



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 13 April 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

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the bittersweet beginning of Holy Week. It is a day of fleeting triumph as Jesus enters the great city of Jerusalem. Next Sunday will be another day of triumph - lasting triumph - yet in between is a familiar, sorrowful mixture of pain and dread.

Palm Sunday is the key to understanding the Passion of Jesus Christ, and vice versa. By bringing together two separate, contrasting events in a single liturgy - Christ's adulation when entering Jerusalem, and rejection and death as he is nailed to the cross - the Church confronts us with the Mystery that is Holy Week. We stand with palms in our hands because we want to worship and honour God. We also stand as sinners. It was not just the chief priests and the Roman soldiers; it was our sins that inflicted this suffering on Jesus. We are the reason that he died on the cross. Are we part of the crowd praising Jesus, or are we part of the crowd demanding he be crucified? We are both. Every time we commit sin, we stand with the crowd yelling, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

"He died for us." Most of us have heard this phrase so many times that we are immune to the fact that Christ died on account of our sins, and the incredible truth that we have been delivered from death. So do not waste this week, but spend it reflecting upon the mystery of his Passion. Let us remember that Jesus died for our sins, your sins, my sins. Be with him at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. The crowd which welcomed Jesus with palms turned against him and abandoned him just as quickly - this week, stay to see what we have done to him, and what his Divine love has done for us.

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 and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

HOLY PLACES - SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, and on Good Friday, the annual collection for the places of the Holy Land will take place. The collection helps the sites in the Holy Land, associated with Jesus, to be maintained. The war in Gaza means very few, if any, pilgrims are visiting the Holy Land at this time. This lack of financial support means that this collection is more important than ever to support the people of the Holy Land in their daily living

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.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER - EASTER DUTIES

Sadly the penitential service that was planned for during Lent has had to be cancelled. However, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the following times during Holy Week to allow as many people as possible a chance to go to Confession before Easter.

Saturday	-	4.30-5.20pm	@St. Anthony's
Palm Sunday	-	10-10.45am & 4.00-4.45pm	@St. Teresa's
Monday	-	8 - 10.00am & 5.30-6.15pm	@St. Teresa's
Tuesday	-	8 - 10.00am & 5.30-6.15pm	@St. Teresa's
Wednesday	-	8 - 9.00am & 5.30-6.15pm	@St. Teresa's
Holy Thursday	-	8 - 9.00am	@St. Teresa's
Holy Saturday	-	10am - 12noon	@St. Teresa's.

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Every Sunday 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 40 minutes and is such a beautiful service.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On Sunday 27th April the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. Therefore, on the afternoon of Sunday 27th April there will be the traditional Divine Mercy Devotions, with the blessing of the image, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Hour and Confessions. This will take place at St. Teresa's, beginning at 2.45pm. Please do spread the word and come along. We will also celebrate the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis, which also takes place on Sunday 27th in Rome.

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.

ST MARY'S PLACE

If you have any new, old or unwanted sleeping bags please could you bring them along to Church and leave them for St Mary's Place. These will then be given out to those who are homeless and use the St Mary's project at the Cathedral.

PARISH GIVING

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 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

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 24th April at 7pm. After a time of prayer in Church there will be food in the presbytery. Are you looking for a welcoming space to grow in faith and fellowship? The Prayer Group is a vibrant community of young Catholic adults (18 to around 35) who come together on the last Thursday of each month at 7pm at St Teresa's. We share in faith, friendship and great conversations, followed by a meal or a drink in the Catholic Club. Beyond our monthly gatherings, we stay connected through social events, attending conferences and our active WhatsApp group, making it a wonderful way to meet fellow Catholics. Come and be part of a community that supports and inspires each other in faith!

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!

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

A few people have commented recently about how they feel they have not been welcomed 'properly' when attending our churches, or that no-one spoke to them from coming into church to going out. This is difficult because no-one wants to overpower anyone, especially visitors, not everyone wants to have someone talking to them, but at the same time, many people like to be welcomed into Church, either by those who welcome at the door, or by those sitting in the benches. It is important that we make people feel welcome amongst us. So, just a thought Do you know who is sitting close to you during Mass ... have you acknowledged them? Have you said 'hello' to them? Be a bit bold and find out who your neighbour is in your pew! And if they are there next week, strike up the conversation again after Mass!

PARISH FISH & CHIPS QUIZ NIGHT

The parish are currently planning another Quiz Night which will take place on Friday 9th May at 7pm in St Teresa's Hall. Tickets will be required as we need to know numbers for the Fish & Chips. Tickets are £8 for Adults and £4 for children, and are now on sale after all Masses.

THE CHOSEN

The Chosen is a Christian historical television series, about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Season 5 is to launch very soon and will be available to watch at Cineworld in Newcastle (The Gate) in time for Easter, April 10th - 13th

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.



ST TERESE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

On Saturday 17th May at 11.00am we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St Therese. To celebrate we have been asked to host a special Mass at St Teresa's. Bishop Stephen will be celebrating the Mass and the Diocesan Choir will be singing. Please do put this in your diaries and come along!

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.

HOLY ISLAND SVP CAMP

Volunteering is a Work of Heart. Holy Island Children's Camp is looking for new volunteers to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island. They are in need of young adults to help the children have a great week's holiday on the island in Summer 2025. Full training and support will be given and would suit someone wanting to give back to the Community by helping 9-12-year-olds have fun for a week. They are also keen to attract people who would like to help by volunteering in the Kitchen/Dining room and with caretaking. Term Time Camps need lots of volunteers if they are to survive. If you could find a few days in term time to help out with serving meals, prepping salads and washing dishes they would be truly grateful. By running term time camps, Summer Vinnies Holidays for children can be sustained. If you'd like to chat about the role please email BarbaraT@svp.org.uk.

HOLY WEEK MASSES & SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY

As we recall the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, our Masses will begin with this special blessing and procession. At the Vigil Mass at St Anthony's this will take place in the presbytery garden at 5.30pm. At the Solemn Mass at St Teresa's this will take place in the Parish Hall at 11.00am. Please do not leave any handbags or valuables in the Church. Solemn Vespers & Benediction will take place at St. Teresa's at 5.00pm.

HOLY MONDAY - SPY WEDNESDAY

As we prepare for the Sacred Triduum we will keep the same schedule everyday at St. Teresa's. There will be Adoration & Confessions at 5.30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 6.30pm. There will then be a Holy Week Reflection after Mass with Exposition. At 8.00pm we will conclude with Night Prayer.

HOLY THURSDAY

We begin the Sacred Triduum with Tenebrae at St. Teresa's at 9.00am. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7pm at St Anthony's. After Mass there will be the "Watching", a quiet time remembering the time of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Agony and the Arrest; this will end with Night Prayer at 11.45pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday will begin with Morning Prayer at 9.00am at St. Teresa's. This will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 9.30am. The Solemn Liturgy will take place at 3.00pm at St. Anthony's.

HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday will begin with Morning Prayer at 9.00am at St. Teresa's. This will be followed by Confessions from 10.00am until Midday. The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at St. Anthony's at 8.15pm. Mass will begin with the Blessing of the Fire and the Lighting of the Paschal Candle. This will take place in the Presbytery Garden. The Mass will be much longer than the usual Vigil Mass, but it will be a great celebration of the Resurrection. Please do come along and celebrate this momentous Mass and support those who are coming into the Church.

EASTER SUNDAY

As we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord there will be Solemn Mass at St Teresa's at 11.00am followed by Tea & Coffee. At 5.00pm we will have Solemn Vespers & Benediction.

Holy Week

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?

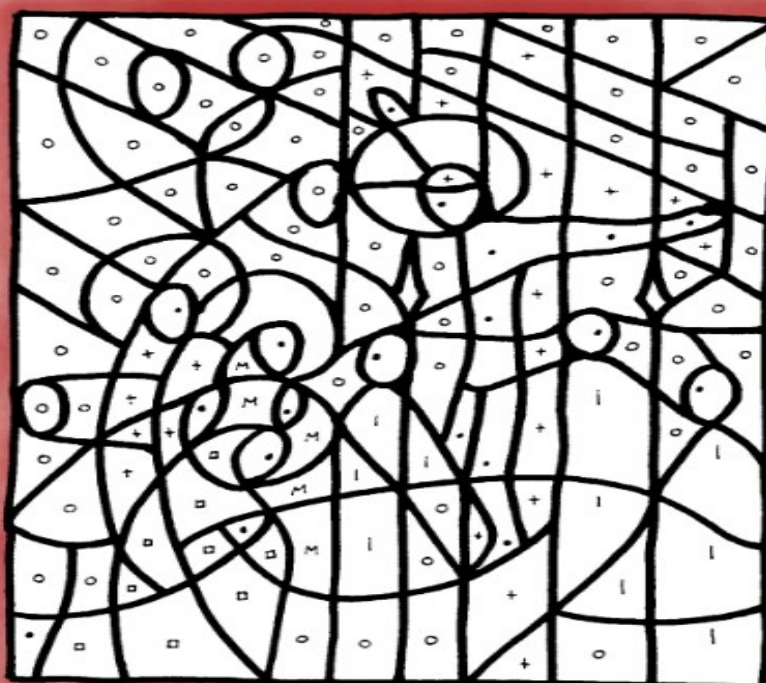


Unscramble: before, disciples, you, afterward, never, hands, bread, last.
Answer to Good Friday Word-Find: Jesus died for me. Answers to Holy Thursday Word-Find: come, out, world, BODY AND BLOOD.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 13th, 2025



What did Jesus do for me?

Use the code to colour in the picture and find out!

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MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	12 Apr	4.00 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday	St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	Palm Sunday
Sun	13 Apr	10.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Solemn Sung Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Teresa Wallace RIP	Palm Sunday
Mon	14 Apr	8am - 10am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Exposition & Confessions Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass & Meditation Compline	St. Teresa's	Sarah Cain RIP	Holy Week
Tue	15 Apr	8am - 10am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Exposition & Confessions Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass & Meditation Compline	St. Teresa's	Adele O'Naivi Thanksgiving	Holy Week
Wed	16 Apr	8am - 9am 11.00 am 5.30 pm 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Exposition & Confessions Chrism Mass Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass & Meditation Compline	St. Teresa's Cathedral St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Patrick Healy RIP	Spy Wednesday
Thur	17 Apr	8am - 9am 9.00 am 7.00 pm 8.15 pm 11.45 pm	Confessions Tenebrae (Morning Prayer) Mass of the Lord's Supper Watching at Altar of Repose Compline	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Muldon & Richardson Family Living & Deceased	Holy Thursday
Fri	18 Apr	9.00 am 9.30 am 3.00 pm	Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross The Solemn Liturgy	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Anthony's		Good Friday
Sat	19 Apr	9.00 am 9.30-12	Morning Prayer Confessions	St. Teresa's		Holy Saturday
Sat	19 Apr	8.15 pm	Solemn Easter Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's	Fr. Michael Conaty RIP	The Resurrection of the Lord
Sun	20 Apr	10.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Solemn Sung Easter Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	The Resurrection of the Lord

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 April



For New Technologies:

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



During Lent

We are asked to pray for :

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

