



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Today's Gospel presents the first of Jesus' miracles - the changing of water into wine at Cana. The divinity of Jesus is manifest in this sign, his glory is revealed, "and his disciples began to believe in him."

In our second reading, Paul reminds us that God has generously lavished "in everyone" gifts of "different workings". These gifts are not our personal property to be used only for personal reasons - they are given to us for the purpose of our participation in Christ's mission, and are ways that God can work through us to answer prayers and create miracles where they are needed. There are many things in life that are beyond human control - miracles can only happen when God intervenes and makes them possible. Jesus asked the servants at Cana to do something well within their power - "Fill the jars with water" - and then leave the rest to him. Like them, we too can be instruments through which miracles are performed if we trust in him, and obey him.

In a sense, this reading can be seen as having two distinct and significant parts: one before Christ, and another after Christ. The opening scene is one of emptiness; and the second is marked by abundance - and what brings about the difference between the two parts is the intervention of Jesus. The six stone jars are filled to the brim - jars so big they would hold plenty if filled anywhere near the top. But Jesus filled them to the brim, with the very best wine! The empty jars represent all the empty places in our lives, and our longing to be filled with something more - in this miracle, Jesus is promising us that if we trust in him, he will fill us to the brim with the joy and peace that only God can give. This is always God's way - to give us much more than we ask for, and so much more than we deserve.

Fr. Jonathon

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH, PARTNERSHIP AND DIOCESE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers all those we know who are unwell, especially those who are named on our parish sick list, as well as the many who have no one to pray for them and for those in hospital. We continue to pray for all those who have died, especially Liam Curry and Owusu Ansah who have passed away recently. Liam's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 23rd at 1.45pm at St Anthony's followed by cremation. Owusu's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 28th January at 12noon followed by burial at Old Jesmond Cemetery. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Friends of the Holy Land. This will be combined with the crib offerings and sent to our brothers and sisters living in the Holy Land. Please do give as generously as possible.

PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY

At the end of March Christine, who is our current secretary, will be retiring. Therefore, the diocese is currently advertising for a new parish secretary for our parish. Information about the vacancy and how to apply can be found in the recruitment pack which is available online via the diocesan website or in the leaflets in the porches of our churches. Deadline for applications is 12noon on Friday 24th January.

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? For Mass to be offered it is 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 Sunday Mass.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place between the 18th January and the 25th January. Please do pray for Christian Unity and for members of other churches, especially in our local area, during this time. A Ecumenical Unity Service will take place on Sunday 19th at 6pm at St Francis Anglican church, High Heaton.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.00pm. The Agenda for the meeting, along with other papers, have been sent out to all members of the parish council.

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Every Sunday at 5.00pm 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!

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

The next baptism preparation meeting will take place on Monday 4th February at 7.15pm at St Teresa's. To get your child Baptised, one parent must be a Catholic and you should be living in the parish. If you do not live within our parish you will be asked to speak to your own parish priest for permission for the baptism to take place in this parish.

PARISH GIVING

As we begin a new year it gives us all the opportunity to think about our regular weekly offering to the Church. We believe in a generous God, who longs for us to share that generosity with others. A generous culture is also essential for our parish to develop a sustainable ministry. That generosity can be expressed in many ways, both financially and by the giving our time to help the mission of the Church. As Christians we are all encouraged to tithe so that as we give thanks to God we may also focus upon Him and not the material things of the world. A number of parishioners are already members of the GiftAid scheme which gives an extra 25% for every pound donated. Other parishioners make weekly or monthly donations through direct debit or via BACS. We are extremely grateful for all your contributions to our parish.

In the coming weeks the bank accounts will merge into a single account. Therefore, you may need to change your standing order details. 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 St Teresa of the Infant Jesus

Account Number: 52010917

Sort Code: 40-34-18

If you are not currently part of the GiftAid Scheme, or you normally make an offering through the offertory plate, I would like to consider 'buying' the parish a coffee or a pint every Sunday. We would like to recommend, if you are able, to donate £4.50 each Sunday. The average price of a coffee at Costa is £4.20 and the average price of a pint in a pub is £4.98. Your contribution to your parish is much appreciated.

ALTAR SERVERS SOCIAL NIGHT

Our Altar Servers have done an amazing job supporting Fr Jonathon over the course of the past year. Therefore, as a Thank You, all those who serve on the Altar in our parish are invited to come along to a social night on Friday 31st January. We will be going 10 pin bowling at 'gutterball' in North Shields. The booking has now been confirmed. You will need to make your own way to the venue. If you have any issues getting there please speak to Fr Jonathon ASAP.

CONFIRMATION SESSION

The first Confirmation Session, for the partnership, will take place on Tuesday 14th January at 6.45pm at St Teresa's. The Session will look at Our Christian Vocation/Journey. If you would like to be confirmed and haven't returned an expression of interest form, please speak to Fr Jonathon this Sunday. Please do pray for all those who are preparing to be confirmed.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

We are currently organising another parish quiz night that will take place on Tuesday 25th February at 7.00pm in St Teresa's Hall. This time it will be a team quiz, so bring along your family and friends and enjoy a little bit of friendly competition as we put our knowledge to the test. There is no need to buy any tickets for the evening, as it will be £2 per person on the door. You are warmly invited to bring along your own drinks and snacks. Please do put this date in your diaries and come along for some social time together.

WEEK DAY MASS & ADORATION

Are you free to come along? Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament gives us some quality quiet time in the presence of Our Lord which we all need in our lives. The Mass is the source and the summit of everything we do. Please remember that we have Adoration in our churches before weekday Mass. We also have adoration on a Sunday afternoon. Please try and come along. The benefits will be worth it.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2025/26

If you are thinking about getting married in 2025/26 and haven't yet spoken to Fr Jonathon to make sure that a Church wedding is possible, please him as soon as you can. It is important that you give at least six months so that enough time is given to arrange all paperwork, especially if overseas contacts are necessary. A Marriage Preparation course must also be attended so that you are fully prepared for the Sacrament.

ANNUAL WHITE FLOWER APPEAL - SPUC

The Annual White Flower Appeal will take place next weekend. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. SPUC is involved in politics, education, legislation and culture and seeks to restore a respect for the sanctity of human life in our society. This years postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. If able please take a SPUC postcard and send off asap to SPUC. There will be retiring collection at the end of Mass next week.

SCHOOL TAKEOVER MASS

Next Weekend will see our next Parish Schools Mass Takeover. Our Children from the schools will be choosing the hymns, leading us in the readings and in prayer, as well as welcoming us to Mass and taking the offertory. Please do come along with your families as we worship God together!

THE JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Holy Father has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year with the motto and theme "Pilgrims of Hope." It will be a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. "In the course of the year," Pope Francis had written, "every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to their efficacy." On 28 December 2025, the Jubilee will end in the particular Churches throughout the world. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025

**LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE FAITH
WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME??**

Last Monday we began the Season of Ordinary Time, however Ordinary Time is anything but Ordinary. When we hear the word ordinary we tend to think 'common' everyday or mundane. In other words, if something is ordinary it isn't very special. Ordinary from its Latin root means 'order'. When we order something, we arrange it in a sequence. That is, it is numbered. It is ordinal. We know why it is called ordinary time, but how is it differentiated from other liturgical seasons and feasts?

The Liturgical year is the calendar the Church uses for seasons, feasts and solemnities. Various calendars are used for various reasons, civil, school year, lunar ect. The liturgical year basically celebrates one thing: The Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery is Jesus Christ's birth, life, Passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and subsequent sending of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus to the apostles, is the One who brings us into relationship - into communion—with Christ's death and Resurrection. This death and Resurrection is the saving event that frees us from sin and death. The Father's raising of Jesus from the dead transcends all time, because the Spirit - whom Jesus said the Father would send - invites us into the saving Paschal Mystery.

That means, we are always invited by our God to enter into the depths of the Paschal Mystery. What does the Paschal Mystery have to do with ordinary time though?

The Paschal Mystery is so big, so deep, so vast, that we journey through this mystery for a whole year: the liturgical year. Sundays in Ordinary time "are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects" GIRM 43. Other liturgical seasons focus upon one aspect. For instance, during Lent we focus on turning away from sin in order for God to transform us into more faithful disciples. Feasts for saints celebrate the exemplary life of a saint who witnessed to Christ's Paschal Mystery in his or her very life, sometimes unto death. The weeks of Ordinary time then celebrate the whole Paschal Mystery on each Sunday and is segmented into two parts.

Ordinary Time is anything but Ordinary. Rather, we count the Sundays and the weeks as we celebrate the mystery of Jesus Christ who calls us into communion with himself as he leads us through the power of the Holy Spirit to the Father.

THE WEDDING AT CANA
Jesus' First Miracle

1. The mother of Jesus.	→	M				
2. Jesus was _____ to a wedding.	→			I		
3. The stone jars were used for _____.	→			R		
4. The wedding took place at _____.	→			A		
5. The _____ were also invited.	→			C		
6. Cana is a town in _____.	→			L		
7. Jesus turned water into _____.	→			E		

Draw the rest of the stone jars at the wedding.



Jesus changed w _____ into w _____.
He can change us too and make us better.

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day	Date	Time	Service	Church	Mass Intention	Feast/Event
Sat	18 Jan	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Phil Gosling RIP	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	19 Jan	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Bishop Hugh Lindsay RIP	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon	20 Jan	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	No Intention Received	Feria
Tue	21 Jan	9.00 am 10.00 am 2.15 pm	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Holy Mass (In School)	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Lawrence's	No Intention Received No Intention Received	St. Agnes
Wed	22 Jan					Feria
Thur	23 Jan	1.45 pm 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Requiem Mass Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's Mass in Chapel	Liam Curry RIP No Intention Received	Feria
Fri	24 Jan	8.30 am 9.30 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	No Intention Received	St Frances de Sales
Sat	25 Jan	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	No Intention Received	Conversion of St Paul
Sat	25 Jan	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Finn McLaughlin RIP	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	26 Jan	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Please continue to remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:



John Gourley, Doreen Graham, June Stephenson, Mrs Wilson, 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 Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for January



For a right to education:

We pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



During Ordinary Time

We are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity, The Sick and those who care for them, Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it, and the Unemployed



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