

## MASSSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	21 Dec	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Patrick Douglas & Douglas & Walker Families	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  People of the Parish	4th Sunday of Advent
Mon	23 Dec	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Special Intention (B.P.G)	Advent FERIA
Tue	24 Dec	9.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	No Intention Received	Advent FERIA
Tue	24 Dec	6.00 pm  10.30 pm 11.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas  Carols & Readings Midnight Mass of Christmas	St. Anthony's  St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Thompson, Kelly & Hutchinson Families  People of the Parishes	The Nativity of Our Lord
Wed	25 Dec	8.30 am  10.30 am	Mass of the Shepherds  Solemn Mass of Christmas	St. Lawrence's  St. Teresa's	Frances & Patrick Healy RIP  William & Mary Smith	The Nativity of Our Lord
Thur	26 Dec	10.00 am	Solemn Mass With admission of new Altar Servers	St. Teresa's	No Intention Received	St. Stephen
Fri	27 Dec	9.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Hour for Peace Solemn Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	William & Mary Smith	St. John
Sat	28 Dec	8.00 am  4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Solemn Mass  Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Teresa's  St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	No Intention Received  People of the Parish	Holy Innocents  The Holy Family
Sun	29 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	Peter Helm  Susan Thornton RIP	The Holy Family

**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,



# PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday 22 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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

<b>Safeguarding Reps:</b>	St. Teresa's:	Jean Potts
	St. Lawrence's:	George Paul Atkinson
	St. Anthony's:	Christine Dixon

**Parish Websites:** [www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk](http://www.stteresaeastnewcastle.org.uk) [www.stanthonyssstfrancis.org.uk](http://www.stanthonyssstfrancis.org.uk)

## THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

What joy a child brings when receiving the loving attention of an adult! What joy all of us feel whenever we are acknowledged as loved, valued, and good! Yet in our society our tendency is to speak and hear less-than-positive words about each other. In our hunger to hear good words, God comes to us speaking the good Word.

Gabriel reveals to Mary the good news about Elizabeth's pregnancy. Mary sets out immediately to go to Elizabeth – and what an exchange of good news! To both women, God had come. Both women responded with joyful recognition of God's presence.

Mary went “as quickly as she could” to go to Elizabeth. God also comes quickly to us. For time-trapped, impatient humans, however, God’s coming might seem immeasurably slow. God simply doesn’t always come in ways we expect, and so we might often miss divine Presence. Yet God does faithfully come in every moment, every event, every encounter with another. How do we respond?

As we enter these least few days before we celebrate the Nativity of Our Blessed Lord may I take this opportunity to wish you, and your family, every blessing for Christmas. May the peace of the Christ Child be yours once again this Christmas.

## 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, especially those who are named on our parish sick list, as well as the many who have no one to pray for them and for those in hospital. We continued to pray for all those who have died, especially Fr Kevin Cummings who passed away recently. We pray for Fr Cummings, for his family and for all those he ministered to. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### **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.

### **PARISH GIVING**

Over the last few months it has become more apparent that the parish needed to get a card machine as less and less people are now carrying cash. Therefore, like other parishes in the diocese we now have the facility to be able to take weekly offerings, along with other donations, by Card. The machine is placed in the porch for those who would like to contribute to the parish via card. The machine is very easy to use and also allows you to GiftAid your donation. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **STANDING ORDERS OR PAYMENTS BY BACS**

Many thanks to all who contribute to the weekly collections by Standing Order or by BACS. In the coming weeks the bank accounts will merge into a single account. Therefore, you may need to change your standing order details. If you would like to make your regular weekly offering to the Church by standing order this is easy to set up. Our bank details for setting up a Standing Order or BACS payment are:

Account Name: DHN Newcastle St Teresa of the Infant Jesus

Account Number: 5201917

Sort Code: 40-34-18

### **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 before Christmas Eve. If you would like 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.

### **CRIB OFFERINGS**

As is traditional during the season of Christmas, a basket will be placed by the Crib for any donations. The donations that are made will be sent to the Friends of the Holy Land. Please do give as generously as possible.

### **CHANGE OF MASS TIMES DURING CHRISTMAS OCTAVE**

Please make a note of the change of Mass times during the Christmas Octave.

### **FEAST OF ST STEPHEN - PATRON SAINT OF ALTAR SERVERS & DEACONS**

On Thursday the Church celebrates the Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr, who is also the patron saint of altar servers. All Altar Servers are invited to come along to Mass to recommit themselves to this important ministry for another year. The Mass will also see the enrolment into the guild of any new altar servers.

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

On Tuesday 31st January at 6.00pm at St Teresa's we will have a Holy Hour of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Past Year. The Holy Hour will conclude with Solemn Vespers & Benediction. We will sing together the Te Deum as we give thanks to God for the blessings of the past year. Please do come along if you are able as we bring the year to a close.

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

The 1<sup>st</sup> of January is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and the world day of prayer for Peace. A Solemn Mass will be offered at 12noon, preceded by a Holy Hour for Peace from 11am. Please do begin the New Year by coming along to Mass.

### **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!

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Currently the parish has very few Mass intentions booked in during the week. There is nothing better than having a Mass offered for someone, or for a specific 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

### **PARISH READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA'S**

The parish Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Bidding Prayer writers Rota's are now available to be collected from the porches of our churches. Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and ministry to the parish.

### **WHAT CAN WE DO FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR**

The Diocese has planned a series of events for the Jubilee Year, more information can be found below. They hope that parishes will take part in some of the events that they organise. Is there anything else either that we can do as a parish for the Jubilee Year. We will include this on the Agenda for the next Parish Council at in January. If you have any suggestions please email the parish office.

## **NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE & THE WIDER CHURCH**

### **THE JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

The Holy Father has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year with the motto and theme "Pilgrims of Hope." It will be a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation The Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, 2024. It is usually the first door to be opened to indicate the beginning of the Holy Year. Later, on 29 December, the Pope will open the Holy Door of the Archbasilica of St John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome. On the same day, every Cathedral and co-Cathedral throughout the world will have Mass celebrated by the local Bishop to mark the opening of the Jubilee. Bishop Stephen will celebrate the 11.30am Mass at the Cathedral on 29 December to formally commence the Jubilee Year and open the Holy Door. Later on the same day, Bishop Stephen will open the Holy Door at St. Joseph's Hartlepool. "In the course of the year," Pope Francis had written, "every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to their efficacy." On 28 December 2025, the Jubilee will end in the particular Churches throughout the world. Finally, the Jubilee Year will formally conclude in Rome on the Solemnity of Epiphany, 6 January 2026. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at [www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025](http://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025)

### **THE AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

The African-Caribbean Catholic Community is a long-standing, faith-filled, growing community in our diocese with a large number of young families who are passionate about practising their faith. This community would like to thank the clergy of our diocese for the warm welcome and pastoral support given to people of African and Caribbean descent in your parishes. On the last Sunday of each month the men, women and children of this community from across the North East go to St Joseph's Church, Gateshead at 2pm for Mass, prayer meeting and a social gathering. The Chaplaincy appeals to our priests to promote the community in their parishes and refer African and Caribbean parishioners to our community by contacting Fr Anthony C. Ohaekwusi, Chaplain email [africancommunitydhn@gmail.com](mailto:africancommunitydhn@gmail.com).