



# PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 1 June 2025



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### THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of Jesus' final prayer before departing for the Garden of Gethsemane and the events of the Passion. His farewell discourse has turned from information to intercession. At this moment Jesus is not offering instructions to the disciples, or to the church they will lead; he is not preaching, teaching, or rallying. Jesus is praying. He prays that his disciples - Christians present and future - may all be one. What does it mean for us to be one? Does it mean we all have to get along, all the time? Does that mean we all have to agree, all the time? No, it doesn't. Oneness and unity are about love. Anyone who has been a part of a family, a member of a church, or a community, knows that within that love there can be disagreements and squabbling. We are human! Oneness does not mean uniformity, but rather to be and stay loving, in spite of tensions and conflicts.

Neither does oneness mean that we lose our identity or individuality. God loves diversity, as is manifest in his creative will and action, and within the Persons of the Blessed Trinity themselves. There is value and dignity in being a human creature made by God, and in the diversity of races and cultures as made by God, which share a unified human nature. There is also value and dignity in the rich variety of creation itself in all its forms, which together makes up the unified whole that is the world. Oneness is about love, not about eliminating differences. In love there may be differences, but there is no division.

Ultimately when Jesus prays for all to be one, "as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us", what he is praying for is something much more profound than comfortable secular togetherness. What he is praying for is nothing less than the mending of creation - the restoring of creation to its original perfect relationship with God

**Fr. Jonathon**





# NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

## WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Anya Gibson who will be baptised today (Sunday) at St Teresa's after the 11am Mass. 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 in our prayers all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we continue to prepare for the great solemnity of Pentecost, we are praying together the Novena to the Holy Spirit at the end of Masses. Sheets can be collected from the porch during the week to join in with the Novena.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Our Children who have been preparing to make their First Holy Communion ask for your prayers in these final days. The First Holy Communion Masses will take place on Saturday 7th June at 10.00am at St Anthony's and on Saturday 14th June at 10.00am at St. Teresa's. Please do come along to these parish celebrations and pray for our young people.

## 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.

## QUARANT'ORE - 40 HOURS WITH THE LORD

The parish is currently organising for the traditional Quarant'Ore or 40 Hours. This will take place from Thursday 19th June - Sunday 22nd June. In order to hold this beautiful period of exposition with the Lord we will need volunteers to stay for an hour to pray, while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. There are sign-up sheets in the porches of our churches. Please be as generous as possible with your time as without you we will not be able to hold this sacred time with the Lord.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

If you wish to organise a baptism, please speak to Fr Jonathon after Mass. Please note that one parent must be a Catholic and you should be living in the parish. If you do not live within our parish you will be asked to speak to your own parish priest. The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 2nd June at St Teresa's at 7.15pm in the porch. Please bring the baptism application form back with you to that meeting if not before.

## ALTAR SERVERS

We are always looking to welcome new Altar Servers onto our small teams of servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion and would like to serve at Holy Mass, please speak to Fr. Jonathon.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Every year on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi you are recommissioned to serve in the parish as Eucharistic Ministers. If you would like to continue in this important ministry can you please speak to Fr. Jonathon and fill out a form. You will need to be recommissioned to be able to continue in your ministry. This will take place during the Sunday Masses on the solemnity of Corpus Christi.

## CAR PARKING AT ST. TERESA'S

Over the last couple of weeks the car parking at St Teresa's has become very dangerous. It is extremely important that there is access to the car park for the emergency services at all times. Therefore, it is requested that parishioners do not park in the middle of the Car Park.

## 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. Children need to be at least 7 years old to take part. Please scan the QR code for the online form or speak to Fr Jonathon for a hard copy of the interest form.



## CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025/26

If you are in secondary school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to fill in the interest form for our next course beginning in September. Sessions will take place on a Tuesday Evening at 6.45pm in St Teresa's Hall. More information will be emailed to you after you have completed the initial interest form. Please scan the QR code for the online form or speak to Fr Jonathon, or your parish priest, for a hard copy of the interest form.



## YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 26th June. There will be time of Adoration, along with some spiritual input. We will then head into the presbytery for Pizza's. 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

## 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 no Mass intentions booked in during the week from the beginning of June. 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.

## JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP

On Pentecost Sunday (8th June) at St Teresa's during the 11.00am Mass we will have the baptisms, Confirmations and Communions of the last of this year's group. Please do pray for them as they prepare for these Sacraments. If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, or if you would like to be confirmed please speak to Fr Jonathon so that you can register your interest in the next course beginning in September.

## HOLY YEAR DAY OF REFLECTION

On Saturday 21 June Fr Dermot Preston SJ, a member of the Jesuit community at St Dominic's, Newcastle, will lead a Day of Reflection in the Holy Name Hall, Towers Avenue, Jesmond starting with refreshments at 10.30am and concluding at 3pm. Fr Dermot, drawing on the Jesuit tradition and St Ignatius' 'Spiritual Exercises', will lead us on Ways of Praying that are accessible, practical and relevant for our time. The Day is open to parishes in our Partnership (Benton, Byker, Forest Hall, Gosforth, Heaton, Jesmond, North Gosforth, Walker) and all are welcome. If you wish to take part – booking is essential - please email [welcome@holynamesjesmond.co.uk](mailto:welcome@holynamesjesmond.co.uk) or telephone 0191 281 0940. Tea and coffee will be provided but you may wish to take a packed lunch.



## EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION AT USHAW COLLEGE

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

## SICK & HOUSEBOUND

We pray for all our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity. If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, because you are unable to come to Church due to sickness or are housebound, please contact either Fr Jonathon and the appropriate arrangements will be made.

## SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL

This will take place on Saturday 28 June, commencing with Mass at 3.00pm, at which Bishop Stephen will be the principle celebrant. This will be followed with a barbecue and a ceilidh in the evening. Tickets for the barbecue are priced at £10. All proceeds will go to support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly, to support young people. For further information and to book, please contact Nicole at [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or call 01207 592244.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS IN JUNE

The second collections in June is for the Lay Training Fund and Peter's Pence. The lay training fund helps the Diocese to provide formation for the laity to be more actively involved in the mission of the Church. Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father and the Universal Church and, in particular, the Holy Father's charitable initiatives. Thank you for your generosity.

## PIETY STALL

Our churches are blessed to have piety stalls. However, it would be great to have some volunteers to help look after these stalls during the weekend Masses. If you would be interested, please speak to Fr Jonathon.

## Saint Boniface June 5



## LEARNING THE FAITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

An often cited early Church document expresses the importance of participation at Sunday Eucharist: When you are teaching, command and exhort the people to be faithful to the assembly of the Church. Let them not fail to attend, but let them gather faithfully together. Let no one deprive the Church by staying away; if they do, they deprive the body of Christ of one of its members. For you must not think only of other but of yourself as well, when you hear the words that our Lord spoke: "Who does not gather with me scatters" (Mt. 12:30). Since you are the members of Christ, you must not scatter yourselves outside the Church by failing to assemble there. For we have Christ for our Head, as he himself promised and announced, so that "you have become sharers with me." Do not, then, make light of your own selves, do not deprive our Savior of his members, do not rend, do not scatter his Body!"

By not participating in Sunday Eucharist, we "deprive the body of Christ of one of its members." Each one of us as members of Christ's body is important. An analogy would be the family reunion. If one family member does not show, the reunion is incomplete. The Church gathered for Sunday Eucharist is likewise lacking when one person is missing. We know the parable of the lost sheep. This parable has the same point. The shepherd leaves the 99 sheep to find the lost sheep. Each person is needed in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly.

Sunday Eucharist is the primary time when we enter through "the door of faith" to be transformed by Christ's grace. At Sunday Eucharist, we as the Church gathered meet Christ in his Word and in his Body and Blood. We enter deeper into communion (union) with Christ and the Church. As the pope explains, participating in the life of the Church "makes it possible to perceive, ever anew, the marvels that God works for us. . . . What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end" (15).

Pope Benedict XVI often called the liturgy a "school of faith." Through the liturgy, Christ, the great Teacher, teaches us to love as God loves us. By not participating in Sunday Eucharist, we miss the great privilege of being enlightened by Christ's Word, Body, and Blood. Liturgy is a door to faith where we meet Christ present to and with the liturgical assembly. When we open ourselves to Christ's presence, we grow and deepen our faith. Having been enlightened by Christ in the liturgy, we are sent from the liturgy to witness to Christ's transforming presence that allows the world to be brightened by our faith-filled words and deeds. Indeed, each one of us is needed.





# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	31 May	4.30 pm 5.00 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Rosary & Novena Vigil Mass <i>followed by Marian Procession</i>	St. Anthony's	Elizabeth Frances Dearing	7th Sunday of Easter
Sun	1 June	10.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am  6.00 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Rosary & Novena Sung Holy Mass  Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	7th Sunday of Easter
Mon	2 June	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Private Intention (TPG)	Weekday of Easter
Tue	3 June	9.00 am 10.00 am	Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Mary Mundie RIP	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
Wed	4 June					Weekday of Easter
Thur	5 June	6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Mass Adoration & Compline	St. Teresa's	Holy Souls	St Boniface
Fri	6 June	8.30 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	No Intention Received	Weekday of Easter
Sat	7 June	10.00 am	First Holy Communion Mass	St. Anthony's	1st Communion Children	St Robert of Newminster
Sat	7 June	4.30 pm 5.00 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Holy Rosary Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	Pentecost Sunday
Sun	8 June	10.00 am 11.00 am  6.00 pm	Exposition & Confessions Sung Holy Mass  Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	Living & Deceased Lindsay & Wallace Families	Pentecost Sunday



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

## 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 Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention for June

#### That the world might grow in compassion:

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

#### During Eastertide

#### We are asked to pray for :

New members of the Church, Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, the Right use of Media, The Church, and for Human Work.

