

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	15 June	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Margaret McIntosh	11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	16 June	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	Catherine Blackburn People of the Parishes	11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon	17 June	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass St. Teresa's	Special Intention Thompson Family	Feria
Tue	18 June	9.30am	Holy Mass (St. Albans School Feast) St. Anthony's	Stack & Logue Families	Feria
Wed	19 June				Feria
Thur	20 June	8.45 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Anthony's	Talbot & Morris Families	St. Alban
Fri	21 June	8.45 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass St. Teresa's	Rev Fr Philip Carroll	St Aloysius Gonzaga
Sat	22 June	8.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Holy Mass Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Priest's Intention People of the Parishes	Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	23 June	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	Mary Mundy Sir Bartholomew Ojimmadu Akor (Kof SC)	12th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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 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 June:

For Migrants: We pray for migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence; may they find welcome and new life opportunities in their host countries

During Ordinary Time (Summer)

We are asked to pray for these intentions: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life & Seafarers.



St. TERESA'S

Heaton Road, Heaton



St. ANTHONY'S

Welbeck Road, Walker



St. LAWRENCE'S

Byker Crescent, Byker



Parish Newsletter

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th June 2024



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Safeguarding	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 safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk		
Safeguarding Reps:	St. Teresa's:	Jean Potts	
	St. Lawrence's:	George Paul Atkinson	
	St. Anthony's:	Christine Dixon	
Parish Websites:	www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk	www.stanthonyssfrancis.org.uk	

THIS WEEKS REFLECTION

Why did Jesus teach in parables? The answer has little to do with dogma and everything to do with meeting people where there are. The Kingdom of God is a mysterious and complex subject, so Jesus taught his audiences through memorable stories grounded in their culture and identity, enabling their search for God to begin on familiar ground. Through open-ended parables, a person is allowed to come to their own realisation of faith, in their own time. In this way Jesus showed that God is not a remote, unattainable ideal to be grappled with, but that he is patient, present, and discoverable in the ordinary, commonplace things of everyday life.

Today's Gospel demonstrates how personal faith develops under God's care. In the first parable, the farmer sows his seed - and then waits confidently for it to grow until ready to harvest. "He knows not how" the sun, rain, soil and seed combine forces to grow the plant, all he needs to know is that God in his wisdom and goodness has created it this way. The farmer just has to trust and wait. In the second parable, Jesus teaches of the tremendous possibilities contained in just one tiny mustard seed that grows under God's care.

Our role in the growing of his Kingdom is missionary - to sow the tiny seeds of faith for Christ. Every word we speak, every choice we make, every gesture we offer is one more seed, one more way of spreading the gospel. Then, like the farmer, we allow God himself to take over. The Spirit gently leads those with an open heart to Christ and his Church, where the seed is watered in Baptism, fed by the Eucharist, and nurtured by Reconciliation, compassion and healing. Love keeps it warm. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, the beginnings of faith grow and develop to become well-rooted and strong. Never doubt the power or methods of God! One little, tiny, miniscule bit of faith is all he asks - our "yes" - and he will do the rest.

Fr. Jonathon

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

SECOND COLLECTION - DAY FOR LIFE

This weekend has been designated as the Day for Life, by our Bishops of England Wales. There will be a retiring collection for this. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The theme is The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. The Bishops wish that parishes will be able to prepare to promote the Catholic view of life as a gift and the importance of care at the end of life using the resources that will be issued by the Conferences in due course. More information is available on www.cbcew.org.uk

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers Amelia Lily, Rosa Pearl & William who are to be baptised this weekend. Please also pray for those we know who are unwell, as well as the many who have no one to pray for them; for those in hospital and for all undergoing treatment for serious illnesses. We also pray for the repose of the soul of Helena Hutchinson who have died recently. Helena's Cremation Service will take place on Tuesday 18th June at 11.15am at West Road Crematorium Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PARISH RESTRUCTURE MEETING

An open meeting for the parishes will take place on Tuesday 2nd July at 6.30am at St. Anthony's, Walker. Please put this date into your diaries and come along.

NEW PARISH OFFICE TIMES

The Parish Office hours have changed slightly as Christine will be working an additional day to help support Fr Jonathon. Therefore, the new times are Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm and Wednesdays 10:00am - 2:00pm. Any items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter to be sent in to the office by Wednesday Evening at the latest.

CONFIRMATION MASS

Our Candidates for Confirmation are looking forward to the Mass of Confirmation on Thursday 27th June at 6.30pm at St. Teresa's. Bishop Stephen will be visiting the Parish for the first time so please do put this date in your diary and come along to support all those who are getting confirmed.

NEW LECTIONARIES

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture Readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising the liturgical texts. The new Lectionaries will be mandatory for use in all parishes from Advent Sunday. The new Lectionaries, along with the book of the Gospels, will cost each parish £975. If you would like to make any donations towards these new books, and have them dedicated in memory of a loved one, please speak to Fr. Jonathon.

BRINGING YOUR CHILDREN TO MASS

It is 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 is an imperfect Church. We need families with children at Mass, because they, because you, are the future of our parish communities. Please do not stay away, but come and bring your children with you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Any Parents hoping to have their child baptised are asked to speak to Fr Jonathon, in person, after Sunday Mass to arrange this. This is the preferred way for organising Baptisms. One parent must be a Baptised Catholic, and one godparent should be a practising catholic. The next baptism preparation meeting will take place on Monday 1st July after the 6.30pm Mass.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC - RCIA

If there is anyone considering joining the Journey in Faith, at the end of September, with the possibility of becoming Catholic, it is important to try and make an appointment to see Fr Jonathon. It is also an expectation that you would be coming to Sunday Mass (or the Vigil) each week. Please try and speak with Fr Jonathon as soon as possible

NEW WINE PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Wednesday 6.30pm-7.30pm in St. Anthony's Presbytery. If car park gates locked, please enter via Philipson Street. Everyone is very welcome.

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!

GENERAL ELECTION 2024

The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have provided resources on 7 themes to help us in preparation for the General Election on 4th July. Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Christians. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest. Throughout this election season we will be seeking answers which will help the poor, the marginalised, and the vulnerable. We seek a society in which all families can flourish and where we care for our common home, where we offer a welcoming hand to strangers in need, where we look out for those struggling to get on. Families are the heart of our communities and society. We seek, therefore, political leaders who can reflect and share these values.

Theme 1. Criminal Justice

As citizens, we should encourage politicians to build a fair, humane and balanced criminal justice system that promotes both justice and mercy in the treatment of victims, offenders and their families.

- Government should address the issues related to sentence inflation and the overuse of custodial sentences for nonviolent offences as well as promoting the greater use of community sentences and restorative justice where appropriate.
- Government and government agencies should support prison chaplaincy as a lifeline for prisoners to practice their faith, encounter the love of God and come to a fuller understanding of the dignity of human life. Prisons and the probation service should be adequately staffed, so as to foster a healthy and effective prison culture and the rehabilitation of ex-offenders. For a more depth analysis of this theme and questions to ask candidates' views on it go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/criminal-justice-election24/>

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.

REFUGEE WEEK - ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese will take place at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Tuesday 18 June at 6.30pm. This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England. We will have the opportunity to listen to people's stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends. We will hear what the Diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours. During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole Diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our Diocese. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration organised by the Vicariate for Caritas.

NEW BISHOP HOUSE ADDRESS

From Monday 17th June, the new address for Bishop Stephen, Bishop Stephen's PA, and The Chancellor, will be Bishop's House, Saint Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE12 8 AD. The contact number and email addresses will remain the same.

HOLY ISLAND CHILDREN'S CAMP

Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities and excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>