christ's coming in glory. By doing this, I do recognise that I risk upsetting some of our good people. My intention is not to disrupt the way we pray, but to open us to another way of praying. While I look forward to your feedback and input, I would ask that this is shared after Advent. This is only for the Season of Advent, so please do give this a fair shot, an open heart, and a bit of time. I hope that through this, whether we prefer it or not, it will help us to keep our eyes on Jesus, the Lord who has come, and who will come again.

### **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. Finally on Monday 23rd December we will have 'Carols around the Fire' in St Teresa's Hall. Tickets for this will be on sale during Advent priced at £5, which will include a Hot Turkey Sandwiches and Mince Pies.

### **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 from next weekend 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 St Teresa's Church Hall Today 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 on 29th November 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.

### **CLERGY TRAINING FUND**

The Clergy Training Fund still remains open for donations towards the training of our diocesan seminarians, candidates for the permanent Diaconate, for ongoing formation of Priests and Deacons. The fund remains open until next Sunday, Sunday 24 November. Please place money in an envelop with 'PTF' on the front and drop into the Presbytery or Collection.



### **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