

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	27 Jan	4.45 pm 5:30 pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday Frank Shields RIP	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
Mon	29 Jan				
Tue	30 Jan	9.45 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Requiem Mass Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass Anthony McGowan RIP Bob McGuinness RIP	Feria
Wed	31 Jan	10.00 am 1.15 pm	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Full School Mass Requiem Mass St. Albans School Michael Francis Lynn RIP	St. John Bosco
Thur	1 Feb	8.45 am 9:30 am	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass Holy Souls	Feria
Fri	2 Feb	9:30 am	St. Teresa's	Holy Mass Patrick McMahon	Presentation of The Lord
Sat	3 Feb	10.00 am	St. Teresa's	Holy Mass (1st Saturday) Ralph Morton RIP	St. Blaise
		4.45 pm 5:30pm	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday People of the Parishes	4th Sunay of Ordinary Time
Sun	4 Feb	8.45 am 9:30 am 11.00 am	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Holy Mass No Intention Received Louise Tinning RIP	4th Sunay of Ordinary Time

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 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 Confirmation Candidates: We pray that those who are preparing for Confirmation may continue to grow in their understanding of the faith, and enter into a living relationship with God.

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

4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday 28th January 2024

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

'He teaches with authority'

Having called his first four disciples, we hear in this Sunday's Gospel how Jesus goes to the village of Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, where he begins to teach in the synagogue. He is confronted by evil, a man with an unclean spirit. What the reader knew at the beginning of Mark's gospel, namely, that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, the man with the unclean spirit shouts out 'I know who you are: the Holy One of God'. No human being, only the spirits call Jesus this during his earthly ministry. The only human being to call Jesus 'the Son of God' will be the centurion, and only after he has witnessed Jesus die on the cross. Jesus' mission necessarily involves a confrontation with evil, suffering, and death, only after which his true identity as 'Son of God' can be proclaimed by a human being. As we have it in this story, Jesus commands the evil spirit to come out of the man; it obeys, though not without dramatic theatrics. The assembled people were understandably amazed. Not surprisingly, Jesus' reputation. As we will learn later in the gospel, Jesus' wonder-working will be tempered with suffering and ultimately death. We have here not the lilies-of-the-field Jesus but the Jesus who encounters, battles, and is victorious over evil.

The term 'authority' is used twice in today's gospel. Jesus' teaching is not like the others, for he teaches with authority. As if to demonstrate the authority Jesus wields, even the unclean spirit obeys him. If any wondered about his teaching authority, they needed to look no further than the man from whom the unclean spirit was expelled. Perhaps we do not like to hear it, but the Christian life (and, in fact, any life) is riddled with encounters with evil. We learn in today's gospel that Jesus is more powerful than that. Jesus has authority and by that authority he can dispel what is oppositional and troublesome. Once we become followers of Jesus we will still encounter challenges and hostility. Some might wish to think that becoming Christian inoculates one from having those encounters. But the gospel (and our own lived experience) tells a different story.

Even though we continue to face such encounters, we are comforted in knowing that Jesus has authority over all. A preacher once phrased it this way: 'Rest assured in your baptism'. By that he meant that our baptism configures us to Christ, who will be with us. Of course, this doesn't mean that we disregard precautions, or that we walk in a state of naiveté. Remember that Jesus himself was killed. It does mean that we have an ally, the author of life. Once we know this, we can rest assured. Even death itself is not the final word.

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 at 9.45am at St Teresa's. Michael's Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 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

This 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

This weekend there will be a second collection for LEpra appeal.

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.

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!

Children's Liturgy - St Teresa's

Children's liturgy is available for Children aged 4-8. For those children who do attend the sessions, we do need a parental consent form filled in so that we are following the latest safeguarding guidelines. It is also 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 do have enhanced DBS's and are trained to lead the sessions.

Kairos - Connect, Belong & Grow - House Groups

As part of our pastoral plan we wish to develop house groups, which meet bimonthly to connect, belong and to grow together. Kairos - a Greek word used often in the Bible, means the favoured time ... the opportune time ... indeed, God's time. The purpose of Kairos will be to help us all to connect with our brothers and sisters across the parishes; to increase our sense of belonging to a community of faith and help us to grow as we explore together the richness of the faith we profess and share. If you would like to join a Kairos Group, please place your name and contact details on the sheets provided in the church porches. It is hoped that we can begin these house groups during Lent.

Initial Consultation about Parish Restructuring

On Wednesday evening at the open meeting Fr Jonathon invited those present to discuss the possible restructuring of the three parishes into a single parish. As we plan for the future growth of our parish, we want to be a vibrant parish that is active and growing. This can be achieved by sharing the resources that we have, along with our own personal gifts and talents. As we are already working in partnership together, sharing one priest, and coming together more often for liturgies, it would make practical sense to become one single parish with three church communities. If you would like to add your views to those who attended the meeting, please email Fr Jonathon. These will be collated and discussed at the next parish council meeting in February.

First Saturday Devotions

On the First Saturday of every month, Holy Mass will be celebrated. This will allow parishioners to answer Our Lady's request for Catholic's to attend Mass on five consecutive Saturday's in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As part of the devotion Catholic's are asked to go to confession in that month and to pray the Rosary in reparation for sins committed.

The Feast of St Blaise

On Saturday 3rd of February, we celebrate the feast of St Blaise. After all Masses on the 3rd February the traditional blessing of throats will be offered for those who wish to have their throats blessed.

Parishes Finance Meeting

Advanced notice to those on our parishes finance committee that a meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th February at 11.00am at St Anthony's.

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

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