

MASSSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	4 Jan	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Michael Lynn RIP (Anniv.)	Christmas Feria
		4.45 pm	Confessions	St. Anthony's		Epiphany of Our Lord
		5.30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's		
Sun	5 Jan	8.30 am	Confessions	St. Lawrence's	People of the Parish	Epiphany of Our Lord
		9.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's		
		10.30 am	Confessions	St. Teresa's		
		11.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	John Keen	
		5.00 pm	Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's		
Mon	6 Jan	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Antonia Cocone RIP	Epiphany Feria
Tue	7 Jan	9.00 am 10.00 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Fr. Kevin Cummings RIP	Epiphany Feria
Wed	8 Jan					Epiphany Feria
Thur	9 Jan	8.45 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's	In Thanksgiving	Epiphany Feria
Fri	10 Jan	8.45 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Alfonso Trujillo RIP	Epiphany Feria
Sat	11 Jan	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Mary & George Keely	St Aelred of Revaulx
		4.45 pm	Confessions	St. Anthony's		Baptism of the Lord
		5.30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's		
Sun	12 Jan	10.30 am	Confessions	St. Teresa's	Louise Tinning RIP	Baptism of the Lord
		11.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's		
		3.30 pm	Confessions	St. Lawrence's		
		4.00 pm	Holy Mass	St. Lawrence's	People of the Parish	



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Sunday 5 January 2025



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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
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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Epiphany, and also the Magi who brought Jesus their costly and symbolic gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense. The term Epiphany is from a Greek verb which means "to reveal," or "to manifest." It recognises the many ways through which God has revealed himself to us and our world.

We hear in our first reading the Prophet Isaiah describe an incredible longing to return from exile, and what that would mean. We know ourselves that this is still mankind's desire: to return to God from the exile that we experience in sinfulness. Isaiah foretells the story of Magi, how "all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord". Indeed, the kings are a symbol in Matthew's Gospel for all the peoples of the world of every background, who could now come and worship the Lord. There are many lessons for us in their story. The Magi came to offer Christ genuine worship - like theirs, our worship must be sincere and from our hearts, not the false worship proposed by Herod. Like the kings, we must be ready to offer Jesus something precious. The best gift we can offer God for his goodness to us is ourselves. It is the gift of good life, the gift of love; the gift of obedience, of humility, of peace and of sacrifice for one another.

Another important lesson is that we must continue to follow the light that Jesus shows us, trusting that he will never mislead us. Each of us has a star that we follow, something that draws us and guides us in a particular direction. As well as guidance through prayer, our stars are people, places and things here on earth that show us the way, that inspire us, that attract us to a good and holy life. And through all of these, Jesus is constantly working to guide us to God. We must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted on our journey by the Herods of this world. Jesus Christ is always the brightest star - he is our way, our truth and our life.

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 January

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 continue to pray for all those who have died, especially Stella Donaghey who passed away recently. Stella's funeral service is to take place on Thursday 16th at 1.30pm in St Anthony's Church, followed by burial at Heaton Cemetery. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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. Our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land have faced many challenges over the past year so any contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please do give as generously as possible.

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.

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!

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The next baptism preparation meeting will take place on Monday 4th February at 7.15pm at St Teresa's.

ALTAR SERVERS SOCIAL NIGHT

All those who serve on the Altar in our parish are invited to come along to a social night on Friday 31st January. If you would like to attend, please speak to Fr Jonathon to collect a consent form. These must be returned by Sunday 19th so that the booking can be made.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

We are currently organising another parish quiz night that will take place on Tuesday 25th February at 7.00pm in St Teresa's Hall. This time it will be a team quiz, so bring along your family and friends and enjoy a little bit of friendly competition as we put our knowledge to the test. There is no need to buy any tickets for the evening, as it will be £2 per person on the door. You are warmly invited to bring along your own drinks and snacks. Please do put 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.

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR'S—ST MARY'S FORREST HALL

St. Mary's, Forrest Hall, are going to be running a series of seminar's on Life in the Spirit. More information is available via the poster that is displayed in the porches of the churches.

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