



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31st August 2025



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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

This weekend I want us to think about the virtue of Humility. Humility comes from the awareness of who we truly are before God. It is an underrated virtue in a world where arrogance and pride, influence and affluence are lauded. Many try to fool themselves and others that they are important by worldly standards: social status, physical beauty, money, talents, qualifications, expensive houses or cars, and so on. A humble person knows that their worth is derived only from their dignity as a child of God, and from the love and sacrifice of the crucified Christ. Our value can never be lost, or taken away, by any person or any situation.

As always, Jesus is our perfect role model, he spent his life serving others, especially the outcast and marginalised. He ate with criminals and prostitutes, he cared for those with disabilities and mental illness. He got down on his knees and washed the feet of his disciples. He never sought to impress others or try to prove that he was special. He is God, yet he came to live with us in the form of a poor and helpless baby and died in agony on the cross. He is God, yet he makes himself vulnerable by taking the form of bread and wine. At the heavenly banquet, we will not be the ones to decide which position we deserve - God gives the highest places to those this world considers to be the least important. If we want to be first, then let us be first in terms of loving service to those most in need.

Next weekend, I have the privilege of travelling to Rome for the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati by Pope Leo XIV. These will be the first people to be canonised by Pope Leo, and Carlo Acutis will be the first millennial saint. Please be assured of my prayers and know that Mass will be offered for all your intentions.



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

A special meeting will take place on Tuesday at 7.00pm at St Anthony's Church as we discuss the future of our buildings. An information sheet for all parishioners is available for you to pick up this weekend, which outlines the issues that we need to discuss, along with the financial position of the parish. Hopefully this will allow you to look at the information before the meeting, so that questions can be carefully discerned as we make some very important decisions. Please do make every effort to attend the 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.

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. There'll be guest speakers, and a choice of seminars/forums to reawaken and empower us for mission. This is an opportunity to 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. 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.

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. As the winter months approach we will return to the earlier time of 4pm from the 14th September.

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 yet 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

If you pay Tax here in the UK you could also gift-aid your donation, which costs you absolutely nothing however the Church will receive an extra 25%. If you would like to do this please speak to Fr Jonathon to get a 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.



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. 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.

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.

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 6.30pm and we will then go over to the Catholic Club.

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 25th September. This will follow the 6.30pm Mass, where we will have a time of Adoration, with the opportunity for confessions. We will then head into the presbytery for food and drinks. 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.

ST TERESA'S CHURCH OPEN DAILY

A reminder that St. Teresa's Church is open throughout the week (except Wednesday) for private prayer. The Church will be opened for Morning Prayer at 7.45am and will then remain open until 5pm. It is a great opportunity to pop in, even for a few minutes, to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament. Please close the door as you leave.

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday (1st September) after the 6.30pm Mass at St Teresa's. If you would like to have a child baptised, please speak to Fr Jonathon and collect the baptism form to be filled out before the meeting.

MASSES 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.

INTERNATIONAL MASS & CELEBRATION

A International Mass and Celebration will take place on Sunday 21st September during the 11am Mass at St Teresa's. 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 the Autumn 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. No tickets required, please just arrive for 7pm on the evening.

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. More information on the film to follow.

On **Sunday 2nd November** we will be holding an Evening with the Saints. We will begin at 3pm in the Hall with themed games and food, before having a Saints Procession. We will then have a time of prayer, praying for the Holy Souls and asking for the Intercession of the Saints. The evening will then conclude with fireworks. More information, along with tickets, to follow shortly.

CARD READER FOR DONATIONS

Please remember that we have a Card Reader for regular card or mobile phone donations to the Church. This is situated at the back of church in the narthex and can be used for the general collection and for other collections.

JOURNEY IN FAITH COURSE - RCIA

The next Journey in Faith course, for those who are thinking about becoming a Catholic or for adults who would like to be confirmed, will begin in September. If you would like to join the group, please speak to Fr Jonathon as soon as possible for more information.

GROUND FORCE DAY

We are currently looking for some green-fingered volunteers to help clean up the gardens and the car park around St Teresa's Church. No experience is necessary, just a willing enthusiasm to make the outside of our church a beautiful place. If you are able to help, please come along on Saturday 20th September at 10am. If you have any tools please do bring them along, but some will be provided. We also provide refreshments!!!

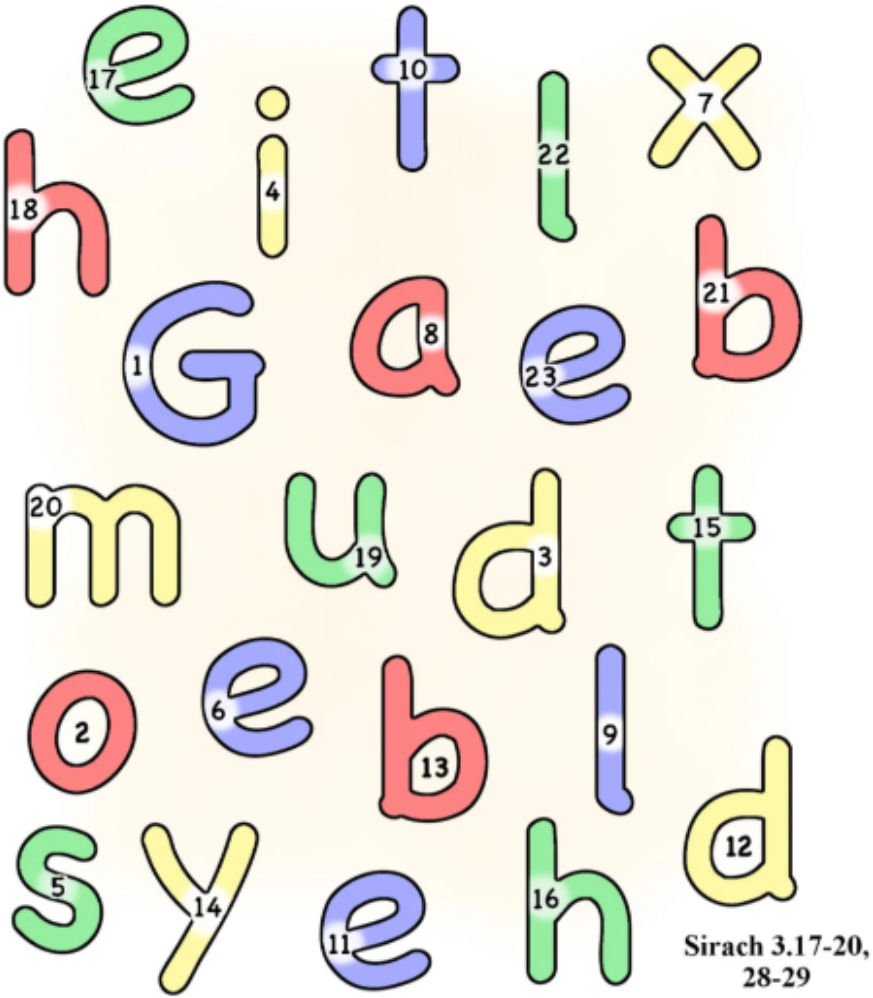
WELCOME BACK TO OUR SCHOOLS

This week our schools will return after the summer break. We pray that all our children and staff have enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing summer period and are looking forward to what this new academic year will bring. We welcome all our new children and staff, especially Mrs Yeoman who is the new headteacher at St Alban's. We hope to be able to bring you some news every week from our parish schools, so please do watch this space. Some dates for your diary.

St. Lawrence's School - Monday 15th Sept @ 2.15pm
St. Teresa's School - Friday 19th Sept @ 9.30am
St. Alban's School - Wednesday 1st Oct @ 9.30am
Parish School Takeover Mass - Saturday 27th/28th Sept

The Kids' Bulletin

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August 31st, 2025



What can we learn from today's first reading?
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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

MASSSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	30 Aug	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass *	St. Anthony's	Mary McMaster RIP (Anniv.)	22nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Sun	31 Aug	8.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Sung Morning Prayer * Confessions Sung Holy Mass * Sung Vespers & Benediction *	St. Teresa's	Maragret & Alfred King RIP	22nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Mon	1 Sept	7.45 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Morning Prayer * Exposition & Confessions Evening Prayer & Benediction * Holy Mass *	St. Teresa's	Ifediora Family God's Grace & Mercy	Feria
Tue	2 Sept	7.45 am 9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer * Exposition & Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Doris Clapshoe	Feria
Wed	3 Sept					St. Gregory the Great
Thur	4 Sept	7.45 am 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Morning Prayer * Evening Prayer * Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Holy Souls	Translation of St. Cuthbert
Fri	5 Sept					St Teresa of Calcutta
Sat	6 Sept					Our Lady's Saturday
Sat	6 Sept	5.00 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	St. Anthony's	Alice Leighton RIP	23rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time
Sun	7 Sept	11.00 am	Sung Holy Mass	St. Teresa's		23rd 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



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

