

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	2 Nov	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Peter Stephenson & Family	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	People of the Parishes McConnell & Hall Families	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	4 Nov	8.30 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Parish November Book	St Charles Borromeo
Tue	5 Nov	8.30 am 9.00 am 10.00 am	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Fr Michael Conaty RIP	Feria
Wed	6 Nov			Mary Kelly Anniversary RIP	Feria
Thur	7 Nov	8.45 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	For World Peace	St Willibrord
Fri	8 Nov	8.45 am 9.30 am	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Wilson McEvoy RIP	Feria
Sat	9 Nov	8.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Parish November Book Alan Watson	Dedication of the Lateran 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun	10 Nov	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 10.55 am 5.00 pm	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



St. TERESA'S

Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S

Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S

Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday 3 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

Today's readings summarise the whole basis of Christian life: that fullness of communion with God can only be achieved if we "love the LORD your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength"; and if we "love your neighbour as yourself". It comes down to just one word - love. It is so very simple and so very difficult.

We must love God with our "heart", "soul" and "strength" - the totality of our being. A love so complete that there remains in us no self-centredness at all, until everything we do or think is turned towards God in an expression or act of love - so overflowing that it spontaneously reaches out to others; and also to our own deepest, hidden, and often broken selves. "If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar." (1Jn 4:20)

When Jesus was asked "Who is my neighbour?", he replied with the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37), where the neighbour is the one who is right in front of us, regardless of beliefs, colour, race, sex or lifestyle. Our neighbour is especially the person that we don't want to help: the person who has hurt us, the person who hates us, who seems unworthy, the person who will take more of our time than we want to give. This is the love Jesus is talking of - not the easy love of a parent or friend with no complications or challenges, but love to be worked at. To love our neighbour as ourselves, we must consider: how do I want others to treat me? With understanding, tolerance, respect, loyalty, compassion? - and then to make sure all our words and actions meet these criteria. To arrive there needs our efforts and desire to live in love; it means ridding ourselves of self-interest, and as with everything else good and holy, we must recognise that it is impossible for us to do without God's grace.

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 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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

The annual appeal for the Priest Training Fund will be made this 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 this weekend at all weekend Masses. Please do give as generously as possible.

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.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

On Saturday 9th December at 11.00am we will be praying the rosary in Heaton Cemetery for all those who have died. This will be followed by the individual blessing of graves. Come along and join parishioners in remembering those who are no longer with us.

PARISH RESTRUCTURING - PARISH NAME VOTING

This weekend we will be voting for the name of our name parish. This will only effect the name of the parish and not the names of our Churches. The vote will be done by alternate vote, so please only chose 2 and put 1 to your favourite suggestion and 2 for your second. You are not able to vote for the same name twice! These need to be completed at Mass. The name parish name will be made announced next 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.

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.

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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC - RCIA

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 programme will take place fortnightly on a Tuesday Evening from 6.45pm.

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.

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

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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

People have started asking about times of Masses for Christmas. Therefore, Information will be shared next weekend about Masses, Services & Events during the season of Advent and Christmas.

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.

RECENT SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

Could we ask that all those who volunteer in any capacity across our family of parishes, or the diocese, and have not completed the volunteer form, either online or by paper, to return the completed forms by next weekend. This is so the parish can send through to the diocese all the completed forms as part of their safeguarding audit.

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.

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.