



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17th August 2025



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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus tells His disciples: *"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"*. This image of fire may sound unsettling. We often think of fire as destructive, something to fear and avoid. Yet in the language of Scripture, fire can also be purifying, illuminating, and life-giving. The fire Jesus speaks of is the fire of God's love, a love that both comforts and challenges, that heals yet also burns away what is not of God. The fire of Jesus's love is not a gentle candle kept at a safe distance. It is the blazing warmth of the Spirit, drawing us closer to God's heart, even when it means confronting truths we would rather avoid. Love, as Jesus shows us, is not simply about making others feel good. It is about willing the good of the other, and that sometimes means speaking uncomfortable truths, standing against injustice, and calling for reconciliation where there is division.

This is why Jesus's fire is a *challenging* love. It reaches into the hidden corners of our hearts where resentment, prejudice, and selfishness take root. Like gold tested in the furnace, our faith is refined when we allow His love to expose what needs to be changed. It is easier to stay where we are, to avoid the hard work of forgiveness or the risk of standing with the marginalised. But the love of Christ is not content to leave us half-transformed. It calls us higher, deeper, closer to the Kingdom. At the same time, this fire is a *comforting* love. Fire gives warmth on a cold night, and Jesus's love warms the soul in times of loneliness, fear, or grief. His heart burns with compassion for the weary and the wounded. He does not simply demand change; He walks with us through the struggle, assuring us that we are never alone. This is the love that restores the sinner, heals the broken hearted, and gathers the lost sheep back into the fold.

When Jesus's fire burns within a community, it becomes a beacon. It inspires reconciliation, bringing together those who have been estranged, helping wounds to heal, and fostering unity where division once reigned. And it ignites a thirst for justice, not vengeance, but the right-ordering of relationships, the lifting up of the oppressed, the care of the vulnerable, and the dignity of every person as a child of God. This week, we might want to ask ourselves: Where in my life is Jesus's fire calling me to deeper reconciliation? Where is it challenging me to speak or act for justice? And where do I most need to let His comforting warmth fill my spirit? May we, as a parish family, be people who carry this fire into the world—not to scorch, but to illuminate; not to destroy, but to purify; not to divide, but to draw all people into the blazing, transforming love of Christ



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.

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

Can we take this opportunity to thank you all for contributing towards the work of the parish. Since we became one parish the number of standing orders has dramatically reduced. If you would like to give by standing order and haven't changed the details with your bank, our new bank details are as follows.

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.

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.



FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 25/26

Thank you to all those who have signed up for this year First Sacraments programme. There is an introductory meeting for all parents to attend on Tuesday 9th September at 6.30pm in St Teresa's Church. This will allow us to introduce the team of catechists and to answer any questions you may have about the programme. If you haven't signed up yet, and would like your child to attend, please speak to Fr Jonathon as soon as possible. A full list of the dates are on the parish website, along with the topics we will be covering.

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.

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

The parish is currently reviewing who has keys to its buildings for insurance purposes. Therefore, if you have a key to any of our buildings please could you contact the Parish Office informing us what key you have and why. If we do not know who has a key, we will need to get all the locks changed.

MASSSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

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.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

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.

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

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 places 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 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.

INTERNATIONAL MASS & CELEBRATION

The parish council is currently organising an International Mass and Celebration on Sunday 21st September during the I 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.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

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.

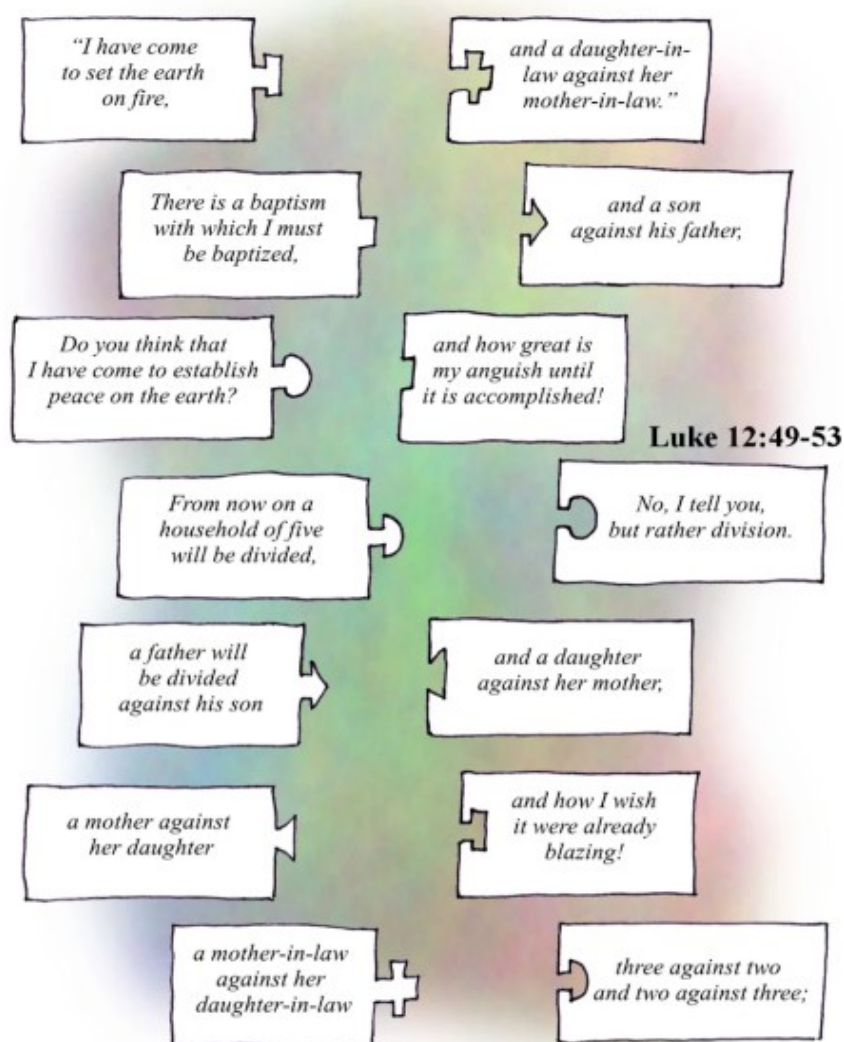
On Tuesday 7th October we will be having a film night in St Teresa's Hall. So bring along you own drinks and snacks and enjoy a movie together. The film will begin at 7pm.

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.

The Kids' Bulletin

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Luke 12:49-53

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?
Match the parts to find out!

Fire in Our Hearts



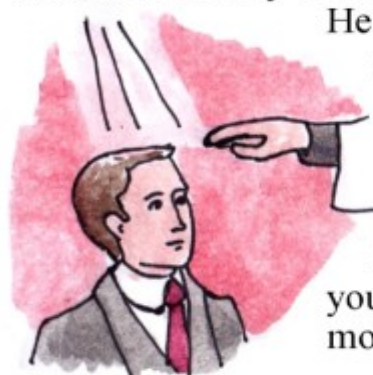
In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!



How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments

He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!



Answers to Fill-in-the-Blanks: great, ourselves, running, keeping, perfecter, Him, despising, throne, endured, weary, Don't give up!

MASSSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
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
Mon	18 Aug	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Holy Souls	Feria
Tue	19 Aug	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	Thanksgiving for a Safe Delivery	Feria
Wed	20 Aug					St Bernard
Thur	21 Aug	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's		Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral
Fri	22 Aug	8.30 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Heather James RIP	The Queenship of Mary
Sat	23 Aug	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Thanksgiving St Joseph Cupertino	St Rose of Lima
Sat	23 Aug	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Angela Miller RIP	21st Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Sun	24 Aug	10.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Confessions Sung Holy Mass Sung Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	21st 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

