



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21st September 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 FR JONATHON

We might rightly be confused by today's parable of the dishonest steward. Most commentators seem to have different ideas about what it means! One interpretation could be that the parable involves an economic practice of the time whereby the steward (manager) has been renting out his master's property for interest, which includes a proportion for himself. On his dismissal, it seems that he strips away his portion of the interest from the amount owing. He calculates that in doing so, he might "buy" the goodwill of people who may help him in his unemployment. This parable in Luke follows on from the parable of the prodigal son. They are similar in that after their self-inflicted humiliations, both main characters end up seeking forgiveness and welcome - albeit not for the purest of reasons! Yet still, despite our human weaknesses, God's mercy means a new start is always possible.

We believe that God created the world and everything in it. It is his will that we should be happy, each with a share in the rich resources with which he has endowed us, and money is a part of this. It doesn't have to be a case of "God is good, money is bad" - money is good, but its only true value is when it is used judiciously to help each other and especially those in poverty. God does not will starvation in the midst of plenty; or human beings enslaved by the injustice, greed and corruption that perpetuates poverty. When we are blessed by God with wealth it is important to realise that we are only stewards of it, for the purpose of its equitable distribution to those in need - because one day God will call each of us to provide him with an account of our own stewardship of his creation.



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Avissa Aghdam who will be baptised at St Teresa's this weekend. 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 Elizabeth Ann Tierney and Florence Lyddon and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Florence's Funeral Service will take place on Thursday 25th September at 10.30am at St Anthony's followed by burial in Heaton Cemetery. Elizabeth's Funeral service will take place on Friday 26th September at 12.45pm at the West Road Crematorium.

INTERNATIONAL MASS & CELEBRATION

This weekend is Home Mission Sunday and the day where we celebrate and think about how the Gospel is spread here in our own country amongst our own people. We will be celebrating the diversity of our parish communities. The Readings and Bidding Prayers will be proclaimed in different languages and our communion hymn will be sung in Spanish. After the celebration of Holy Mass you are encouraged to come along to the Hall to continue the celebration with different music and dances.

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 this Sunday, 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.



PARISH SCHOOL TAKEOVER MASSES

Next weekend will see the return of our Parish School Takeover Masses, where our children will be leading us in the readings, bidding prayers and the offertory. The Children will also be picking the hymns for the celebration. As the last Sunday of September is traditionally Harvest Sunday, we will also be taking a collection of items for the foodbank. As we thank God for gift of the harvest and for everything that he gives us, if you are able to bring any items along with you to donate to the foodbank please do.

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.

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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

This year the Mass count will take place on the last two weekends in September and the first two weekends in October (each parish is required by the Diocese to count the number of people attending Mass). The details are forwarded to the Diocese along with other parish statistics at the end of the year.

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.

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.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

St. Joseph's Home in Newcastle is having a Pie, Pea and Chip Supper on Wednesday 24 September at 7pm with added Bingo, Raffle and Entertainment. Tickets at £8 each, are available by calling the Little Sisters on 0191 2731279 or to collect from reception at the Home.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

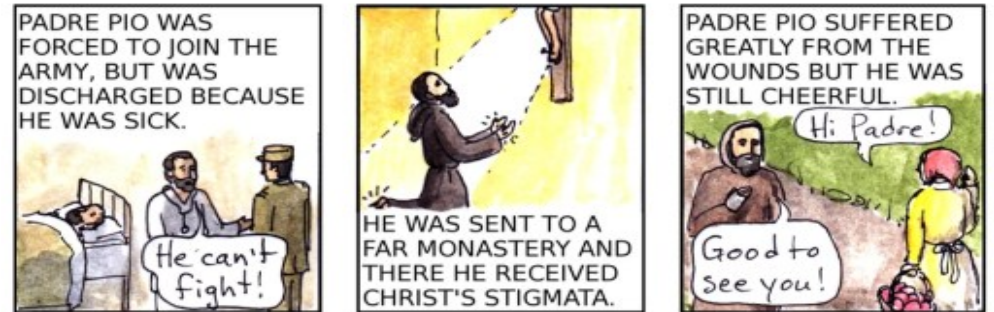
The next Baptism Preparation Meeting will be held on Monday 6th October at 7.15pm in St Teresa's Church. Parents enquiring about Baptism should speak to Fr Jonathon as soon as possible to collect a baptism form.

NEWMANTYNESIDE CIRCLE

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Nicholas Sagovsky speak about 'Heart speaks to heart'; what has Newman to do with synodality? in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 30 September, at 7.30pm.

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

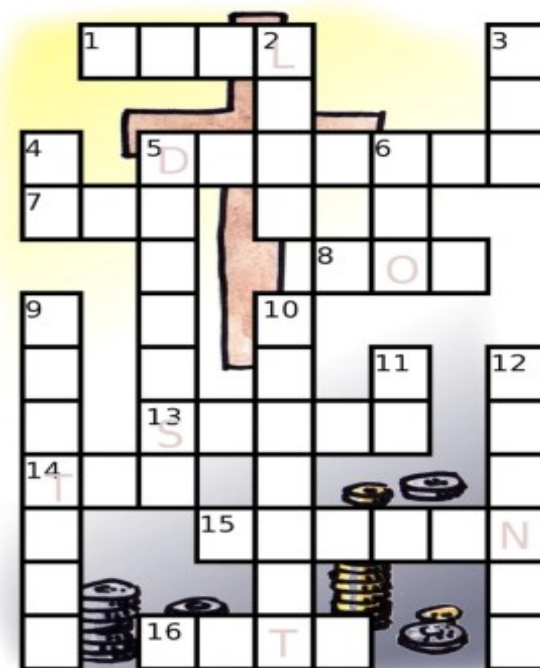
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SAINT PIO SUFFERED MUCH DURING HIS LIFE, BUT HE KNEW THAT SAVING SOULS WAS WORTH IT. HE SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS HEARING CONFESSIONS TO HELP BRING PEOPLE BACK TO GOD. HAVE YOU GONE TO CONFESSION LATELY? IF YOU HAVEN'T, GO THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!

Whom Do You Serve? Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.
A=Across D=Down



CANNOT
HATE
MASTERS
SERVANT
MAMMON
THE
SERVE
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DESPISE
YOU
TWO
ONE
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NO
DEVOTED
GOD
WILL

" 4D _____ 10D can serve _____ 6D
_____; 9D for either _____ 11D will _____ 16A
the one and _____ 2D _____ 14A other, or he
_____ 1A be _____ 5A to the _____ 7A
and _____ 5D the other. _____ 8A
_____ 12D _____ 13A _____ 3D and
_____. " 15A

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

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	20 Sept	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass *	St. Anthony's	Fr. Michael Conaty RIP	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	21 Sept	8.00 am 10.15 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Sung Morning Prayer * Confessions Sung Holy Mass * Sung Vespers & Benediction *	St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon	22 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	Ann Boland RIP	Feria
Tue	23 Sept	7.45 am 9.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer * Exposition & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Thompson Family	St Padre Pio
Wed	24 Sept					Our Lady of Walsingham
Thur	25 Sept	7.45 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Morning Prayer * Funeral Liturgy Exposition & Confessions Evening Prayer & Benediction * Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Anthony's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Florence Lyddon RIP John Dominic Wallace RIP	Feria
Fri	26 Sept	7.45 am 8.30 am 9.30 am	Morning Prayer * Exposition Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Sebastian Arend-Trujillo	Ss. Cosmas & Damian
Sat	27 Sept	7.45 am 8.00 am	Morning Prayer * Holy Mass (Latin Mass)	St. Teresa's	Thanksgiving Bridie	St Vincent de Paul
Sat	27 Sept	4.30 pm 5.30 pm	Exposition & Confessions Vigil Mass *	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	28 Sept	8.00 am 10.15 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Sung Morning Prayer * Confessions Sung Holy Mass & Baptism* Sung Vespers & Benediction *	St. Teresa's	Irene Rowe RIP	26th 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 September

For Our Relationship with All of Creation:

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

During Ordinary Time (Autumn)

We are asked to pray for :

Students and Teachers, The spread of the Gospel, The Harvest, The fruits of Human work and the reverent use of Creation, Justice and Peace in the world, All victims of War, Young People and Prisoners and their Families.

