

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers all those we know who are unwell, especially those who are named on our parish sick list, as well as the many who have no one to pray for them and for those in hospital. We also remember all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THE FEAST OF ST BLAISE

The feast of St Blaise takes place on Monday 3rd February. As is customary there will be the blessing of throats at the conclusion of Mass on Monday for all those who wish to have their throats blessed.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The next baptism preparation meeting will take place on Monday 3rd February at 7.15pm at St Teresa's. To get your child Baptised, one parent must be a Catholic and you should be living in the parish. If you do not live within our parish you will be asked to speak to your own parish priest for his permission. Please collect a baptism application form from Fr Jonathon after Sunday Mass and bring this along with you to the preparation course. After the completion of the course a date will then be discussed for the Baptism to take place.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

We are currently organising another parish quiz night that will take place on Tuesday 25th February at 7.00pm in St Teresa's Hall. This time it will be a team quiz, so bring along your family and friends and enjoy a little bit of friendly competition as we put our knowledge to the test. There is no need to buy any tickets for the evening, as it will be £2 per person on the door. You are warmly invited to bring along your own drinks and snacks. Please do put this date in your diaries and come along for some social time together.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2025/26

If you are thinking about getting married in 2025/26 and haven't yet spoken to Fr Jonathon, to make sure that a Church wedding is possible, please see him as soon as you can. It is important that you give at least six months notice so that enough time is given to arrange all paperwork, especially if overseas contacts are necessary. A Marriage Preparation course must also be attended so that you are fully prepared for the Sacrament.

MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Currently the parish has no Mass intentions booked in during the week. There is nothing better than having a Mass offered for someone, or for a specific intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps for a deceased relative or friend, or for someone who is sick, or for your own intention? To have a Mass said please fill out a Mass envelope (available in the church porches) and return to Fr Jonathon or place in the offertory collection during Mass.

BRIDGE OF HOPE - WALKER

On Saturday 3rd May there will be an ecumenical event in Walker Park. It is a calling to share in the building of community in Walker through the local churches coming together to share, and to show, the joy of knowing Jesus. The day will be an opportunity for people to experience Christian hope in action, while also being an opportunity to celebrate the creativity of the people and the community of Walker. The day will be filled with music, song, dance and faith testimonies from various groups. We ask that you put this date in your diary and pray for its success. If you would like to get involved in the event through volunteering please call 07749998867 for further information.

PARISH GIVING - CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT

During the past week the Diocese has set up a new bank account for the parish of Christ the King. Therefore, due to these changes all those who have already set up a standing order to the previous accounts for the parishes will need to cancel it and set up a new standing order. There is letters explaining how to do this for all those who already have a standing order set up. These letters will be given to parishioners this weekend.

This gives us all the opportunity to think about our regular weekly offering to the Church. We believe in a generous God, who longs for us to share that generosity with others. A generous culture is also essential for our parish to develop a sustainable ministry for the future. That generosity can be expressed in many ways, both financially and by the giving our time to help the mission of the Church. We are extremely grateful for all your contributions to our parish.

If you would like to make your regular weekly offering to the Church by standing order this is easy to set up. Our bank details for setting up a Standing Order or BACS payment are:

Account Name: DHN Newcastle Christ the King

Account Number: 52010917

Sort Code: 40-34-18

If you are not currently part of the GiftAid Scheme, or you normally make an offering through the offertory plate, I would like you to consider 'buying' the parish a coffee or a pint every Sunday. We would like to recommend, if you are able, to donate £4.50 each Sunday. The average price of a coffee at Costa is £4.20 and the average price of a pint in a pub is £4.98. Your contribution to your parish is much appreciated.

PARISH ROTA'S

The rota's for the parish have now been issued for February & March. If you haven't received an email with the rota attached, please do collect a rota from the notice board in the porch. Can I remind all readers that when you are reading on a weekend, you should go to the sacristy 5 minutes before Mass begins to join in the procession. Could all bidding prayer writers please email these to the office by Thursday midday at the latest.

A DAY WITH THE LORD & A NIGHT OF LIGHT

On Saturday 15th March we will be holding 'A Day with the Lord', which will conclude with 'A Night of Light'. The Day will begin with an opening Mass at 9.00am followed by Exposition throughout the day. In order to make sure that Jesus is never left alone, a sign up sheet for hour slots can be found in the church porches. At 7.30pm we will then move into a Night of Light, where the church will be illuminated by candles leading up towards the Blessed Sacrament. We will be inviting people who are passing by St Teresa's to come into Church, to light a candle or to say a prayer. We will need volunteers to help with this initiative so if you are able to please sign up on the sheet in the church porches where more information can be found.

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!

WEEK DAY MASS & ADORATION

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 remember that we have Adoration in our churches before weekday Mass. We also have adoration on a Sunday afternoon. Please try and come along. The benefits will be worth it.

THE JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Holy Father has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year with the motto and theme "Pilgrims of Hope." It will be a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. "In the course of the year," Pope Francis had written, "every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to their efficacy." On 28 December 2025, the Jubilee will end in the particular Churches throughout the world. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on Friday 25th July – Friday 1st August 2025. The Lourdes pastoral theme for 2025 is "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". Full details and online booking is available now on the 'Tangney Tours' Website, the tour operator for the diocesan pilgrimage. Choice of nine hotels, flying direct to Lourdes from Newcastle International Airport. www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle.

RAINBOWS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Rainbows is a well-respected National Charity which supports Children and Young People who have experienced a significant loss through death, relationship breakdown or any other adverse childhood experience. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Ruth Higginbottom, Rainbows North East Secretary, on 01670 518546 or email rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com.

MARY'S PLACE (WINTER APPEAL)

We are appealing to your kindness and generosity, once again, to help bring warmth and comfort in these cold, dark winter months, to those who come on a Monday morning. Warm clothing : Coats and jackets, hats, gloves, socks (men's & women's). We also require sleeping bags. These can be left in the Sacristy with Fr Jonathon. Thank you.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE FAITH SACRED & ORDINARY

God makes ordinary things sacred. Water. Bread. Wine. Oil. These are simple items, yet they are transformed by God to impart to human beings the gift of God's own life. These gifts attain their highest purpose through God's transforming action.

We are human beings, which is to say that - unlike the angels - we are embodied. Our material nature means that we have need of things we can touch, taste, hear, see, and smell. That is why we need sacraments, which are visible signs of invisible realities.

God reaches us through the material world because that is where we can be reached. God comes to us through the ordinary, and in so doing, the ordinary becomes sacred. The sacraments are privileged moments of encounter, yet Pope Francis reminds us that each moment of our lives is an opportunity to grow in holiness. These moments when we feel God breaking through the ordinary become more apparent when we take time to notice them. You might write down one thing for which you are grateful each day. You might take five minutes to review the day's events to see where God's presence was most apparent.

Over a meal with the ones you love, already a place of sacred encounter, you might converse about how God is acting in each of your lives in ways big and small. Making this a part of your regular family routine can yield big results in terms of seeing God's action bursting through the ordinary because, in large part, we only notice what we are looking for. Put down the phone. Make time for silence. Take a walk. Look one another in the eye. It is through the world that God comes to us. It is our task to watch for God there and to listen for his voice.

God is always inviting us. We are called to the Lord's table and to the dinner table, to the waters of Baptism and the water we pour for the one in need. We are called to recognise that we are always in the presence of God .

Saint Paul Miki and Companions February 6

SAINT PAUL MIKI WAS A YOUNG JAPANESE MAN IN THE 1500'S. HE STUDIED IN THE JESUIT SCHOOLS AND BECAME A JESUIT.

So Jesus made the Apostles into His first priests.

HE BECAME AN EXCELLENT PREACHER. SOON THE EMPEROR BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF THE CHRISTIANS.

We are part of the Kingdom of God...

I must tell the emperor!

26 CHRISTIANS WERE MARCHED 600 MILES AND TORTURED ALONG THE WAY.

PAUL WAS ONE. THERE WERE TWO OTHER JESUITS AND SIX FRANCISCANS.

THERE WERE ALSO TRADESMEN AND THREE ALTAR BOYS.

ALL OF THEM WERE TIED AND CHAINED TO CROSSES ON A HILL NEAR NAGASAKI.

Pray to Jesus! He will help you!

AS HE HUNG ON THE CROSS, SAINT PAUL ENCOURAGED THE PEOPLE TO ASK JESUS TO HELP THEM. HE ALSO FORGAVE THE MEN WHO KILLED HIM.

WHEN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES CAME TO JAPAN AGAIN IN THE 1800'S, AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT THERE WERE NO CHRISTIANS THERE, BUT THEN THEY FOUND THEM PRACTICING THEIR FAITH SECRETLY. OUR LORD USES THE SACRIFICE OF THE MARTYRS TO STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF OTHER CHRISTIANS.

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The Presentation: True or False?

How well do you know the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple? See if you can tell which of these statements are true and which are false!

1. Jesus was 12 years old when Mary and Joseph first presented Him in the temple. True or False?
2. Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple all by herself. True or False?
3. Joseph and Mary offered two pigeons or turtledoves when they presented Jesus in the temple. True or False?
4. When Simeon took baby Jesus in his arms he said to God, "my eyes have seen your salvation." True or False?
5. Mary forgot what Simeon said as soon as they left the temple. True or False?
6. Anna the prophetess, who also greeted the Holy Family, was an old woman. True or False?
7. Jesus stayed at the temple when Mary and Joseph went home. True or False?



MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	2 Feb	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	Presentation of the Lord
Sun	2 Feb	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Margaret & Alfred King	Presentation of the Lord
Mon	3 Feb	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's <i>In the Porch</i>	Ralph Martan RIP (Anniv.)	St Blaise
Tue	4 Feb	9.00 am 10.00 am 2.30 pm	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Holy Mass (In School)	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Lawrence's	Mary Agnes & Frank Colling RIP <i>No Intention Received</i>	Feria
Wed	5 Feb					St Agatha
Thur	6 Feb	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Anthony's <i>in the Day Chapel</i>	Intentions of Dominic Coward	St Paul Miki & Companions
Fri	7 Feb	8.30 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's <i>In the Porch</i>	Deceased Members of St Teresa's Catholic Women's League	Feria
Sat	8 Feb	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's <i>In the Porch</i>	People of the Parish	Our Lady's Saturday
Sat	8 Feb	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	McLaughan Family	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	9 Feb	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Margaret Lindsay RIP	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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, Maria Cape 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 January

For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life

During Ordinary Time

We are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity, The Sick and those who care for them, Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it, and the Unemployed



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