



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Lent.
A SEASON OF RENEWAL



THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Every year the gospel of the second Sunday of Lent tells of the Transfiguration of Jesus. It is a moment when the disciples get a small glimpse of God in human flesh, as Jesus' divinity shines through his humanity. Soon afterwards, Jesus will begin the long journey to Jerusalem, where he will be rejected, suffer and die. The meeting with Moses and Elijah on the mountain confirms that Jesus is truly the Messiah, and that his glorious destiny will be achieved through pain and death. It's a truth that applies to all of us: the last word in the struggle of the Christian life does not, in fact, lie with struggle - the last word lies with seeing the glory of God.

Many Christians seek peace of heart and mind in their life of faith. Many value the character-building qualities of Christian discipline and want to raise their families in that spirit. Some want to strengthen their life of virtue. Some seek consolation because they are in pain and want to join their suffering to the suffering of Christ. Others find the gospels a source of energy and inspiration to make the world a better place. These are all good and holy pursuits, but still they are not the true prize of a faithful Christian life. Today, and every day, we are invited to imitate St. Paul, not just in the discipline of his life in Christ but primarily in his hopeful expectation to be united with Christ in the full glory of the Resurrection. This is our true prize: the transformation of "our lowly body after the pattern of Christ's own glorious body", which finds its fullness and end in the vision of God, face to face.

Fr. Jonathon

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

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 and for those in hospital. We also remember all those who have died recently especially Robbin Douglas Thompson, Brenda Mary Burdon and Ann Patricia Makepeace, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Robbin's funeral service will take place on Monday 17th March at 1.15pm at West Road Crematorium. Brenda's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 20th March at 1.15pm at St Anthony's. Ann's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 21st March at 11.15am at St. Anthony's.

POPE FRANCIS

We continue to keep in our prayers the Holy Father, Pope Francis and for all the medical teams that are caring for him. We commend him to the prayers of Our Lady and St Joseph. The Holy Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before Weekend Masses.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we are invited to journey with Our Lord to Calvary by making the stations of the Cross. This will take place every Tuesday at 9.15am at St Anthony's and every Friday at 6.30pm at St Teresa's.

LENTEN ALMS

During Lent we will be supporting several charities, all with a particular focus as Catholic Charities. St Cuthbert's Care is our diocesan Charity and all Lenten Alms collections go towards their work here in the diocese supporting many different things that they do. This year in particular they ask that the financial support that we offer goes towards their Young Stars Fostering Group. We will also be supporting CAFOD with their Family Fast Day with the collection being taken on the 15/16th March.

LENT SCRIPTURE COURSE - COME AND SEE

Every Monday throughout Lent we will be holding a Scripture Study Group called 'Come and See'. This will take place in the porch at St Teresa's from 2-3.30pm. Tea and Coffee will be available. Please do come along if you are able to.

PRAYER WALK & ROSARY

On Saturday 22nd March we will have a prayer walk, which will end with the Holy Rosary at the Lady Chapel in Jesmond Park. We will begin with Holy Mass at 10.30am at St Teresa's before walking through the Dene to the Chapel. If you are unable to walk you are more than welcome to join us at the chapel to pray the rosary together at midday.

PARISH SCHOOL TAKEOVER MASS

The next parish school takeover Mass will take place on the weekend of 29th/30th March. Please do come along and support the children from our schools. The children will be doing the readings, the bidding prayers, bringing up the gifts and choosing the hymns that we sing.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A penitential service will take place on Thursday 10th April at 6.30pm at St. Teresa's. Please do come along.

RELAUNCH OF DIOCESE YOUTH COUNCIL

YMT and the Diocese are thrilled to announce the relaunch of the Diocesan Youth Council, for the voices of young people in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. The first meeting is scheduled for Sunday 18th May 2025, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle, from 2.30pm to 4pm. For more details on the council, how to nominate candidates, and to view the full announcement, visit: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/announcing-the-relaunch-of-the-diocesan-youth-council/>.

PARISH GIVING - CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT

We believe in a generous God, who longs for us to share that generosity with others. A generous culture is also essential for our parish to develop a sustainable ministry for the future. That generosity can be expressed in many ways, both financially and by the giving of our time to help the mission of the Church. We are extremely grateful for all your contributions to our parish.

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 Christ the King

Account Number: 52010917

Sort Code: 40-34-18

If you are not currently part of the GiftAid Scheme, or you normally make an offering through the offertory plate, I would like you to consider 'buying' the parish a coffee or a pint every Sunday. We would like to recommend, if you are able, to donate £4.50 each Sunday. The average price of a coffee at Costa is £4.20 and the average price of a pint in a pub is £4.98. Your contribution to your parish is much appreciated.

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! It only lasts 35 minutes and is such a beautiful service.

MASS INTENTIONS

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. 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? To have a Mass said please fill out a Mass envelope (available in the church porches) and return to Fr Jonathon or place in the offertory collection during Mass.

CHILDREN AT MASS

When parents take their children to a special event, to a theatre or a football or rugby match, they want their children to have the best seats right at the front. At the front the children can see and hopefully learn to understand what is going on. But when parents bring their children to Mass, they sit with them at the back of church, behind tall and large adults, where there's draughts from the doors, where they can see very little about what is actually happening at Mass and therefore not too sure why they're there! And being so far away at the back, they don't know what's happening at the front because they can't see and sometimes can't hear! Please come to the front of the Church, to the seats where your children will be able to see what is going!

"WEST MEETS EAST FOR AFTERNOON TEA"

at St Robert's, 151 Cedar Road, Fenham, NE4 9PH There will be an afternoon tea on Saturday 5th April from 2pm—4 pm. Tickets £5 on sale from Sunday 2nd March All are welcome to come along & enjoy goodies, music and raffle in aid of an ecumenical community event in Walker Park on May 3rd. Offers of cakes, scones and any raffle prizes together with help on the day itself will be greatly accepted. Walker Bridge of Hope will be celebrating creativity & talent from local schools & communities in a fun & exciting way, inviting people also to share and experience Jesus with the local churches through music and sharing of faith. To obtain tickets you can email: stroberty.newcastle@diocesehn.org.uk

GETTING MARRIED IN 2025/26

If you are thinking about getting married in 2025/26 and haven't yet spoken to Fr Jonathon, to make sure that a Church wedding is possible, please see him as soon as you can. It is important that you give at least six months notice so that enough time is given to arrange all paperwork, especially if overseas contacts are necessary. A Marriage Preparation course must also be attended so that you are fully prepared for the Sacrament.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

As usual during we will be looking for volunteers to help with the various roles during Holy Week. This includes readers, watchers and those who would like to have their feet washed. Sign up sheets are available in the porches of our churches if you would like to be involved. Please be generous.

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. "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. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025

FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2025/26

Any parent who would like their child to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is invited to fill in the interest form. Sessions will begin in September 2025. More information will be made available after Easter concerning all the dates for the programme. Please scan the QR code for the online form.



Scan me!

PARISH OPEN MEETING

An open meeting for all parishioners will take place on Wednesday 7th May at 7.00pm at St Teresa's Church. This will allow us to look at how we are progressing as a parish and to continue to make plans for the future.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE FAITH THE SEASON OF LENT

Return, repent, reconcile, and renew are words that we hear in the liturgies of Lent. A common factor among these words is the prefix re-. That prefix expresses the meaning "again," as in words such as *redo*, *remake*, and *revise*; but it also indicates withdrawal or backward motion, as in words such as *return*, *revert*, and *remember*. During Lent, we are called to change by going back to childlike innocence, simplicity, and joy.

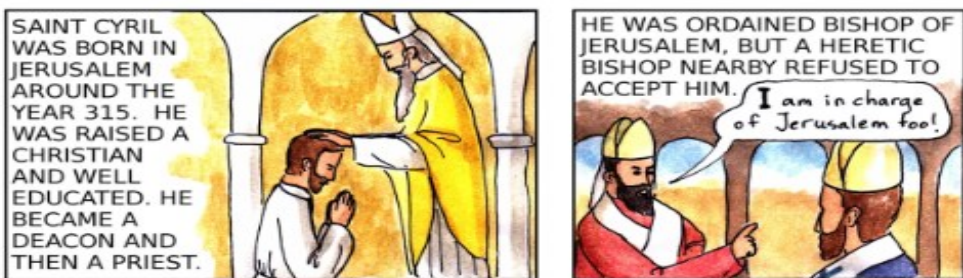
Prayer helps us to return to childlike innocence. Prayer prompts us to withdraw. As Jesus said, "When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret" Prayer nurtures our relationship with God. Prayer also nurtures our relationship with ourselves. Prayer peels away the masks we wear and the layers of ego defences we think we need to survive. Prayer tells us that it's okay to be who we really are. Prayer changes us.

Fasting helps us to return to childlike simplicity. Fasting challenges us to trust that God will provide all that we need. Fasting helps us to sort our priorities. Because the digestive system doesn't have to work as hard when we fast, we have more energy to focus on what matters. Fasting creates a hunger for God. Fasting changes us.

Almsgiving helps us to return to childlike joy. Almsgiving moves us to acknowledge how much we have been given and that fills us with gratitude and praise. Almsgiving frees us from fear by compelling us to surrender what we have and who we are to others. Almsgiving requires humility. As Jesus said, "When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret" (Matthew 6:2). True humility always leads to joy. Almsgiving changes us.

It is God who calls us to conversion, and it is God's transforming grace that accompanies us on the Lenten journey as we pray, fast, and give alms. Let us pray for the courage to be open to this grace that we might come to Easter, the biggest banquet of the liturgical year, with hearts cleansed and spirits renewed.

SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM MARCH 18



AT FIRST CYRIL DIDN'T HAVE A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BUT HE KNEW THAT THE ARIANS WERE WRONG. THEY SAID JESUS WAS LESS IMPORTANT THAN GOD THE FATHER. CYRIL TAUGHT WHAT HE KNEW WAS RIGHT ANYWAY. DO YOU TELL OTHERS WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD?

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St. Joseph Puzzle March 19

The Gospel tells us that Saint Joseph was a just man. What did he do?

Match the things that he did (on the right) with the circumstances on the left.

1. Before they were married and he found out that Mary was expecting a baby ____
2. When the angel came in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife ____
3. When the government said that everyone had to register in their home town ____
4. When an angel came in a dream and told him that the soldiers were coming to kill baby Jesus ____
5. When Jesus stayed in the Temple instead of coming home with him ____
6. While Jesus was growing up ____

A. St. Joseph taught Jesus to be a carpenter.

B. St. Joseph looked for Jesus for three days until he found Him.

C. St. Joseph took Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt right away.

D. St. Joseph went to Bethlehem with Mary.

E. St. Joseph planned to break off his engagement quietly so that Mary wouldn't be ashamed.

F. St. Joseph married Mary.



MASSSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	15 Mar	4.45 pm 5.30 pm 7.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday A Night of Light	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	2nd Sunday of Lent
Sun	16 Mar	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Peter Gowen RIP	2nd Sunday of Lent
Mon	17 Mar	5.30 pm 6.30 pm 7.05 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass Lenten Meditation	St. Teresa's	John Dominic Wallace RIP	St. Patrick
Tue	18 Mar	9.15 am 10.00 am	Stations of the Cross Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	David Greenwood (NBF)	Lent Feria
Wed	19 Mar	7.00 pm	Solemn Mass	St. Teresa's	Vocations to the priesthood	St. Joseph
Thur	20 Mar	1.15 pm 6.30 pm	Requiem Mass Solemn Mass	St. Anthony's St. Teresa's	Brenda Mary Burdon RIP Fr Kevin Cummin RIP	St. Cuthbert
Fri	21 Mar	8.30 am 9.30 am 11.15 am 6.30 pm	Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Requiem Mass Stations of the Cross	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Teresa's	Kathleen Gregor RIP Ann Patricia Makepeace RIP	Lent Feria
Sat	22 Mar	10.30 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	John ONaivi RIP	Lent Feria
Sat	22 Mar	4.45 pm 5.30 pm 7.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday A Night of Light	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Teresa's	George Kelly RIP	3rd Sunday of Lent
Sun	23 Mar	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	For the People	3rd Sunday of Lent

Please continue to remember in your prayers:



those who are sick or housebound and their carers:

John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Margaret McEvoy, 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 March

For Families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



During Lent

We are asked to pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments, for Women, for the needy and the hungry of the world, and for all penitents and wanderers.



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