

MASSSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	14 Dec	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Lauren Hay	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sun	15 Dec	8.30 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	People of the Parishes Peggy & Leo McConnell RIP	3rd Sunday of Advent
Mon	16 Dec	5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Private Intention (S.D.F)	Advent Feria
Tue	17 Dec	9.15 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Adoration & Rosary Holy Mass Reconciliation Service	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Teresa's	Fr. Michael Conaty RIP	Advent Feria
Wed	18 Dec	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Holy Mass (In School) Parish Carol Service	St. Albans St. Teresa's		Advent Feria
Thur	19 Dec	9.30 am	Holy Mass (Full School Mass)	St. Lawrence's	Fr Richard Harriott RIP	Advent Feria
Fri	20 Dec	9.30 am	Holy Mass (Full School Mass)	St. Teresa's	James William McEvoy	Advent Feria
Sat	21 Dec	7.30 am 4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Rorate Mass Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	All Expectant Mothers Patrick Douglas & Douglas and Walker Families	Advent Feria 4th Sunday of Advent
Sun	22 Dec	8.30 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	William Dryden RIP People of the Parishes	4th Sunday of Advent



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 15 December 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 243 3305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

We are halfway through the Advent season - the third Sunday, also called "Gaudete Sunday". "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice", and it comes from the first word of our Second Reading from St. Paul, which echoes the theme of rejoicing begun in the First: "Rejoice in the Lord always!"

We may ask: how can someone rejoice always when they are surrounded by apparently insurmountable problems and difficulties? Anxiety affects many of us, and we can be particularly plagued in the run up to Christmas with the secular pressure for everything to be "perfect" (homes, gifts, food, our families and ourselves). Illness and financial worries do not disappear at Christmas; the approach of the New Year can heighten worries. Sometimes the season brings sad memories of deceased or estranged loved ones. Paul gives us the answer: "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Phil. 4:6) Paul does not ask us to deny that we've got problems or to pretend as if they are not there. He instead urges us to face our problems squarely: in every situation, in every difficulty or problem, in all circumstances, we must take them all to the Lord in prayer. Prayer is indeed the key to overcoming or coping with anxiety, because it reassures us of God's presence and reminds us of our need to rely on his strength, not on our own. This is how we can arrive at that inner peace - the peace that God gives, the peace that nothing else in the world can give.

"Let nothing disturb you, nothing cause you fear. All things pass; God is unchanging. Patience obtains all. Whoever has God needs nothing else; God alone suffices." St. Teresa of Avila

Please continue to remember in your prayers:



those who are sick or housebound and their carers:

John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Mrs Wilson, Aileen, Tommy Allan, Pat Matfin
 Maria Cape and Mary McLaren.
 Our sick children: Ezra Stephen Johnson, Josh Graham, James Taylor, Joseph Relph, Colby Taylor & Charlie Davidson

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for December:

For Pilgrims of Hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

During Advent & Christmas

We are asked to pray for these intentions: Migrant and Refugees and for All Expectant Mothers,

Fr. Jonathon

NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers all 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 those who have died.

NEW PARISH OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

You will see from the front of the newsletter that we now have a new parish email address. The email address is christtheking.newcastle@diocesehn.org.uk. This email address is to be used for all general enquiries and emails and will be accessed and responded to by the parish secretary. If you would like to contact Fr Jonathon directly, or the matter is confidential, please use his email address as only Fr Jonathon has access to his email address.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Parish newsletter is sent out every week to those on our mailing list. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please send an email to the parish office and we will include your email on our mailing list. The newsletter is also available on the parish websites.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to all those who attended the AGM of the Parish. It is wonderful that people have responded generously with their gifts and talents to volunteer to be on the newly formed parish council. Over the next few weeks you will find in our church porches a list of all the names, along with their pictures. A big Thank You to all those who have served on the parish council and who have decided to step down. Throughout 2025, each month in the newsletter we will focus upon a specific area of our pastoral plan, so please watch this space!!

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Pope St. John Paul II, some decades ago, invited children and adults to bring their Baby Jesus figures from their cribs at home, to be blessed by the Pope in St. Peter’s Square on the third Sunday of Advent. The tradition continues in Rome, and has spread throughout the world. Therefore, this weekend at the conclusion of Mass, Fr Jonathon will bless all the baby Jesus figures.

SECOND COLLECTION - ADVENT ALMS FOR ST CUTHBERT’S CARE

As is traditional during our Season of Advent, we collect our Advent Alms, which always goes towards the work of St Cuthbert’s Care, our Diocesan Charity that cares for those in our diocese who are elderly, disabled, young families and children. All funds raised this Advent will help us expand our community services, reaching even more people who need care, companionship and support. A basket will be available each Sunday during Advent for the works of St Cuthbert’s Care.

ST TERESA’S CAR PARKING

Due to the recent storm damage to the wall in the car park we have had to cone off a large section of the car park. This is because the remaining wall that hasn’t collapsed is unstable. Therefore, to allow those who have difficulty with mobility to be able to still use the car park, could I ask that only those who have mobility issues park in the car park until the wall is replaced. A polite reminder that those who do use the car park do so at their own risk and the diocese will not accept any liability for any loss or damage.

ST ANTHONY’S HEATING

As some of you will have noticed last weekend, there is a significant leak in the heating system pipes in the porch. Although we have tried to stop the leak during the week it is still leaking. We have been advised that the whole heating system needs to be replaced due to the age of the system. Sadly, this does mean that the Church may not be as warm as usual so please do wrap up warm when coming to St Anthony’s.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are looking to get your Child Baptised, you should collect a Baptism Application Form from Fr. Jonathon after Sunday Mass. Please remember that one parent must be a Catholic and that you should be living or worshipping within the parish boundaries. The next preparation meeting takes place on Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7.15pm at St Teresa’s, Heaton.

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE & FIRST CONFESSIONS

The Parish Advent Reconciliation Service, which will also include the first confessions of our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 6.00pm at St Teresa’s. We will be joined by other priests from across the diocese who will come along to support Fr Jonathon in hearing peoples confessions is preparation for Christmas. Please do make a note of this date in your diaries and come along.

COMING ALONG TO WEEK DAY MASS & ADORATION

Please remember that we have Adoration in our churches before weekday Mass. We also have adoration on a Sunday afternoon. Are you free to come along? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament gives us some quality quiet time in the presence of Our Lord which we all need in our lives. The Mass is the source and the summit of everything we do. Please try and come along. The benefits will be worth it.

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Every Sunday at 5.00pm at St. Teresa’s we have Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction. This time of prayer is such a wonderful opportunity to bring our Sunday to a close, spending time with Jesus in prayer and praise. Please do try and come along if you are able to!

RORATE MASSES DURING ADVENT

During the season of Advent we will once again be celebrating the ‘Rorate’ Masses in honour our Lady. These Masses take place in Candlelight. They will take place at St Teresa’s on a Saturday Morning at 7.30am, followed by Tea & Toast.

PARISH FAMILY FILM NIGHT

The Parish will once again be hosting a Parish Family Film Night. This will take place at St Anthony’s Church on Friday 20th December at 7.00pm. We will be watching Angela’s Christmas 1 & 2. Please do spread the word, and bring along some sweets and drinks as we enjoy the movie together.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT - CAROLS AROUND THE FIRE

Tickets are now on sale for our Parish Carols around the Fire on Monday 23rd December in St Teresa’s Hall. Tickets are priced at £5, which will include a Hot Turkey Sandwiches and Mince Pies. Come along as we sing some festive songs and carols together!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

St Anthony’s Christmas Raffle Tickets are now on sale!. Any donations of prizes will be gratefully accepted. Raffle tickets are now available at all masses with the grand draw taking place on Saturday 14th December after the 5.30pm Mass

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES

This year we will be decorating our churches with poinsettias over the Christmas Season. These will be placed around the Christmas Cribs and in front of the Altars. If you would like to bring along any poinsettias in memory of a loved one please bring these to Church on the 4th Sunday of Advent. If you would to leave a donation in memory of someone, please place this in an envelope and write Poinsettia on the front and give to Fr Jonathon or place in the Collection before the 4th Sunday of Advent

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES & MASSES

Wednesday 18 th December		
Parish & Schools Carol Service	(St. Teresa’s)	Service: 6.00 pm
Monday 23 rd December		
Parish Carols around the Fire *Tickets Needed*	(St. Teresa’s Hall)	Begins: 7.00 pm
CHRISTMAS EVE (Tuesday 24 th December)		
Vigil Mass of Christmas	(St. Anthony’s)	Mass 6.00 pm
Solemn Midnight Mass	(St. Teresa’s) Carols: 10.30 pm	Mass: 11.00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY (Wednesday 25 th December)		
Mass of the Shepherd’s	(St. Lawrence’s)	Mass 8.30 am
Solemn Mass of Christmas	(St. Teresa’s)	Mass: 10.30 am