

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	13 Jan	4.45 pm 5:30 pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	People of the Parishes <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
Sun	14 Jan	8.45 am 9:30 am 11.00 am	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Holy Mass	Holly Marney (Healing) Louise Tinning RIP <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
Mon	15 Jan	6:30 pm	St. Teresa's	Holy Mass	Fr. John Gibbons RIP <i>Feria</i>
Tue	16 Jan	12.00 pm	St. Teresa's	Requiem Mass	Shiela Rooney RIP <i>Feria</i>
Wed	17 Jan	10.00 am	St. Anthony's	Requiem Mass	Elaine Clayton RIP <i>St. Anthony of Egypt</i>
Thur	18 Jan	8.45 am 9:30 am 12.00 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Anthony's	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass Requiem Mass	Special Intention (St Mary's Blackhill) Joyce Pearce RIP <i>Feria</i>
Fri	19 Jan	8.45 am 9:30 am	St. Teresa's	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	Bishop Hugh Lindsay RIP <i>Feria</i>
Sat	20 Jan	4.45 pm 5:30pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	Phil Gosling RIP <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
Sun	21 Jan	8.45 am 9:30 am 11.00 am	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parishes Susan Cummings RIP <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR THOSE IN YEAR 3 OR UNDER
TAKES PLACE DURING THE 11AM SUNDAY MASS**

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, Tony Errington, Pat Matfin & Mary McLaren

Our sick children: Josh Graham, James Taylor, Joseph Relph, Colby Taylor & Charlie Davidson

And those who have died recently:

Sheila Rooney, Joyce Pearce, Anthony McGowan & Elaine Clayton

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Parishes prayer intention for the coming week:

For our parish schools: We pray that all those who work or learn within our parish schools will be blessed in their openness to learning the truth, while discovering more about God our Father.

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for January:

For the gift of diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

During Ordinary Time from January to February

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 the Unemployed.



St. TERESA'S

Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S

Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S

Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 14th January 2024



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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

OUR CALL TO FOLLOW

As we begin 'Ordinary Time' we do so with a reminder that each one of us is called to listen to the voice of God and to follow God in our everyday lives. When we were children we were probably brought to Church by someone else, with them introducing us to God as we grew up. This is what we hear about in the 1st reading and the gospel this weekend. We see people introducing others to God.

Each one of can choose whether to respond to the voice of the Lord or not. Some people, like the young Samuel, may not recognise or know the voice of the Lord. However, like Samuel, they are open to hearing the voice but just don't know how to respond. The prophet Eli told Samuel to respond to the voice that called him personally by name, saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening". Then in our Gospel, John the Baptist told his own disciples to look at Jesus 'the lamb of God', not at John or at himself. Similarly, Andrew, a former disciple of John the Baptist, told his brother Peter that he had 'found the Messiah', and he took Peter to meet Jesus so that he too could encounter Jesus and hear his call to follow him.

We needed people to introduce us to God. Similarly, Jesus commands us to introduce others to him. It's not easy introducing our family, friends, and loved ones, who may have fallen away from faith, or who have not been introduced to Jesus. Why? Many people have been introduced to, and rejected, a false idea of the Catholic faith, as if it is just some sort of charitable body, or as a non-governmental organisation, as good as that work is. Some people have left the practice of the faith because of the behaviour of some within it, or through an awful experience that they have had.

People today need to know the truth that God loves them personally, and that they can have a relationship with Him. Like the prophet Eli, we need to create an invitational space to invite non-churchgoers to hear God calling them by name personally. Like John the Baptist, we need to ensure that Mass times, worship styles, music, newsletters, church décor, the sacramental life, everything we say and do, focus exclusively on introducing non-church goers to Jesus, and not just because it suits us, or because 'we've always done it this way'. Like St. Andrew, we need to say with authentic courage, 'we have found the Messiah', and to introduce people to him

Fr. Jonathon

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Elaine Clayton, Sheila Rooney, Joyce Pearce and Anthony McGowan who have died recently. Sheila's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday at St Teresa's at 12noon. Elaine's Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday at St. Anthony's at 10am. Joyce's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday at St. Anthony's at 12noon. Anthony's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 30th January at 9.45am at St Teresa's. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Baptism's

We welcome into the Church this weekend, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Emma and Marta Boyle who are to be baptised at St. Teresa's today. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

Congratulations

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Mario & Merlene Saliendra as they renewed their marriage vows on their 25th Wedding Anniversary at St. Teresa's on Saturday.

Second Collection for the White Flower Appeal

This weekend there will be a second collection and an appeal made at all weekend Masses for the annual White Flower Appeal. Please give as generously as possible as we continue to uphold the dignity of life, from conception to its natural ending.

New Mass Times for our parishes

At the beginning of the season of Lent we will have a few changes to the Mass times across our parishes to allow Fr Jonathon more time on a Sunday to speak to the people at St Lawrence's and to allow him to have his day off on a Wednesday. Therefore, from the First Sunday of Lent the times of Masses across our parishes will be :-

Saturday Evening - 5.30pm St Anthonys. Sunday Morning - 9.00am St Lawrence's and 11.00am at St Teresa's. Monday 6.30pm St. Teresa's. Tuesday 10.00am St. Anthony's. Thursday 9.30am at St Lawrence's. Friday 9.30am at St. Teresa's.

Confirmations

Application forms are still 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. A information meeting for parents and candidates will take place this Monday at 7.00pm at St Teresa's.

Open Parish Meeting

Following on from our individual open meetings during December, a pastoral plan has been written which will be presented to the parish at an Open Meeting on Wednesday 24th January at 7.00pm at St Anthony's. Please do make a note of this date and come along to this important meeting as we continue to discuss the future of our parishes.

Palm Crosses

From next weekend there will be a box at the back of each Church for your old palm crosses to be placed into. These will then be burnt to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Daily Mass and Exposition

Mass is celebrated within our three parishes every day (except a Monday). Are you retired? Are you on holiday? Are you free during the day? Do you need some support? Come to Mass during the week and experience the benefits we receive by doing so. Adoration gives us some quiet time for prayer and peacefulness and at Mass the Lord Jesus feeds us with his body and blood. What a wonderful opportunity lies before us every week!

Sick and Housebound

Fr Jonathon is currently updating the list of those who receive Holy Communion at home across our three parishes. If you are sick or housebound, or know a parishioner who is, and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please get in touch with the parish office.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE AND OTHER NEWS

Is God calling you to be a priest?

The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be experiencing the call from God to discern priesthood to join the Vocations Team in finding out more. The evenings will take place at St Joseph's Church, Stanley on a Tuesday Evening. For more information, please see the posters in the church porches or speak to Fr Jonathon.

Marriage and Family Life Mass

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 17th February 2024 at 12.00pm to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life. This is taking place during National Marriage Week. All married couples are invited with particular focus on those celebrating a significant anniversary.

Proud Catholics

Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

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

African and Caribbean Catholic Community

There is a Mass for the African and Caribbean Catholic Community living in the diocese, on the last Sunday of every month at 2pm at St Joseph's Church, Gateshead, NE8 1LX, (right behind the Interchange for Metro and Buses). For more information please contact Fr Anthony Ohaekwusi on 07407 486 865 or email him on africancommunitydhn@gmail.com

Youth Ministry Conference

This Youth Ministry and Practical Theology Conference is YMT's first conference since the COVID-19 pandemic and we look forward to gather with youth ministers, catechists, clergy, teachers, staff and volunteer co-workers from across the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and beyond! The theme for the conference is "Investing in the Fearlessness of Youth", inspired by a quote from Pope Francis' letter, Christus Vivit (Chapter 7 no. 233). We hope you can join us for this Youth Ministry Conference on February 3rd 2024. Booking is now open and you can either email nsalkeld@ymt.org or book online here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam. Online booking will apply booking fees. For more information about the conference visit www.ymt.org/ymt-conference

Right to Life

Pro-abortion MPs, Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson, have tabled two extreme abortion amendments in an attempt to hijack the Criminal Justice Bill. Right To Life UK has launched a tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP to ask them to oppose the two extreme abortion up to birth amendments and sign Early Day Motion 131 to stop abortion pills being sent out without an in-person medical appointment. Please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/abortionamendments> to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

From the Parish Diaries			
Monday	2.00 - 3.00pm	Scripture & Natter Group	St. Teresa's Church
Tuesday	10.00 - 2.00	Coffee, Crafts & Natter	St. Lawrence's
Wednesday	10.30 - 11.30am 6.30 - 7.30pm	Refreshments & Natter 'New Wine' Prayer Group	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's