

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	20 Jan	4.45 pm 5:30 pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday Phil Gosling RIP	3rd Sunay of Ordinary Time
Sun	21 Jan	8.45 am 9:30 am 11.00 am 3.00 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St George's	Confessions Holy Mass Holy Mass Christian Unity Service People of the Parishes Susan Cummings RIP	3rd Sunay of Ordinary Time
Mon	22 Jan				St Vincent
Tue	23 Jan	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Teresa's	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass Brendan O'Reilly RIP	Feria
Wed	24 Jan	5.45 pm 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	St. Anthony's	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass Parish Open Meeting Doris Clapshoe	St. Francis de Sales
Thur	25 Jan	8.45 am 9:30 am	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass Special Int (St Mary's Blackhill)	The Conversion of St Paul
Fri	26 Jan	8.45 am 9:30 am	St. Teresa's	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass Eileen Gordon RIP	Ss. Timothy & Titus
Sat	27 Jan	4.45 pm 5:30pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday Frank Shields	4th Sunay of Ordinary Time
Sun	28 Jan	8.45 am 9:30 am 11.00 am	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Holy Mass Molly Marney (Healing) People of the Parishes	4th Sunay of Ordinary Time

**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:

Anthony McGowan & Michael Francis Lynn

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Parishes prayer intention for the coming week:

For our young people: We pray that all our young people may continue in their journey with God, understanding and encountering the love that God has for them.

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

3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 21st January 2024



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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

Giving all for Christ

This Sunday we begin to read through the Gospel of Mark. We begin with Mark's version of the call of the first disciples. There are some significant differences between last Sunday's account and this one. In last Sunday's gospel Andrew and his companion were initially followers of John the Baptist. After John the Baptist pointed out Jesus, they began to follow him. In Mark's account Jesus is walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee when he calls the brothers Simon and Andrew. They abandon their nets and follow him. He then calls the brothers James and John, sons of Zebedee. All four become Jesus' followers that day, whereas Zebedee is left holding the net!

In this story we also hear something of the preaching of Jesus, which to a certain degree echoed that of John the Baptist. Jesus's preaching will be developed and expanded throughout the Gospel of Mark, but at this early stage it is centred around the twofold command, 'Repent and believe'. Mark's account is certainly idealised for dramatic effect; we only need to look at the Gospel of John to see another version of Andrew and Peter being called by Jesus. But what is Mark telling us by narrating the story the way he does? Certainly, that these first disciples left everything in a single-minded pursuit of Jesus. As such, they represent the ideal. And perhaps this is another lesson of Mark's account. Our beginnings can be filled with such idealism, promise, and pure-hearted devotion. Only later will 'reality' begin to sink in and our failings and shortcomings become apparent, as they no doubt will with the disciples.

Today we hear the story of how the disciples started out strong, abandoning everything to follow Jesus. We know that Peter will eventually confess Jesus as the Christ. And later, Peter will deny three times that he even knows him. The relationship that starts out with such promise, even reaching soaring heights, can truly crash and burn. This happened with his disciples; it can happen with us. But Peter was forgiven and brought back into the fold. Our living relationship with Christ is not a one-time exhilarating moment, but, like all relationships, it is a lifelong give and take, wax and wane, love and be loved.

Fr. Jonathon

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Anthony McGowan & Michael Francis Lynn who have died recently. Anthony's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 30th January at 9.45am at St Teresa's. Michael's Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 31st January at 1.15pm at St Anthony's. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Santo Nino

Next weekend members of the Pilipino community will help us celebrate Santo Nino at St Teresa's. After the celebration of Mass everyone is invited into the parish hall to continue the celebrations with traditional dance, and there will be tea and coffee.

Second Collection for the Lepra Appeal

Next weekend there will be a second collection along with an appeal for LEpra.

Saint Lawrence's Church, Byker

Sadly last Sunday, we had to cancel Mass due to a burst heating pipe, which has caused significant damage to the gallery ceiling. Due to this damage, most of the heating in Church has had to be turned off, until we can replace the section that had burst. The good news is our insurance company will cover us for the repairs that need to happen and we can keep our much loved Church open. More information will be shared once I have any update on the progress of the works that need to be carried out. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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.

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 at 7.00pm at St Anthony's. We will also be discussing merging the three parishes into one single parish, with three churches. Please do make a note of this date and come along to this important meeting as we continue to discuss the future of our three parishes and how we can work together to build up the kingdom of God in the east end of Newcastle.

Palm Crosses

Please bring back to Church your old palm crosses and place them in the boxes marked 'Palm Crosses'. 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!

New Wine Prayer Group

Please note that this has been cancelled for a week owing to Parish Meeting on 24th January and will resume on Wednesday 31st January from 6.30-7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Children's Liturgy - St Teresa's

Children's liturgy will begin again this weekend for Children aged 4-8. It is important that children attend the liturgy on their own, as parent's are not allowed to stay with them due to safeguarding regulations. All our catechists have enhanced DBS's and are trained to lead the sessions.

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 once a month on a Tuesday Evening. For more information, please see the posters in the church porches or speak to Fr Jonathon.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 26th July to 2nd August 2024. Join the pilgrimage as a pilgrim. Serve the sick as a Helper. Experience the pilgrimage as a young helper. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage in 2024 and would like more information, please visit the diocesan pilgrimage website for more information and for the relevant If you would like to go, but would need some support with fundraising, please speak to Fr Jonathon as help can always be given.

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/>

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

Little Sisters of the Poor

David & Theresa O'Neil write...We raise funds for St Joseph's Home in Newcastle which, as you know, also looks after several retired priests among its residents. Over the years we have raised over £20,000 to help the Sisters in their work & would like to invite the whole diocese to be involved. We collect used postage stamps (any country or period including unwanted stamp collections), foreign currency (any country or period), broken or unwanted gold & silver jewellery (even backs of earrings etc) & military medals (although not if they have current sentimental value to the owners). We sort all items & our dealers collect. Any stamps which they don't accept go to the RNIB who collect from us periodically. Any help which you can give will be gratefully accepted & we & the Sisters & residents remember all donors in our prayers & Masses. Donations may be sent to David & Theresa O'Neill 34 Morston Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7RZ.

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	Refreshments & Natter	St. Anthony's