

MASSES FOR THE 34TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Day	Date	Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	2 Dec	5:30pm	Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's	Cal Knowles RIP	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
Sun	3 Dec	9:30 am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Advent Carols	St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Lawrence's	People of the Parishes Hywel Jones	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon	4 Dec	NO MASS TODAY				<i>Advent Feria</i>
Tue	5 Dec	6:30pm	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Dorothy Wilkinson RIP (Anniv.)	<i>Advent Feria</i>
Wed	6 Dec	10.00am	Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Richard Nevin	<i>St. Nicholas</i>
Thur	7 Dec	9:30am	Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's	Mary Smith RIP (Anniv.)	<i>St Ambrose</i>
Fri	8 Dec	9:30am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	People of the Parishes	<i>The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady</i>
Sat	9 Dec	7.30am 10.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Lawrence's	Holy Souls Missionaries of Charity	<i>Advent Memorial of Our Lady</i>
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's	Angela Miller	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
Sun	10 Dec	9:30 am 11.00am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Rita Atkinson People of the Parishes	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>

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 School Mass at St. Mary's High School	



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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday 3rd 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.stanthonystfrancis.org.uk		

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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

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

During the season of Advent there will be a number of additional services and events. Today at St Lawrence's we have our joint parishes Advent Carol Service at 4.00pm. Every Saturday morning at 7.30am at St Teresa's 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 8th and Sunday 17th of December we will host a Parish Family evening. More information is displayed on the posters in our churches about these events.

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. The tradition continues in Rome, and has spread throughout the world. Therefore, 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 on the Third Sunday of Advent.

Reconciliation Services and First Reconciliations

During the season of Advent our children who are preparing to receive their First Sacrament's of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These will take place after Masses in our respective churches over the next couple of weeks. Please do keep our children in your prayers as they celebrate this beautiful Sacrament for the first time. On Saturday 23rd December, there will be confessions from 10.30am 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.

Date's for our Parish Open Meetings

This is our opportunity to look at where the parishes are, what is working, and what we would like to see the parishes doing. St. Lawrence's will take place on Wednesday 6th December at 6.00pm.

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 Sunday 17th.

Christmas Altar Design Competition

Deadline for entries to design the Christmas Altar Frontal is on Friday 8th December. Please hand any designs to Fr Jonathon before then.

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

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.' Is the Lord awakening you to consider a vocation to the priesthood? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: 01207 299 012 or vocationspromoter@diocesahn.org.uk

Christmas Raffle - St. Anthony's

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

Missionaries of Charity

Next Weekend Fr Jonathon will be leading an advent day of recollection for the missionaries of Charity. On Saturday, Mass will be celebrated at 10am at St Lawrence's, followed by a couple of talks about the season of Advent. The day will conclude with a Holy Hour and Confessions and finish at 3.00pm. Please do free to come along. Next Sunday we will be joined by the Sisters at St. Teresa's, along with the children who attend the sister's catechism classes. Fr Jonathon will be leading a day of reflection for the Children from 12noon till 3.00pm.

Mass Intentions

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular 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 an envelope, if you would like a Mass offered over the coming weeks. We currently have very few Mass intentions in the diary.

Christmas Giving

Details for Christmas Giving, organised at St Teresa's, is shown on a Poster in Church Porch—thank you.

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.

Thank you from Significance:

The Trustees of Significance thank everyone who supported the Grand Draw and all those who donated prizes. 1,606 tickets were sold which realised £8,030. Funds raised will help Significance to continue their valuable work.

Little Sisters of the Poor - Job Vacancies

Exciting opportunities are now available at St Joseph's Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for care assistants and nurses. Hours available: Care Assistant: Shifts are 8am-3pm, 3pm-9pm Nurse: Shifts are 8am-4pm, 1pm-9pm Excellent rates of pay For more information please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 07856256095 or email lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:

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

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for December:

For persons with disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

From the Parish Diaries

Mon 4 Dec	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Scripture & Natter Group	St. Teresa's
Tue 5 Dec	10.00am - 2.00pm	Coffee, Crafts & Natter	St. Lawrence's
Wed 6 Dec	10.30am 6.30pm - 7.30pm	Refreshments & Natter Prayer Group - 'New Wine'	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's
Friday 8 Dec	6.30pm	Parish Family Night - 'ELF'	St. Teresa's