

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	22 June	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Anthony's	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	23 June	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	12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon	24 June	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	St. Teresa's	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Tue	25 June	9.15 am 10.00 am	St. Anthony's	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	Feria
Wed	26 June				Feria
Thur	27 June	8.45 am 9.30 am 6.30 pm	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's St. Teresa's	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass Mass of Confirmation	St. Cyril of Alexandria Confirmation Candidates
Fri	28 June	8.45 am 9.30 am	St. Teresa's	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	St Irenaeus
Sat	29 June	8.00 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Holy Mass Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	Our Lady's Saturday Ss. Peter & Paul
Sun	30 June	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	People of the Parishes Cal Knowles RIP Ss. Peter & Paul



**St. TERESA'S**

Heaton Road, Heaton



**St. ANTHONY'S**

Welbeck Road, Walker



**St. LAWRENCE'S**

Byker Crescent, Byker



## Parish Newsletter

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

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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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	St. Anthony's:	Christine Dixon	
<b>Parish Websites:</b>	<a href="http://www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk">www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk</a>	<a href="http://www.stanthonyssfrancis.org.uk">www.stanthonyssfrancis.org.uk</a>	

### THIS WEEKS REFLECTION

We live most of our days on the surface; we tend to take things at face value. It often takes a "storm" to shake us up and make us delve into who we are and where we are going on life's journey. This is something that certainly happened a few years ago, when each one of us was living through the uncertainty of the Coronavirus Pandemic. This uncertainty that we all felt challenged each one of us, and for some people it made them question who God is and how God is always with us through all of lives challenges. So, too, does the storm in this Sunday's gospel challenge the disciples to move from their surface understanding of who Jesus is to the deeper faith in him that discipleship demands.

The disciples take Jesus into their boat, just as he was. How was he? Very tired and very human; he fell asleep. But Jesus was also divine and very powerful; he calmed the storm. Jesus, for his part, took the disciples as they were – still not fully understanding who he was. In this story of the storm at sea Jesus reveals just who he was and leads the disciples to become more fully who they could be – disciples with deeper faith in him.

Like the disciples, we must learn to leave the crowd and take Jesus with us in our "boat" – on our life's journey. When violent storms come up, waves break over our boat, challenging and frightening us, Jesus can seem asleep until we cry out to him. As with the disciples in the gospel story, so it is with us: in the storms of our life, Jesus quiets us and teaches to "Be calm!" and come to deeper faith in him. As a hymn reminds each one of us, 'We have an anchor that keeps the soul, steadfast and sure while the billows roll. Fastened to a rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Saviours love.'

**Fr. Jonathon**



### 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.

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

### WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers Matthias Jonas, Leo Andrew & Billyray 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 Colin James Frame who has died recently. Colin's Cremation Service will take place on Thursday 27th June at 12.30pm at South Shields Crematorium. Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

### 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. The choir from St Mary's School will be singing the Mass and Refreshment's will be served in the Hall after the Mass.

### SECOND COLLECTION - PETER'S PENCE

Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, the great two Apostles of the Church. The annual collection for the missionary work of our Holy Father - Peter's Pence, will be taken at all weekend Masses next weekend. Please do give as generously as possible.

### PARISH RESTRUCTURE MEETING

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

### 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.

### St ANTHONY'S RAFFLE IN AID OF THE NEW LECTIONARIES

There has been organised a Raffle to help cover the costs of the new lectionaries. Tickets will be available over the next couple of weeks in porch on Saturday evening. Thank you for your support.

### 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 and confirmed 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

### 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!

### 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.

## GENERAL ELECTION 2024

We continue reflecting on the 7 themes the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have provided to help us in preparation for the General Election on 4th July.

### Theme 2. Domestic poverty, family life and taxation

We stress the importance of political parties working to promote the common good of society as a whole. This includes government providing welfare support to those in need as well as promoting policies that help families and civil society groups thrive and build solidarity at every level in society.

- The government should provide adequate support for families including removing the two-child cap on Universal Credit payments.
- The government should examine how policies relating to the provision of housing can reduce costs for families and ensure that families can have a decent home.
- The taxation system should treat justly those with family, child-rearing and other caring responsibilities.
- The principle of subsidiarity should be more effectively reflected in government policy so that local government and civil society can respond to local need.

### Theme 3. Education

- Catholic schools exist to support parents as the primary educators of their children and welcome anyone who seeks a Catholic education for their child. Today Catholic schools make up 9% of the state-funded sector and are considerably more ethnically diverse than the national average, take in more pupils from the poorest households and outperform state schools at GCSE English, Mathematics and Religious Education.
- The Government should support Catholic schools through policy and legislation which protects the legal foundations of this historic sector.
- The Government should work closely with the Catholic sector to use best practice and ensure that the existing Catholic approach to governance, admissions, inspections, and the curriculum continues to flourish. Whilst acknowledging the essential work of educational practitioners, the Government should recognise that parents are the first and primary educators of their children and ensure that this right permeates through all education policy.

In addition, CAFOD together with SVP have provided a guide for Catholic voters which can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters>.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – SPUC – have information on their webpage: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/valueyourvote>

## 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.

### 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>

### THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SUMMER FAYRE

The Little Sisters of the Poor have their Summer Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Saturday 29th June from 1pm-4pm. You will find a variety of stalls, including, arts and crafts, bottle stall, cakes & bakes, fancy goods, refreshments and tombola.