

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

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 and for those in hospital. We also remember all those who have died recently, especially Kathleen Gregor, Leo James Rowett & Carol Ann Renton, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Kathleen's Requiem Mass will take place at St Teresa's on Monday 24th at 10.15am followed by cremation at West Road. Leo's Funeral service will take place on Wednesday 26th at 9.45am at the West Road Crematorium. Carol's Funeral service will take place on Thursday 27th at 2.45pm at the West Road Crematorium.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

A parish quiz night will take place on Tuesday of this week at 7.00pm in St Teresa's Hall. 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. It will be £2 per person on the door. You are warmly invited to bring along your own drinks and snacks.

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.

PALM CROSSES

This year Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March. Therefore, in preparation for Ash Wednesday, please could you return your palm crosses to church over the next couple of weeks. This is so they can be burnt to create the ashes needed for Ash Wednesday. Please place your palm branches/crosses into the baskets marked Palm Crosses.

LENT 2025

Lent is fast approaching, therefore, there are booklets available at the back of our churches containing everything that will be taking place within the parish over Lent. Please do take a copy.

CHILDREN AT MASS

When parents take their children to a special event, to a theatre or a football or rugby match, they want their children to have the best seats right at the front. At the front the children can see and hopefully learn to understand what is going on. But when parents bring their children to Mass, they sit with them at the back of church, behind tall and large adults, where there's draughts from the doors, where they can see very little about what is actually happening at Mass and therefore not too sure why they're there! And being so far away at the back, they don't know what's happening at the front because they can't see and sometimes can't hear! Please come to the front of the Church, to the seats where your children will be able to see what is going!

PARISH GIVING - CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT

The Parish now has a new single 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.

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.

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! It only lasts 35 minutes and is such a beautiful service.

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.

MONTHLY TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS

We are going to reintroduce Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass in the Narthex of St Teresa's on the 1st Sunday of every month. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass so that we can get to know each other. This will begin on Sunday 2nd March.

Tea & Coffee is available every Tuesday morning at St Anthony's after the 10am Mass.

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.

MAKE THE MOST OF OUR MASS

Join us for a new online course that will help you make the most of Mass, discovering how it can be Heaven on Earth when you are aware of how to participate consciously and actively through the prayers, hymns and the Eucharist, bringing happiness to your spiritual life. Bishop Robert Barron, an American Catholic theologian, author, speaker and founder of Word on Fire Digital, has produced a six-part-online talk that will be facilitated by Gerry and Maria O'Brien, starting on Monday 3 March at 8 p.m. via Zoom. If interested, or to sign up, please contact: sacredword2024@gmail.com

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE FAITH THE FIVE SENSES DURING LITURGY

There are various symbols and images within the Liturgy, such as The Cross, the Sign of the Cross, the use of Holy Water, and so on. Over the next few weeks we will examine how during Holy Mass we engage our five senses, sight, smell, touch, sound, and taste. The appeal to the five senses makes worship a tangible, felt experience that orientates the worshiper in the direction of the transcendent.

The Use of Smell

The sense of smell is important in Catholic worship and perhaps the **burning of incense** from resins of certain trees stands out the most. Placed on charcoal, the resin burns into a cloud of smoke and aroma that permeates the church. The aroma is symbolic of the worshiper's prayers believed to be going up to heaven and the sweet smell reminds him or her of the sweetness of God's divine mercy given on The Cross. The Catholic Church points to biblical precedent for the use of incense and aroma. Psalm 141 speaks of David setting before God a prayer "like incense", and in Exodus Moses is said to have burned "fragrant incense on it [the Ark of the Covenant], as the LORD commanded him" (40:27). In the Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church, incense is used daily during liturgical worship. Western Catholics, however, use incense on special holy days, always during funerals, and during the Sunday Mass.

Another common use of smell comes from the **Chrism Oil** used for anointing. The anointing of oil not only includes the sensation of touch but also the use of one's smell. The oil used at a special Mass, called the Chrism Mass, has a unique aroma that comes from an aromatic perfume that can be clearly smelt.

Saint Gabriel Possenti February 27



WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GABRIEL THAT BEING A SAINT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BORING OR SAD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE HAVE FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AS LONG AS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS. ALSO, WE CAN HELP OUR FRIENDS GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHEN WE ARE CHEERFUL

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David and King Saul Word-Find

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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.



MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	22 Feb	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Ellie Adamson RIP	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	23 Feb	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon	24 Feb	10.15 am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Requiem Mass Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Kathleen Gregor R.I.P Birthday Thanksgiving	Feria
Tue	25 Feb	9.00 am 10.00 am	Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Piet & Ivan de Bel RIP	Feria
Wed	26 Feb					Feria
Thur	27 Feb	7.00 pm	Holy Hour Young Adult Prayer Group	St. Teresa's		Feria
Fri	28 Feb	8.30 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's <i>In the Porch</i>	Krystina Nowak & Robert Leonard R.I.P	Feria
Sat	1 Mar	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's <i>In the Porch</i>	Oforica Ferreira	St. David
Sat	1 Mar	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	8th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	2 Mar	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Fr Patrick McMahon R.I.P	8th 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 February

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