



# PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

Corpus Christi

Sunday 22 June 2025



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**Safeguarding**  
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## THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

As we celebrate the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), we give thanks to God for the wondrous gift of Christ's abiding presence with us, made visible in the Holy Eucharist. Reason alone cannot comprehend this mystery, but through faith we believe that during consecration the bread and wine are truly and substantially changed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son. The Eucharist is not a symbol or a metaphor, neither is it a "piece" of him: it is Jesus Christ, whole and entire.

Just as we need ordinary food for the physical strength to survive in the world, the Eucharist provides us with the strength and nourishment essential for our spiritual survival. In receiving it, Christ is assimilated into our spirit and we become one both with him, and with others in the community. We approach the sacrament together, united in Christ as one people, each person receiving a full and equal share of God's presence.

How can we return to God a depth of gratitude sufficient for this precious gift? Like Christ, the greatest gift we can give is ourselves. An outward expression of this is in our care for others - here is adoration made visible in and to the world; when our compassion, as Christ's, feeds the hungry and gives rest to the weary. When the disciples want to send the huge crowds away, Jesus tells them: "Give them some food yourselves." His message is that we - the living Church, the body of Christ - have a responsibility to mend the broken, hungry world we are living in. There are so many yet to be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, but no one's life, no matter how broken, is beyond the redeeming force of God's love. The leftover baskets from the feeding of the five thousand indicate that in God's kingdom there is plenty; there is abundance. No number who come can exhaust it. All will be fed.

Fr. Jonathon





## **NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE**

### **WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS**

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Sophia, Greta and Ambra Bara who will be baptised after the 11am Mass at St Teresa's. We also 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, especially Catherine Audrey Wood and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Audrey's cremation service will take place on Tuesday 24th June at 10.30am at West Road Crematorium.

### **TODAY - EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

This afternoon we will conclude our extended period of Adoration with Solemn Sung Vespers at 4.00pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession. The Eucharistic Procession will go into Heaton Park before returning via Heaton Park Road to the Church. Please do come along and witness to the faith in this beautiful procession.

### **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.

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART**

On Friday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During this Jubilee Year, it has also been dedicated as the Jubilee Day for our Schools. Therefore, Friday morning at St. Teresa's we will have Mass as usual at 9.30am, which will be attended by all the school children at St Teresa's.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

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

### **JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP**

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.

### **PIETY STALL**

Our churches are blessed to have piety stalls. These are stocked with various cards for all occasions, along with other devotional items, such as rosaries and statues. However, it would be great to have some volunteers to help look after these stalls during the weekend Masses and to suggest what items are needed in the future. If you would be interested, please speak to Fr. Jonathon.

### **PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION MASS**

Bishop Stephen Wright will be presiding over the Partnership Confirmation Mass on Thursday at Holy Name, Jesmond. The Mass will begin at 6.30pm. There will be 32 young people confirmed and their families and sponsors will be present. However, this is a partnership celebration so please do come along and support the candidates! After Mass, Tea and Coffee, Cakes and Biscuits will be available.

### **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 25/26**

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**

There will be no meeting in June, due to the Confirmation Mass that is being held for our partnership at Holy Name Jesmond. Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 24th July. There will be time of Adoration, along with a 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL**

The Youth 2000 Festival is taking part at Ampleforth from Friday August 22nd, 3pm until Monday August 25th. Please use this link for further information and for all Registration <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025>.



## 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.

## MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Join March for Life UK on 6 September in London. The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right which is why this year's theme is "Human Rights For All Humans." Unite with thousands of others at this family friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> or email [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

## HOLY ISLAND SVP CAMP

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. 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](mailto:BarbaraT@svp.org.uk).

## SHARING OUR FAITH IN TODAY'S WORLD

Witness: Sharing Our Faith in Today's World – A Year of Jubilee Formation Opportunity. Saturday 28 June, 9.20am 1.30pm, Emmaus Village. Are you terrified by the idea of evangelisation? Do you dread people asking you about the Church? All are welcome to join us for: a day of sharing experiences and fears; an insight into how to deal with tough questions and 10 things that might help when talking to people about your faith! This witness formation event will lead into the Significance Festival (see below) For more information and booking details visit: [bit.ly/DHNWitnessSignificance](https://bit.ly/DHNWitnessSignificance) or contact the Formation & Mission team at [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk) or call 0191 243 3316.

## JOB VACANCY AT DIOCESAN OFFICES

The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle is seeking to appoint an Education Administrator on a fixed-term contract for 12 months. Closing date: 25 June 2025. For more information and to apply, please visit: [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

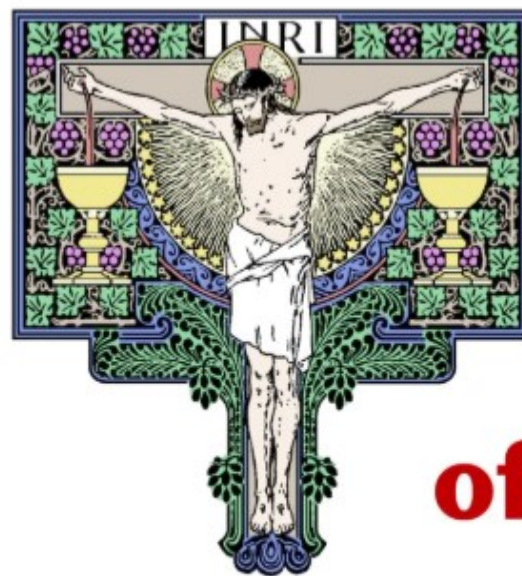
## PARISH GIVING

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



# The Body and Blood of Christ

When Jesus went back to Heaven He didn't want to leave us all alone, so He gave Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. First He gave Himself to the Apostles at the Last Supper, and today He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion.

Normally when we eat something it gets absorbed into our body. But receiving Jesus in Holy Communion does something different. It makes us more into Jesus' Body! It brings our soul closer to God and closer to all the other people in the Church. That's what "Communion" means.

When we go to Communion in a state of grace we can get so much more grace from God. Our venial (small) sins can be taken away and we can get more strength to do His will. In fact, the time that your prayers are the most powerful is right after you receive Holy Communion, when Jesus is right inside you. He is your closest friend and only wants what is good for you. When you go to Communion remember Who you just received and don't forget to thank Him for coming to you!

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle: top: 3, 6 middle: 5, 1 bottom: 2, 4

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## Unscramble the Story: Five Loaves and Two Fishes

How well do you know the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes? Put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes in the right order.



When Jesus fed the crowd of five thousand with five loaves and two fish, He was giving an example of how He could feed everyone with His Body and Blood in Holy Communion.



# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	21 June	4.30 pm 5.30 pm 7.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass Night of Light	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	<i>The Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i>
Sun	22 June	8.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am  4.00 pm	Sung Morning Prayer Confessions Sung Holy Mass  Vespers & Procession	St. Teresa's	Peter Healy RIP	<i>The Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i>
Mon	23 June	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Teresa's		St. Etheldeda
Tue	24 June	9.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Anthony's		Nativity of St John the Baptist
Wed	25 June					Feria
Thur	26 June	6.30 pm	Partnership Confirmation Mass	Holy Name, Jesmond		Feria
Fri	27 June	8.30 am 9.30 am	Exposition & Holy Rosary Solemn Mass	St. Teresa's		<i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
Sat	28 June	8.00 am	Holy Mass (Latin)	St. Teresa's		<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>
Sat	28 June	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's		Ss. Peter & Paul
Sun	29 June	10.00 am 11.00 am  6.00 pm	Confessions Sung Holy Mass  Sung Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's		Ss. Peter & Paul



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 Ordinary Time (Summer)

#### We are asked to pray for :

A deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life and for Seafarers

