



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20th July 2025



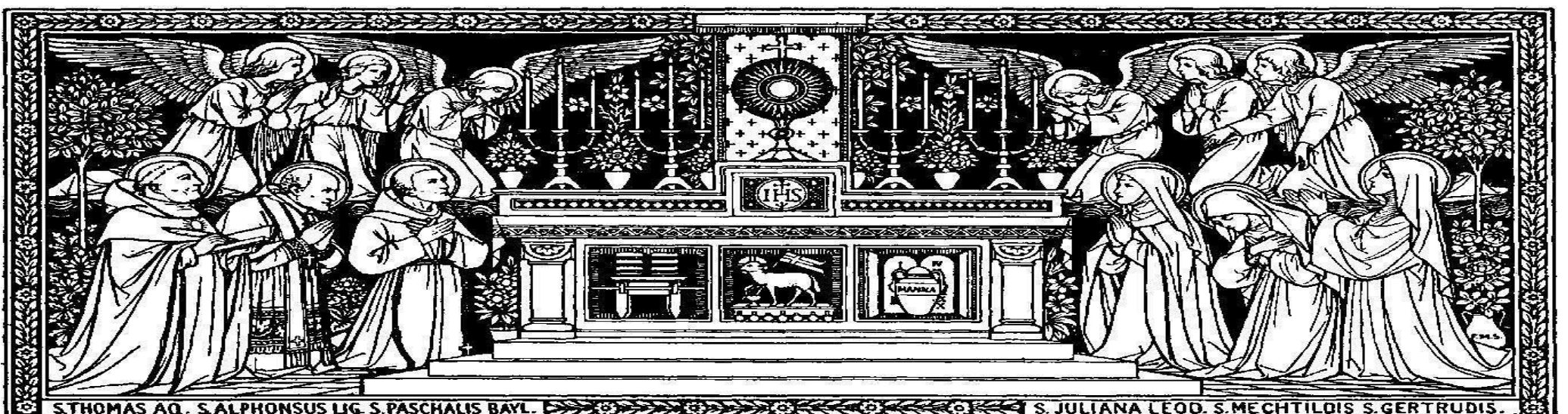
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Safeguarding			
The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are listed below or 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 DAVID PINDER

At the start of our second reading today, St. Paul begins by saying that in his sufferings, he is filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. This bold statement can, at first, appear confusing, since how can anything be lacking in Christ's suffering? The Church teaches us that the sufferings of Christ on the Cross were sufficient for our redemption, there is nothing deficient in the merit of Christ's total self-sacrificial love on the Cross. St. Paul is not disagreeing with this in what he is saying. It is not Christ's sufferings which are insufficient, but rather, what is lacking is our own participation in this work of redemption. Our suffering, when united with the sufferings of Christ, can become both meaningful and fruitful. This is what the Church refers to as 'redemptive suffering', that God can use times of trial to bring grace to others. This can be a source of hope, for whether it be in the face of illness, disappointment, anxiety, uncertainty or doubt, none of these are meaningless, because they become part of Christ's work of redemption.

However, this is not always the easiest of things to do, especially when facing such times of trial ourselves, or when they affect those who we love. Add in to this the changing societal norms, it can be challenging, but for Catholics we have the person of Jesus Christ who is the source and reason for our hope. St. Paul goes on to say how the great mystery of salvation has been revealed to us, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." For us, Christ is not some distant or hidden figure, but rather someone who is present with us, dwelling within us, through the Holy Spirit, and in the great gift of Eucharist, which we encounter every time we participate in the celebration of Holy Mass, or when we adore Him truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer is often the best place to begin, to 'offer up' these times of suffering to the Lord.

The passage ends with a call to action. Paul's mission to proclaim Christ, to teach others, helping them to grow in holiness, becomes our mission too. Our faith is not meant to be something we keep private, but is something to live boldly, making Christ visible in the world. May we follow St. Paul's example, in doing this work 'joyfully' in our daily lives



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Edward George Alexander Jarvis Smith & Sadhbh Tyrella Nash who will be baptised this Sunday 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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FUTURE OF SAINT ANTHONY'S

As Fr Jonathon shared with us all last weekend, the Parish council have been discussing the future of our buildings in light of the works that are needed to be carried out. At present St Antony's does not have a functioning heating system in the Church due to its failure in March. In order to repair the heating system we would need to spend in excess of £160,000. This doesn't solve the problem that we have with the damp or include the cost of replacing the Church roof. If repairs are to be carried out on the Church we would need to close the Church for 4-6 months for these to be carried out. With the winter months approaching a decision needs to be made by the whole parish on what we should do. Therefore, an open meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd September at 7.00pm at St Anthony's. Please do put this in your diary and come along to this important meeting.

VINNIES SUMMER HOLIDAY SCHEME APPEAL

As usual Vinnies will be holding their Summer Holiday scheme, where over 1200 packed lunches are provided for local children who will be attending their action packed summer days and trips. If you are able to help by donating items such as crisps/savoury snacks, individually wrapped cakes/biscuits, fruit pots and fresh fruit, and cartons of juice, then please place these items in the container marked Vinnies. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place this in an envelope and pass this on to Fr Jonathon or Andrea.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY SUMMER CAMP

The Missionaries of Charity will be hosting their annual summer camp at St Robert's Fenham for children aged 8-16. This takes place between Monday 5th August and Friday 15th August. You will need to complete a consent form, which can be collected from Fr Jonathon. Children will need to be dropped off and collected from St Robert's and will need to attend each day (Monday-Friday). Completed forms need to be returned by next Sunday (27th July)

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.

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

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

LEGACIES & DONATIONS

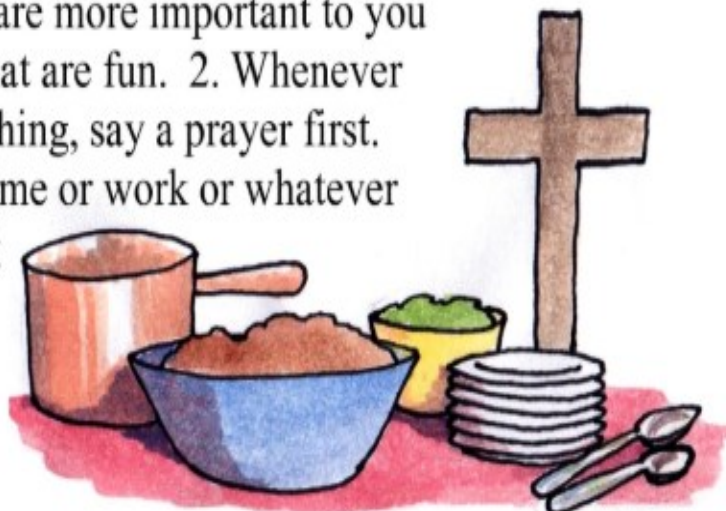
Raising funds through wills and charitable legacies is a massive part of our fundraising and it is where we have obtained donations to the parish in the recent past, through the very generous donations of parishioners in their wills. Very simply, the request is, that if you are writing your will, is there any way that you can remember your parish in your will and so help us with our fundraising.

Putting Jesus First

Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory of God.



Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1.Lord 4.chose 6.in 8.is 9.to 10.then 11.many 13.Martha 16.feet 17.be 18.do 19.her 20.said DOWN: 1.listen 2.on 3.distracted 4.care 5.one 7.away 11.Mary 12.needed 14.things 15.serve

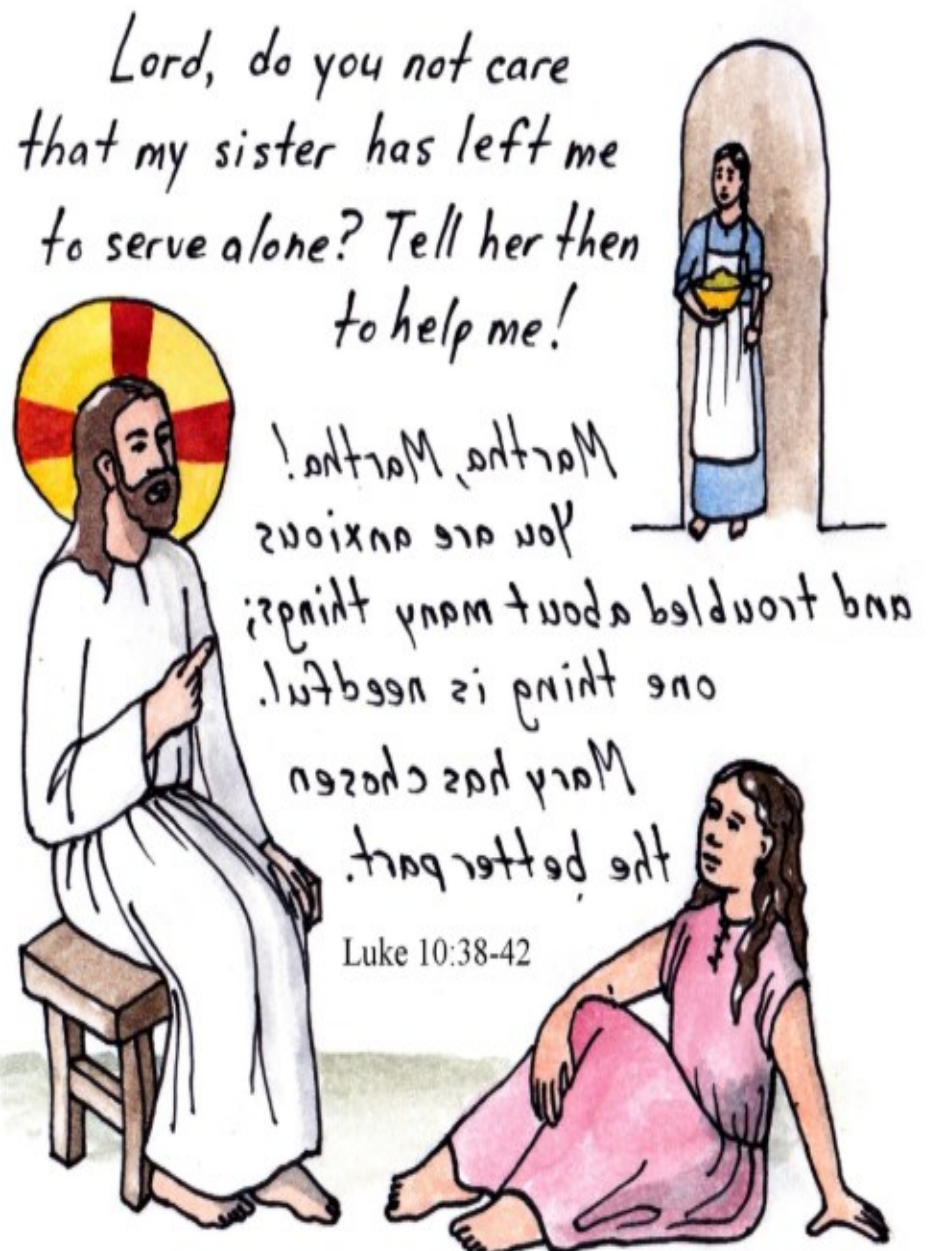
www.thekidsbulletin.com

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.

The Kids' Bulletin

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Martha was so busy in the kitchen but her sister wasn't helping! What did Jesus say to her when she complained to Him?

Look in the mirror to find out!

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
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
Mon	21 July	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Peter & Jean Stevenson RIP	St. Lawrence
Tue	22 July	9.00 am 10.00 am	Adoration & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Special Intention	St. Mary Magdalene
Wed	23 July					St Bridget of Sweden
Thur	24 July	5.30 pm 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass Young Adult Prayer Group	St. Teresa's	Jack Hood RIP	Martyrs of the Diocese
Fri	25 July	8.30 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Alex & Franca Warrington RIP	St. James
Sat	26 July	8.00 am 1.00 pm	Holy Mass Wedding Service	St. Teresa's	Vocations to Priesthood	Ss. Joachim & Anne
Sat	26 July	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Lesley Stephenson RIP	17th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Sun	27 July	10.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Confessions Sung Holy Mass Sung Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	17th 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

