

MASSSES FOR THE 34TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Day	Date	Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	9 Dec	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's	Angela Miller	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Sun	10 Dec	9:30 am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Advent Carols	St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Lawrence's	Rita Atkinson People of the Parishes	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Mon	11 Dec	NO MASS TODAY				Advent Feria
Tue	12 Dec	6:30pm	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Eric Blenkinsop	Advent Feria
Wed	13 Dec	10.00am	Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Fr Michael Conaty MBE	St. Lucy
Thur	14 Dec	9:30am	Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's	Special Intention St Mary's Blackhill	St John of the Cross
Fri	15 Dec	9:30am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Paul Blenkinsop	Advent Feria
Sat	16 Dec	7.30am 5:30pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's	Vocation to the Priesthood Mary & George Parkins	Advent Memorial of Our Lady 3 rd Sunday of Advent
Sun	17 Dec	9:30 am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	People of the Parishes Liddle Family	3 rd Sunday of Advent

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TAKES PLACE DURING 11AM SUNDAY MASS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Tuesday	(St Teresa's, Heaton)	5.45pm - 6.15pm
Wednesday	(St Anthony's, Walker)	9.15am - 9.45am
Thursday	(St. Lawrence's, Byker)	8:45am - 9.15am
Friday	Cancelled today due to full School Mass	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Tuesday	(St Teresa's, Heaton)	5.45pm - 6.15pm
Saturday	(St Anthony's, Walker)	4.45pm - 5.20pm
Sunday	(St. Lawrence's, Byker)	8:45am - 9.20am

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

(LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK)
TUESDAY - SUNDAY

Morning Prayer
8.00am



Night Prayer
9.15pm



St. TERESA'S
Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S
Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S
Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday 10th December 2023

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	St. Lawrence's:	George Paul Atkinson	
	St. Anthony's:	Christine Dixon	
Parish Websites:	St. Teresa's:	www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk	
	St. Anthony's:	www.stanthonyssfancis.org.uk	

THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

Prepare the way of the Lord

Our word prophet comes from the Greek word meaning 'one who proclaims'. Not all prophets wear camel skins and eat locust, there are prophets among us sitting in our churches who proclaim in their daily lives, in their compassion and kindness, in their courageous commitment to what is right that Jesus the Messiah has come.

In the baptismal liturgy, each one of us is called to become prophets of the God who comes. We are anointed to do the work of transforming the wastelands around us into harvest of justice and forgiveness, to create highways for our God to enter and recreate our world in charity in peace. To be a prophet of God's justice begins with embracing God's vision of what the world can and should become and then giving one's self totally to the work of realising this vision.

These days of Advent are a microcosm of our lives: we work to become, we struggle to change, we adjust to the new. The completion of a 'straightened path' leads to new directions to travel, the discovery of God reveals new possibilities for our lives, the waters of baptism recreate us in the Spirit of God's compassion and grace. Our own baptisms call us to take up the Advent work of John the Baptist, to straighten the crooked roads of our lives, to transform 'deserts' barren of love into places of welcome and reconciliation, to gather up the lost and forgotten, to proclaim the coming of God's Christ into our midst.

May this season of Advent be a time for each of us to 'make a straight highway for our God across the desert'

Fr. Jonathon

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

Tea & Coffee

Tea, Coffee, and Biscuits are available after Sunday Masses. Please do join us if you can.

The Season of Advent

Every Saturday morning at 7.30am at St Teresa's we have a 'Rorate Mass', which is celebrated by candlelight in honour of Our Blessed Lady. This will be followed by Tea & Toast! On Sunday 17th of December we will host the second of our Parish Family evenings at St Anthony's Church at 6.30pm, where we will be watching the Nativity!

Annual Advent Alms Appeal - St. Cuthbert's Care

The annual appeal for St Cuthbert's Care takes place through the season of Advent. If you are able to support the work of St. Cuthbert's Care donations can be placed in the boxes at the back of our churches marked St Cuthbert's Appeal.

Bambinelli Sunday

Pope St. John Paul II, some decades ago, invited children and adults to bring their Baby Jesus figures from their cribs at home, to be blessed by the Pope in St. Peter's Square on the third Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring along your baby Jesus figure from your crib at home (or the whole crib if baby Jesus is not detachable) to be blessed next weekend.

Reconciliation Services and First Reconciliations

Please keep our children who are preparing to make their first confessions this week in your prayers. A penitential service for the parishes will take place on Wednesday 20th at 7.00pm at St. Lawrence's. On Saturday 23rd December, there will also be confessions from 10.00am to 12noon at St. Teresa's for anyone who wishes to avail themselves of the Sacrament before Christmas.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Application forms are now available from Fr. Jonathon for those who are baptised Catholics in school year 9 and above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Christmas Candles

This year we will be having Red Christmas Candles burning throughout the Christmas Octave. They will be lit on Christmas Eve and will burn for 7 days. If you would like to purchase any candles in memory of loved ones, or for your own intentions, please pick up, and return, an envelope. Candles are £7 each or 2 for £12. Please return envelopes by next Sunday.

Christmas Raffle - St. Anthony's

Tickets are now on sale at the back of church after Masses for the annual Christmas Raffle.

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 very few Mass intentions booked in for weekday Masses. There is nothing better than having a Mass offered for someone, or for some 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? For Mass to be offered it is tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priest. Please contact the office, or fill out a Mass envelope and return to Fr Jonathon (available in the church porches) if you would like a Mass offered.

Christmas Afternoon Tea at St. Mary's School.

The Just. Is student group at St Mary's Catholic School would like to invite all parishioners of the Partnership to a Christmas Afternoon Tea at St Mary's Catholic School, on Thursday 21st December 2023 from 1:30 – 3:00pm. This promises to be a wonderful occasion to celebrate together with tea, cakes and music. There is no cost but there will be a few stalls to raise funds for a local foodbank. Please contact the school on 0191 2153260, email admin@st-marys.newcastle.sch.uk or drop a note to St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Rd, Longbenton NE7 7PE by Friday 15th December 2023 if you would like to attend.

Vocations thought

"A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." Could you be like John the Baptist and help prepare the way for the Lord in the lives of the people of our Diocese? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk

Coffee Morning's at St Anthony's:

Between October and November a total amount was raised of £115.50 for the Church funds. Thank you everyone.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE AND OTHER NEWS

Anawim Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group:

This group meets at St. Andrew's Church, in the City Centre every Monday 12pm – 1pm. Come along for Praise/ Intercession and Worship, with refreshments afterwards in Town. Everyone is most welcome.

Emmanuel Catholic Charismatic Community:

A day of renewal will take place on Saturday 20th January 2024, which will include a Vigil Mass at the end of the day. The day is entitled "Pilgrims of Hope" and the guest speaker is David Wells—a renowned Catholic speaker in the UK. The day begins at 10.30am-4pm. Coffee at 10am. Venue: St. Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, NE7 7PE (near Longbenton Metro.) Please bring a packed lunch and collection will be taken. To book contact Pat Kennedy on 0191 2841690 or email pat,kennedy42@icloud.com

ST CUTHBERT'S CARE ADVENT ALMS

A Message from the CEO of St Cuthbert's Care: This Advent, I wish to appeal for funds to support our community work, focusing on those in need of hot, nutritious food and older isolated people needing a little company. For over 10 years our Alan Shearer Activity Centre has provided free, sensory and therapeutic facilities for children and adults living with disabilities. We recognise that often those living with disabilities experience a higher cost of living due to additional costs for powering vital equipment, such as hoists and ventilators and more frequent laundering of clothes and bedding. The fund remains open throughout Advent.

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES & MASSES

Parishes Carol Service (Thursday 21 st December)		
Joint Parishes Carol Service	(St. Lawrence's)	Service: 7.00pm
CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday 24 th December)		
Vigil Mass of Christmas	(St. Anthony's)	Mass 6.00pm
Christmas Mass during the Night	(St. Teresa's) Carols: 8.30pm	Mass: 9.00pm
CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday 25 th December)		
Mass of the Shepherd's	(St. Lawrence's)	Mass 9.00am
Solemn Mass of Christmas	(St. Teresa's)	Mass: 11.00am

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:

John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Aileen, Tommy Allan, Elaine Clayton, Tony Errington, Pat Matfin, Mary McLaren & OUR SICK CHILDREN: Josh Graham, James Taylor, Joseph Relph, Colby Taylor, Charlie Davidson

From the Parish Diaries

Mon 11 Dec	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Scripture & Natter Group	St. Teresa's
Wed 13 Dec	10.30am 6.30pm - 7.30pm	Refreshments & Natter Prayer Group - 'New Wine'	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's
Sunday 17 Dec	6.30pm	Parish Family Night - 'The Nativity'	St. Anthony's