



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10th August 2025



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Safeguarding

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

When Jesus tells us, 'Do not be afraid any longer, little flock', he knows just how paralysing fear can be. When we act (or do not act) out of fear, we bow to feelings of insecurity and misperception. These feelings are not of God. Fear is not of God. We know this throughout Hebrew and Christian Scripture, as God command, 'Do not be afraid'. Taking these words to heart, however, can be challenging, as the fears we encounter every day are very real. Jesus is telling us, however, to trust in God during these times of fear.

This message of not fearing continues throughout the Gospel as Jesus addresses in whom or what we place our trust. Jesus says this weekend 'for where your treasure is, there also will your heart be'. This statement is an invitation to reflect upon what it is we truly value and treasure in our lives, for what we value is where we place our hearts. Do we place our hearts in relationships with God and others? Do we place our hearts in gratitude and peace? Do we place our hearts in agapic, self-giving love? Or do we place our hearts elsewhere?

The Gospel this week ends with a sense of urgency, as Jesus reminds us that there will be a time when the Son of Man will come. As we do not know the day or the hour, we must constantly live in relationship with God, practising what we claim to value. This is not fear or cowardice or an act of apprehension. Rather, our constant relationship with God shows trust in what we truly treasure.



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We 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.

CHANGE OF MIDWEEK MASS TIMES

As Fr Jonathon is helping out the Missionaries of Charity at their annual summer camp at St Robert's the Midweek Mass times have had to be changed. Please check the Mass times on this newsletter.

FUTURE OF SAINT ANTHONY'S

As Fr Jonathon shared with us, 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.

GREAT NORTH RUN - CAFOD

Christopher Metcalf, a parishioner from St Teresa's, will be taking on the 13.2 miles between Newcastle and South Shields for CAFOD. Christopher is looking for sponsorship as he takes on this challenge and will be at the back of Church after weekend Masses with a bucket for any contributions. You can also contribute by scanning the QR code



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

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.

PREMIERSHIP FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

As the new football season is fast approaching, and with two northeast teams in the premiership this year, the parish is running a Fantasy Football league. You can sign up and pick your team at <https://fantasy.premierleague.com/>. If you would like to join the league, please let Fr Jonathon know and he will give you the access code. It will be £5 per team with all the money being paid out to the Winner of the League.

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.



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. 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.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE DAY

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, 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'. 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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady is on Friday 15th August, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Therefore, to allow you all to fulfil your obligation of attending Mass, there will be a Vigil Mass at 7pm at St. Teresa's on Thursday 14th August. On Friday 15th August there will be a 10am Solemn Mass at St. Anthony's.

MASS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Are you on holiday? Why not come along to weekday Mass one day, or a few days, while you're on holiday. You may find that it does you some good!! We'd love to see you with us!

KEYHOLDERS

If you have a key to any of our buildings will you please contact the Parish Office informing us what key you have and why.

It has always been a tradition of the Church to pray, and to offer Masses, for the Holy Souls. Therefore, to help us to pray for the Holy Souls, we now have a box by the candles in the side Chapel at St Teresa's for donations towards Masses. If you are lighting a Candle by those statues please put the candle money in this box. A Mass will be offered each week for the Holy Souls in the parish.

The parish is hoping to establish a men's group within the parish for men to come together to socialise and to discuss any relevant topics together. It will take place on the last Friday of every month. The first gathering will take place on Friday 26th September. If you would like to come along, please come to the presbytery for 7pm and we will then go over to the Catholic Club.

The parish is blessed to have a young adult prayer group that meets together on the last Thursday of every month. Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 28th August. This will follow the 6.30pm Mass, where we will have a time of Adoration, with the opportunity for confessions. We will then head over to the Catholic Club for some social time. If you are looking for a welcoming space to grow in faith and fellowship this is a group for you! The Prayer Group is a vibrant community of young Catholic adults (18 to 35). 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.

The parish council is currently organising an International Mass and Celebration on Sunday 21st September during the I am Mass at St Teresa's. This will help us to celebrate the diversity of people and languages within our parish communities, while learning about each others cultures and backgrounds. The Readings and Bidding Prayers will be proclaimed in different languages. If you would like to volunteer to read, please speak to Fr Jonathon or Andrea. After the celebration of Mass we will then move into the parish hall to continue the celebration with different music and dances. Please do make every effort to get involved.

Several social events are currently being planned for September and October in St Teresa's Hall. I would highly encourage you to put these in your diaries and make every effort to come along.

On Friday 19th September we will be having a Quiz Night beginning at 7pm. It will also include a few games of Bingo. It will be £2 per person for the Quiz, with quiz teams of no more than 6.

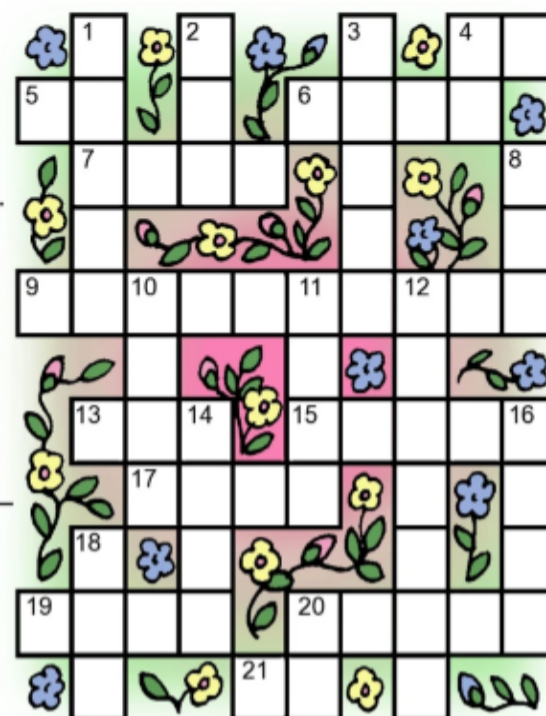
On Tuesday 7th October we will be having a film night in St Teresa's Hall. So bring along you own drinks and snacks and enjoy a movie together. The film will begin at 7pm.

On Tuesday 28th October we will be holding a Night with the Saints. Come dressed as your favourite saint, for a fun evening of games.

If you have any suggestions for activities that you would like to see in the parish, please do speak to either Fr Jonathon or Pat Henzell.

*We celebrate Our Lady's Assumption into
Heaven this Friday, August 15th.*

20. We will try _____ love and obey God like Mary did.

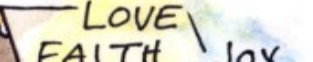


In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.




When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!



Answers to Assumption Cross-Word: Across: 4, be 5, He 6, Mary 7, sing 9, Assumption 13, out 15, raise 17, love 19, womb 20, total 21, go Down: 1, Jesus 2, sin 3, saint 4, by 8, Son 10, soul 11, pure 12, imitate 14, tomb 16, evil 18, now 20, to

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK


Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	9 Aug	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Alice Leighton RIP	19th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Sun	10 Aug	10.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Confessions Sung Holy Mass Sung Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	19th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Mon	11 Aug	8.30 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Pat & Phil Sweeney RIP	St. Clare of Assisi
Tue	12 Aug	8.30 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	John & Neil Chesterton RIP	Feria
Wed	13 Aug					Feria
Thur	14 Aug	7.00 pm	Vigil Mass	St. Teresa's	William Dryden RIP	St Maximilian Kolbe
Fri	15 Aug	10.00 am	Adoration & Rosary Solemn Mass	St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	The Assumption of Our Lady
Sat	16 Aug	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Vocations to the Priesthood	Memorial of Our Lady
Sat	16 Aug	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	20th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Sun	17 Aug	10.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Confessions Sung Holy Mass Sung Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	Margaret Wallace RIP	20th 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 August

For Mutual Coexistence :

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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