

MASSSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	28 Dec	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	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
Mon	30 Dec	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Dominic Lindsay RIP	Christmas Feria
Tue	31 Dec	9.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Teresa's	All Deceased Parishioners	Christmas Feria
Wed	1 Jan	11.00 am 12 noon	Holy Hour for Peace Solemn Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	Mary, Mother of God
Thur	2 Jan	11.00 am 12 noon	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Thressiamma Matthew RIP	Ss. Basil & Gregory
Fri	3 Jan					The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Sat	4 Jan	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	Michael Lynn RIP (Anniv.)	Christmas Feria Epiphany of Our Lord
Sun	5 Jan	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 Parish John Keen	Epiphany of Our Lord



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 29 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

Safeguarding Reps:

St. Teresa's:	Jean Potts
St. Lawrence's:	George Paul Atkinson
St. Anthony's:	Christine Dixon

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Christmas is a time when we think of giving and receiving. At home we wrap up gifts for our loved ones and leave them by the tree, in memory of the greatest gift that we could ever have received, the infant Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger. But there are other images from the nativity story of those who gave what they had. Mary gave herself with her great words of acceptance at the annunciation, "let your will be done to me". Joseph gave up his life, pictured so beautifully as he leads his wife on a donkey on the long journey to Bethlehem, protecting and guiding the family entrusted to him by the Lord. The innkeeper gave what little he had available – a stable – so that the couple desperately seeking shelter could have somewhere to bring their child into the world. And later, the magi, brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to the newborn king.

Since my arrival in our parish, I have discovered that there are many people who give what they can to help our mission to grow. I would like to thank you for all that you have done to support me in 2024. It has been another challenging year, with many uncertainties and we enter this Christmas season with yet more question marks about the way forward. I thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we have tried to build up the Kingdom of God here. As we look forward to 2025, and to the Jubilee Year, there will be many more opportunities to grow in our faith together and to build up the Kingdom of God.

The Christmas story is a story of hope, and as we enter 2025, may we renewed by this hope and in our vision for the mission ahead. Let us pray that over the coming year the Holy Spirit may empower us to grow together in our love for Jesus Christ, so that the people of Heaton, Byker and Walker will discover the Good News that we profess with joy.

Fr. Jonathon

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 a right to education: We pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

During Advent & Christmas

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

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.

SAINT LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, BYKER

It is with great sadness that we have had to make the decision not to hold any more Masses at St Lawrence's until the church is structurally safe. Therefore, on Sunday the 12th January there will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 4.00pm as we give thanks to God. This will be followed by a celebration in the hall. Please do make every effort to come along on Sunday 12th January.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES FROM 12th JANUARY, 2025

From the weekend of Sunday 12th January we will implement a new Mass schedule for the Parish. The times of masses across our Parish is as follows:

Saturday Evening - 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Anthony's. Sunday Morning - 11.00am Holy Mass at St. Teresa's. Monday - 6.30pm Holy Mass at St. Teresa's. Tuesday - 10.00am Holy Mass at St Anthony's & 2.15pm at St Lawrence's School (term time only). Thursday - 6.30pm at St. Anthony's. Friday - 9.30am at St Teresa's. Saturday morning - 8.00am at St Teresa's.

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: 52010917
Sort Code: 40-34-18

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.

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 1st 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

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A parish council meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th January at 7.00pm. If there is something that you would like discussed at the meeting, please email this to the parish office by Sunday 5th January. The Agenda for the meeting will then be sent out to all members of the parish council the following week.

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



Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen