

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	4 May 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	People of the Parishes <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>
Sun	5 May 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 St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	Dec'd Members of Watson Families  John & Betty Nicholson RIP <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>
Mon	6 May 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Teresa's	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	Gabby O'Sullivan RIP <i>Easter Feria</i>
Tue	7 May 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Anthony's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	Fr. Philip Carroll RIP <i>Easter Feria</i>
Wed	8 May			<i>Easter Feria</i>
Thur	9 May 8.45 am 9.30 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass Exposition Solemn Mass	Fr. Kevin Bolger RIP Hywell Jones RIP <i>Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord</i>
Fri	10 May 8.45 am 9.30 am	St. Teresa's	Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)	Nicholas Gordon <i>St. John of Avila</i>
Sat	11 May 10.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Holy Mass Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Children People of the Parishes <i>7th Sunday Of Easter</i>
Sun	12 May 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 St. Teresa's	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	William Hazel (Sick) Family Private Intention (J.O.) <i>7th Sunday Of Easter</i>



**St. TERESA'S**  
Heaton Road, Heaton



**St. ANTHONY'S**  
Welbeck Road, Walker



**St. LAWRENCE'S**  
Byker Crescent, Byker



## Parish Newsletter

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**



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<b>Safeguarding</b>	The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are listed below or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at <a href="mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk">safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk</a>		
<b>Safeguarding Reps:</b>	St. Teresa's:	Jean Potts	
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<b>Parish Websites:</b>	<a href="http://www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk">www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.stanthonysstfrancis.org.uk">www.stanthonysstfrancis.org.uk</a>	

### THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR. JONATHON

Today's readings all centre on the love that is the very essence of God: explaining the working of his nature, and calling us to love others in the same way if we are to experience the fullness of life in Christ. Love can be difficult to define against the backdrop of Western secular culture. For many, love is merely a series of temporary feelings of attraction, lust, and sometimes illusion - emotions that primarily serve the interest of self and not the other. As Christians we are not called to this distorted, trivialised idea of love, but to agape love. Agape love focuses entirely, unconditionally, on the other person, seeking the good of the other with no expectation of anything in return. It is the pure, undeserved love that God has for us. He pours out this love on every creature, and it continues to flow unceasingly regardless of whether there is response.

Christ commanded us to love one another. These were his final instructions to his disciples before he was crucified, and he wanted to make it clear that it was the most important of all his teachings. Christ's whole life demonstrates agape love more clearly than any explanation - "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Significantly, many of the apostles and early Christians later did the same, martyred for their faith. To this day Christians in India, Vietnam, Iraq, Colombia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Mexico, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, North Korea, Sri Lanka, China and Indonesia are still reflecting God's love back to him in this way - more Christians were martyred in the 20th Century than all the previous centuries combined. Incredibly, living comfortably here in the UK, we are members of the most persecuted religious group in the world, with the most victims. God loves those martyrs, and still he loves their persecutors equally. Without love Christianity can not exist - pray that we may be worthy of having been chosen by Christ, to bear the fruit of this love which can change the world.

**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 May:

**For the formation of religious and seminarians :** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

#### 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**

A second collection will take place this weekend for the work of the little sisters of the poor.

### **RECENTLY DEPARTED**

We keep in our prayers Deacon John Hawthorne, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Myra Carty, Adelaida Ord, and Margaret Standing. Deacon John's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday at 10.30am at Sacred Heart Church, Wideopen. Elizabeth's graveside service will take place on Wednesday at 10.30am at Jesmond Old Cemetery. Myra's Cremation service will take place on Monday 13th May at 11.15am at Tynemouth Crematorium. Adelaida's Cremation service will take place on Wednesday 15th May at 11am at West Road Crematorium. Margaret's Cremation service will take place on Wednesday 15th May at 1.30pm at Tynemouth Crematorium. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

### **PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS**

We keep in our prayers, and offer our congratulations to, Toby Alexander Williams, George Robert Webster and Jasper Hugo Dixon who are to be baptised this weekend.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES ACROSS OUR PARISHES**

Our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated throughout the month of May. Please do keep our children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. These are parish celebrations, so please do make every effort to come along and support our young people in their journey of faith.

### **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

On Thursday this week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord. The Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation. Therefore to allow you all the opportunity to fulfil the Obligation to attend Mass there will also be an evening Mass at St Teresa's at 6.30pm.

### **NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Novena to the Holy Spirit will be said before all Masses from Friday until Pentecost. A copy of the Novena prayers will be available at the back of our churches for everyone to collect.

### **MAY DEVOTIONS - PRAYING THE ROSARY EVERYDAY**

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. To mark our Lady's Month there will be several additions to the regular weekly schedule of services across our parishes. We will crown Our Lady at all Masses this weekend. On Friday 10th May we will be joined by the Children from St. Teresa's for Holy Mass and a May Procession into the school playground. Before every Mass during the week we will also pray the Rosary for peace in the world, in our families and in our daily lives. We will end the month of May with Sung Vespers and a May Procession on Sunday 26th May at 5.00pm. This will take place at St Lawrence's. Please do spread the word and come along!

### **A DAY WITH THE LORD - CORPUS CHRISTI**

At the beginning of June we will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. To mark this Solemnity we will be having a day with the Lord. This will take place on Saturday 1st June at St. Anthony's. We will begin with a votive Mass to Our Lady at 10am followed by Exposition. There will be three talks on the Eucharist spread throughout the day. We will end our Day with the Vigil Mass of Corpus Christi at 5.30pm concluding with a short Eucharistic Procession around the grounds of the Church.

### **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 & 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.

### **MISSION & RED BOXES**

A huge thank you for your continue support and, through your generosity, in 2023 the sum of £1271.65 was raised, fantastic! Please don't forget to pick up your Spring Newsletter, available at the back of church, showing how your money is helping so many others in their faith journey and improving lives within their community.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

A finance committee meeting for those who are on the committee will take place on Thursday at 11am at St Teresa's Presbytery.

### **HEATON FESTIVAL**

Please see the posters and sign up sheets at the back of church for volunteering for the festival this year. We will be having an all church service to pray for the festival, at Elim Kingdom Life church, Heaton Rd. on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm. Please come along and support our work as churches together in the community.

### **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. There will be a short series of reflections on the Our Father during Sunday evening Vespers at St. Teresa's. These will begin on the 12th of May. It is hoped that a number of different people will lead a reflection. More details will follow shortly.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

We are always looking to welcome new Altar Servers onto our small teams of servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to serve at Holy Mass, please speak to Fr. Jonathon.

### **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!

### **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.

### **CORPUS CHRISTI: EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT USHAW**

On Sunday 2nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car and if you are able to offer lifts.

<b>From the Parish Diaries</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2.00 - 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Scripture &amp; Natter Group</b>	<b>St. Teresa's</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10.30 - 11.30 am</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Natter</b>	<b>St. Anthony's</b>