



# PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th July 2025



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## THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM DAVID PINDER

In our Gospel this Sunday we hear the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan. As can be the case when we know something well, the true meaning can often be lost, so let us look at what is at the heart of the story. The lawyer knows the law well, he knows of the need to love both God and our neighbour, but where the challenge comes is that he does not know how to put this into practice, as demonstrated with the simple yet profound question he puts before Jesus, "who is my neighbour?"

Do we know who our neighbour is? The parable which Jesus puts before us turns expectations upside down, for it is not the religious figures who show mercy, but rather a Samaritan, someone considered to be an outsider, even as far as being hated by the Jews. We learn from this, that our neighbour is not defined by nationality, or religion, or by any other kind of distinctions, but rather by need, and by our willingness to respond with care, compassion and dignity. At the very heart of our faith is a call to action, for as the Letter of St. James reminds us, faith by itself, without works, is dead. This call to action is encouraged by the words of our first reading, from the book of Deuteronomy, where we are told that the Word of God is not far from us. It is already in our hearts and mouths, just needing that next step to bring it to fruition with love and justice.

Our Gospel ends with a command given by Jesus, both to the lawyer, and to us today, to go and show mercy to others, following the example of the Good Samaritan. Our neighbour may be the poor, the lonely, the migrant, or even the seafarer who is far from home (who we particularly remember today on this 'Sea Sunday'). To all who are considered to be our neighbour, we are challenged to love them in both our words and our deeds. For if we truly love our neighbour, we also truly loving God.





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

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

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Koua Anostamley who will be baptised this Sunday during the 11am Mass at St Teresa's. We also remember 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. Please keep in your prayers all those who have died recently, especially Sarah Mills and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Sarah's Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Fr Jonathon at St Aidan's on Monday 14th July at 9.45am followed by burial in Heaton Cemetery.

### **SECOND COLLECTION - STELLA MARIS**

This weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday, where we pray in a particular way for all those who work at Sea, and for all those who minister to our seafarers. A second collection will be taken for the work of Stella Maris. Paul will also be sharing more information about the work of Stella Maris at the end of our Mass. Please do give as generously as possible.

### **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.

### **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.

### **CHANGE OF MASSTIMES - SCHOOL MASSES**

As we come to the end of another academic year we celebrate with our school communities their achievements, while we also say Good-bye to those who will be moving on to new adventures. Therefore, there will be a change to Mass times and venues so that Fr Jonathon is able to celebrate these thanksgiving Masses with our schools. Please do come along to these parish celebrations.

Tuesday 15th July - 12noon at St. Lawrence's School

Wednesday 16th July - 9.30am at St. Albans School

Thursday 17th July - 1.30pm at St Teresa's Church

Friday 18th July - 9.30am at St Mary's High School.

### **ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2025**

The Newcastle and District Society of Organists are holding a series of recitals at St Dominic's on selected Friday nights, starting at 7.30pm for 70 minutes. Tickets are £10 and include refreshments. The next recital is on 18 July with Eleni Kventsidou (Rugby School). The series continues on 15 August- Charles Wooler (Newcastle), and 19 September- Kris Thomsett (Newcastle Cathedral).

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Any Parents hoping to have their child baptised are asked to speak to Fr Jonathon, in person, after Sunday Mass to arrange this. This is the preferred way for organising Baptisms. One parent must be a Baptised Catholic and should be living within the parish boundaries.

### **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. 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>.



## 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).

## 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

## HOSPITAL MINISTRY

The Catholic Chaplains at the city hospitals are looking for practising Catholics to assist them with the distribution of Holy Communion each Sunday. They may already be assisting in their parishes or willing to be trained in this ministry. Once a week (Sunday) Ministers of Holy Communion would, on a rota, work alongside and under the direction of Fr Mariadass and Deacon Paddy Jackson. For further information please contact Fr Mariadass or Deacon Paddy on [arockia.pagyasamy@nhs.net](mailto:arockia.pagyasamy@nhs.net) or [paddy.jackson1@nhs.net](mailto:paddy.jackson1@nhs.net)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SVP

The SVP manage the collections and sorting of clothing to donate both to refugees and others in need. There has been a logjam for weeks due to lack of volunteers to sort out donations and it is making it difficult to deal with requests. If you are able to volunteer at the SVP centre on New Bridge Street, just next door to St Dominic's, please visit [svp.org.uk/microsite/st-vincent-centre-newcastle/volunteer](http://svp.org.uk/microsite/st-vincent-centre-newcastle/volunteer)

## LOURDES PETITIONS

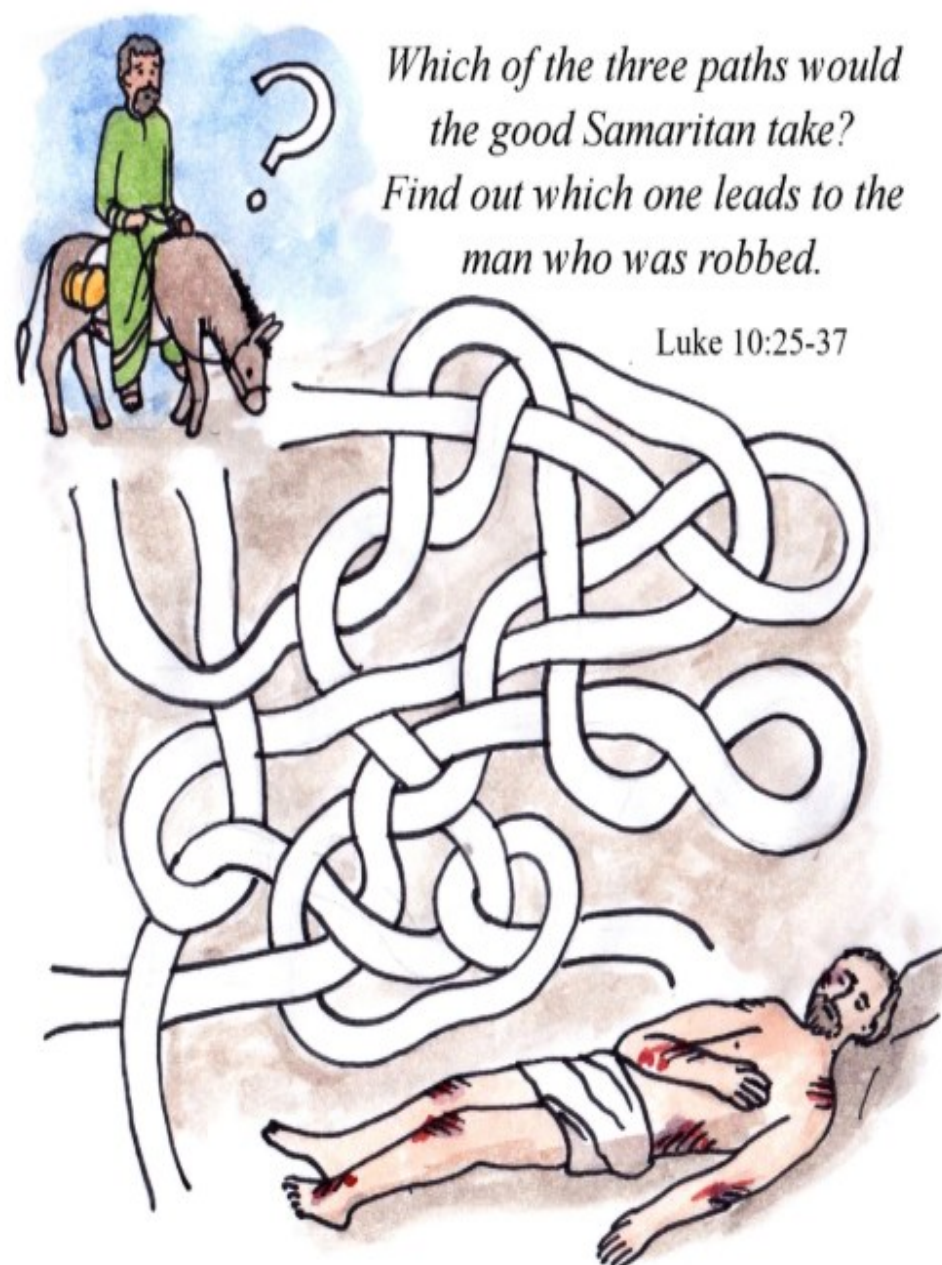
Pauline and Joanna Pearson will once again be travelling to Lourdes with the Diocesan Pilgrimage, and have previously taken personal petitions on behalf of those parishioners wishing to send them but are unable to go themselves. Personal petitions will be presented at the Grotto by Pauline and Joanna and offered up to Our Blessed Lady. Could we ask that petitions are placed in a sealed envelope and they should not include money. They can either be handed to Fr Jonathon or to Pauline and Joanna before 20th July.

## CASTLERIGG RETREAT CENTRE

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and this summer they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups. A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/open/> or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## DIOCESAN JUBILEE DAY

Alive in HOPE: A Church for MISSION. Bishop Stephen invites you to a Jubilee Day on Saturday 27th September, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new, and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer space in the chapel, and praise and worship led by Durham musicians 'Set A Fire'. Take a look around the marketplace where there'll be stands and gifts from some of our Catholic partners and groups. Registration and refreshments from 9.15am, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample parking is available and entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information about the seminars you'll be able to join during the day.



*Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"*

# MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	12 July	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Thompson Family Intentions	15th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Sun	13 July	10.00 am 11.00 am  6.00 pm	Confessions Sung Holy Mass & Baptism  Sung Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	15th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Mon	14 July					Feria
Tue	15 July	6.30 pm	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Private Intention	St. Bonaventure
Wed	16 July	9.30 am	End of Year School Mass	St. Alban's School	Pauline McNestrie RIP	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thur	17 July	1.30 pm	End of Year School Mass	St. Teresa's Church		Feria
Fri	18 July	9.30 am	End of Year Schol Mass	St. Mary's High School		St. Benedict
Sat	19 July	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Vocations to the Priesthood	Memorial of Our Lady
Sat	19 July	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	16th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Sun	20 July	10.00 am 11.00 am  6.00 pm	Confessions Sung Holy Mass & Baptisms  Sung Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	Katarzyna & Agnieszka Szlendak	16th Sunday Of Ordinary Time



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 July

#### For formation in Discernment:

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

#### 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

