

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	20 Apr	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	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	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Patrick & Frances Healy Joan Pagan RIP	4th Sunday of Easter
Mon	22 Apr	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Leo & Peggy McConnell	Feria of Easter
Tue	23 Apr	9.15 am 10.00 am	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Private Intention (AM)	Solemnity of St. George
Wed	24 Apr					Feria of Easter
Thur	25 Apr	8.45 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's	No Intention received	St. Mark
Fri	26 Apr	8.45 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Private Intention	Feria of Easter
Sat	27 Apr	1.00 pm 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Nuptial Mass Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Jacques & Clare	4th Sunday of Easter
Sun	28 Apr	8.15 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	The People of the Parishes Gabby O'Sullivan RIP	4th Sunday of Easter



St. TERESA'S
Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S
Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S
Byker Crescent, Byker



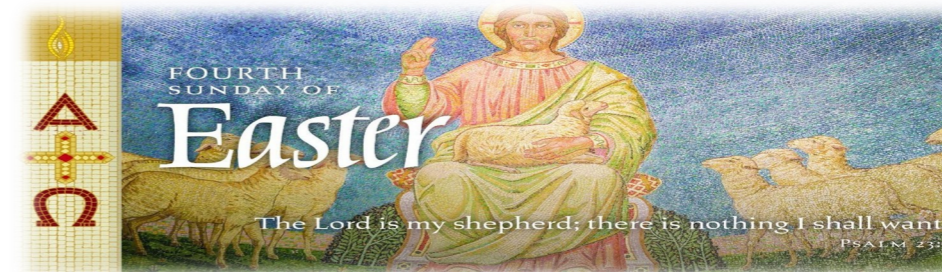
Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday



Sunday 21st April

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. This is a day devoted to vocations to the priesthood. Jesus is the Great High Priest. One of the earliest paintings of Jesus as the Great High Priest was actually as a shepherd, carrying a lamb on his shoulders. This is the image we receive in the Gospel today, 'I am the Good Shepherd.' We also hear about the nature of a Good Shepherd: 'The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.' Priesthood is about service.

However, this service does not mean to serve every person's whim. It's a bit like a parent who doesn't always give their child everything they want, but what they need in order to grow to full maturity. Full maturity is the living out of the Great Commission: 'Go, make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). Priests and lay people have the same mission. The priest's role as a servant is to 'equip the saints for the work of God.' The priest is there to help lay people live out their mission to make disciples of all nations. St. Augustine said, 'For you I am a bishop, with you, I am a Christian'. The second Vatican Council affirmed very emphatically that the priests and baptised have a universal call to holiness and mission. The priest does not take on the layperson's duty and responsibility to make disciples. Neither does he abdicate his responsibility. These are two extreme forms of clericalism. Instead, the priest should have co-responsibility with parishioners, and actually share his leadership.

Being a Catholic Christian is the most meaningful life one can live. We have such Good News to offer the world: God has defeated sin and death for us! Is that not the best news? We need good young men, with the heart of God the Father, and Jesus the good shepherd, to take on this proper understanding of priesthood: to have co-responsibility and shared leadership for God's mission to make disciples. We need everyone to take God's call to shared mission to make disciples even more seriously. One seed is all it can take

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 and Gerard Lalor.

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

The Annual Sick and Retired Priests Collection will be held this weekend - 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.

RECENTLY DEPARTED

We keep in our prayers Father Phil Carroll, Deacon John Hawthorne, Elizabeth Hutchinson and Lesley Stephenson who have all died recently. Father Phil's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 2nd May at 12.05pm at St Marys Cathedral. Deacon John's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th May at 10.30am at Sacred Heart Church, Wideopen. Elizabeth's graveside service will take place on Wednesday 8th May at 10.30am at Jesmond Old Cemetery and Lesley's funeral is to be arranged. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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

This week we will see the first meeting of the 'Young Adult Prayer Group'. 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, and 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.

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.

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.

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://diocesahn.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>

PUBLIC LECTURE - The renowned historian and former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy FSA FBA KSG will visit The Church of the Holy Name, North Jesmond Avenue on Saturday 4 May at 11.30am to give his lecture *Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World*. All welcome for this non-ticketed event.

From the Parish Diaries			
Monday	2.00 - 3.00 pm	Scripture & Natter Group	St. Teresa's
Tuesday	10.30 - 11.30 am 7.00 - 8.00 pm	Coffee & Natter RCIA - Journey in Faith Group	St. Anthony's St. Teresa's
Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30 pm	New Wine Prayer Group	St. Anthony's
Thursday	7.00 - 8.30 pm	Young Adult Prayer Group	St. Teresa's