

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	13 Apr	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's	The People of the Parishes	3rd Sunday of Easter
Sun	14 Apr	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Special Intention - Successful Exams Leo & Peggy McConnell	3rd Sunday of Easter
Mon	15 Apr				Feria of Easter
Tue	16 Apr				St. Bernadette
Wed	17 Apr				Feria of Easter
Thur	18 Apr				Feria of Easter
Fri	19 Apr				Feria of Easter
Sat	20 Apr	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	The People of the Parishes	4th Sunday of Easter
Sun	21 Apr	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Patrick & Frances Healy Joan Pagan RIP	4th Sunday of Easter



St. TERESA'S
Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S
Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S
Byker Crescent, Byker



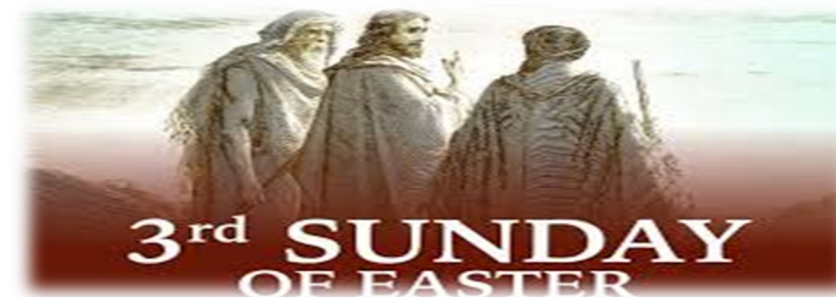
Parish Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th April



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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

Today's gospel is the conclusion of Luke's account of Jesus's first post resurrection appearance to his disciples. The two disciples who Jesus met on the road to Emmaus have returned to Jerusalem to confirm the women's story of the resurrection. As they are excitedly telling what happened, Jesus appears.

St Luke goes to great lengths in his Easter accounts to make clear that the resurrection was neither the fantasy of crazy zealots nor a plot concocted by the disciples who somehow managed to spirit the body of Jesus away (according to Luke's account the disciples had not gone near the tomb themselves; they had not even imagined any kind of 'resurrection'). In the details he presents in today's gospel Luke is countering the argument forwarded to explain away the resurrection account. There can be no mistake: the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a reality, a reality in which all of the Scriptures find their ultimate fulfilment. What the disciples see is not a ghost but the physical presence of Jesus risen from the dead. Christ is present with us, and he is present with the Father in glory.

For Luke, the power of Jesus' resurrection is realised in the way it 'opens' one's heart and mind to understanding the deeper meaning of God's word and to fully embracing the Spirit of God. In our faith and trust in the risen Christ, we become 'witnesses' of the mercy and forgiveness of God.

Fr. Jonathon

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:

John Gourley, Francis Collings, 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

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for March:

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

During the Easter Season

We are asked to pray for these intentions: ; New members of the Church; Vocations; The right use of the Media; the Church and for Human Work

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

THIS WEEKEND

This Weekend we thank Fr Jude Ibeh for coming along to celebrate Mass for us while Fr Jonathon is enjoying a well earned break.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

The Annual Sick and Retired Priests Collection will be held over the next two weekend - Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April and Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st April at all Masses. The Fund will remain open until 28th April. This Fund is used to support those sick and retired priests who need financial support in their time of need. If you would like to make a contribution via Gift Aid or make a standing order, please contact the parish office.

CHANGES TO MASSES THIS WEEK

As Fr Jonathon is currently on Holiday, there will be no midweek Masses in any of our parishes this week. The normal weekly Mass schedule will resume next weekend.

BRINGING YOUR CHILDREN TO MASS

It is so wonderful to see the young families of our parishes come to Mass together. Some families stay away because they have some young children who may be quite noisy. A church without the noise of babies or young children is indeed quite dead. We need families with children at Mass, because they, because you, are the Future and the Now of our parish communities. Please do not stay away, but come and bring your children with you, even if they are young and a bit noisy.

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

After Easter a 'Young Adult Prayer Group' will be formed in our parishes. The group is for those who are between 18 & 35 who would like to meet to discuss the faith, to spend time in prayer together, and to encourage each other in following the Lord's will for them. The group will meet on the Fourth Thursday of every month, meeting from 7pm at St Teresa's. The First meeting will take place on Thursday 25th April.

ST. LAWRENCE'S PARISH MEETING - DECIDING THE WAY FORWARD

A parish meeting will take place for St. Lawrence's on Saturday 4th May at 10.30am in St. Lawrence's Church. This meeting will allow us to look at the current situation that we are facing, along with an overview of our finances, and what work needs to be carried out. We will then look at the future of the church building and how we continue to move forward as a vibrant and thriving community. Please do spread the word and come along to this important meeting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION 2024/25

Application forms are now available from Fr Jonathon for children who are currently in school Year 3 or above, and would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025. Application forms must be collected after Sunday Masses and returned by Sunday 20th July. Along with the forms, the dates and times of all sessions is attached.

RCIA - JOURNEY IN FAITH 2024/25

Some people are already asking about the next Journey in Faith programme with a view to becoming a Catholic. This will begin at the end of September and run through until after Easter next year. Those who are enquiring, and those who are interested or not too sure are asked to contact Fr Jonathon to organise an opportunity to meet with him, to discuss your own situation. It also gives him a chance to take your details ready for September's Journey in Faith Course.

NEW READERS

We are always happy to welcome new readers onto the Readers Rota across our parishes. We are looking for young people, as well as young adults, and basically anyone else who wishes to read. There may be a "practice read" before commencing. Please speak to Fr Jonathon if you would like to be added to the next rota.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - PREPARATION MEETING

Any Parents hoping to have their child baptised are asked to speak to collect a baptism application form from Fr Jonathon after Sunday Mass. Please note that one parent must be a Baptised Catholic, and at least one godparent should be a practising catholic. The next Baptism preparation meeting will take place on Monday 6th May at 7.15pm at St Teresa's.

DAILY MASS AND EXPOSITION

Mass is celebrated within our three parishes every day (except a Wednesday). 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! During Lent, there will be more opportunities to come before Our Blessed Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Please accept his invitation to 'come to me'.

MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Currently the parishes has very few Mass intentions booked in during the week. 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 (available in the church porches) and return to Fr Jonathon if you would like a Mass offered. If you request a specific date and that date is not available the Intention will be said on the nearest possible date.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES ACROSS OUR PARISHES

Our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated in the middle of May. Please do keep our children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. It would be wonderful if parishioners came along to the Masses and supported our children with their presence and prayers. More information about dates and times will be published shortly.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE & THE WIDER CHURCH

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.

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

This is a Year of Prayer, called by Pope Francis to prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025. He asks that during 2024 we focus on the words of the Our Father, and try to get back to what it really means to pray the Our Father. The banner on the Sanctuary, displaying the words of the Our Father, can help our focus during Mass on this ancient prayer. We will hold some meetings after Easter to begin discussing the Holy Father's book on The Our Father, for this special Year of Prayer. Watch here for more details of when this will be taking place

DONATE TO YOUR PARISH ONLINE

You are now able to make a donation to your parish via the Diocesan Website. Click onto <https://diocesehn.org.uk/> click on DONATE at the top of the page and then scroll down until you come to the parish you wish to donate to and then follow the onscreen instructions.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP

There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

DIOCESE HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE JOB VACANCIES

Administrator, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 16 April and **IT Field Engineer (two posts)** Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 21 April.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

From the Parish Diaries			
Monday	2.00 - 3.00 pm	Scripture & Natter Group	St. Teresa's
Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30 pm	New Wine	St. Anthony's