

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	11 Jan	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Mary & George Keely	Baptism of the Lord
Sun	12 Jan	10.30 am 11.00 am 3.30 pm 4.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Lawrence's St. Lawrence's	Louise Tinning RIP People of the Parish	Baptism of the Lord
Mon	13 Jan	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Private Intention MS/MR	Feria
Tue	14 Jan	9.00 am 10.00 am	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass	St. Anthony's	No Intention Received	Feria
Wed	15 Jan					Feria
Thur	16 Jan	1.30 pm 5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Funeral Liturgy Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's <i>Mass in Chapel</i>	Stella Donaghey RIP No Intention Received	Feria
Fri	17 Jan	9.30 am	Holy Mass <i>(Full School Mass)</i>	St. Teresa's	No Intention Received	St Anthony of Egypt
Sat	18 Jan	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	People of the Parish	Our Lady's Saturday
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



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 12 January 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

Safeguarding Reps: St. Teresa's: Jean Potts
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 St. Anthony's: Christine Dixon

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

At Christmas we celebrate God's coming into the world for the purpose of our redemption. The Baptism of Jesus marks the end of the closed, private period of his life and the beginning of his open, public ministry.

Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, and the gateway to life in the Spirit. Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God. We become members of Christ's Body: incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission. The paradox of the Baptism of Christ is that our sinless, spotless Saviour came to John to publicly undergo a rite of cleansing at his hands. The obvious question is, why? One answer lies in the revelation of divine humility. At his Baptism, God who chose to come to us in the form of a helpless baby, chooses to be with us where we are, to enter into solidarity with us in our sinful state. And as he receives the waters of baptism, Jesus is offering himself to the Father as the one representing mankind to God, even as in his humanity he is also representing God to mankind.

There is gentle approval in the tender words of the Father and the presence of the Spirit in the form of a graceful dove, as Christ publicly identifies with sinners - the sinners whose company he will keep until the very end of his life on the cross. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Today we remind ourselves that from the moment of our own Baptism, through the grace of God's unconditional love, we are united with Christ: that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, and that the Heavenly Father's favour rests on us, too.

Fr. Jonathon

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



NEWS FROM OUR PARISHES, PARTNERSHIP AND VICARIATE

WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Madeline Ann who will be baptised at St Teresa's today. We also 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 Stella Donaghey and Liam Curry who have passed away recently. Stella's funeral service is to take place on Thursday 16th at 1.30pm in St Anthony's Church, followed by burial at Heaton Cemetery. Liam's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 23rd at 1.45pm at St Anthony's followed by cremation. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SECOND COLLECTION - FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for 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.

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 tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priest. Please contact the office, or fill out a Mass envelope (available in the church porches) and return to Fr Jonathon if you would like a Mass offered.

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.

ANNUAL STATISTICS FOR THE PARISH 2024

The annual yearly statistics for the parish have been submitted to the diocese. During the past year Fr Jonathon has celebrated 68 Baptisms, received 13 people into the Church, Married 9 couples, celebrated the First Holy Communion of 73 people, celebrated the funerals of 57 people and has prepared 43 people for confirmation. Fr Jonathon, with the help of only four Eucharistic Ministers, takes Holy Communion to 84 people who are sick or housebound on a regular basis. The average Mass attendance for Sunday for the parish is 429 people.

PARISH GIVING

Over the last few months it has become more apparent that the parish needed to get a card machine as less and less people are now carrying cash. Therefore, like other parishes in the diocese we now have the facility to be able to take weekly offerings, along with other donations, by Card. The machine is placed in the porch for those who would like to contribute to the parish via card. The machine is very easy to use and also allows you to GiftAid your donation. Thank you for your continued generosity.

STANDING ORDERS OR PAYMENTS BY BACS

Many thanks to all who contribute to the weekly collections by Standing Order or by BACS. 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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A parish council meeting will take place 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.

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. If you would like to attend, please speak to Fr Jonathon to collect a consent form. You will need to make your own way to the venue. Because we need to book, the deadline for confirming that you are attending is Sunday 13th January.

CONFIRMATION SESSION

The first Confirmation Session, for the partnership, will take place on Tuesday 14th January at 6.45pm at St Teresa's. 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.

COMING ALONG TO WEEK DAY MASS & ADORATION

Please remember that we have Adoration in our churches before weekday Mass. We also have adoration on a Sunday afternoon. 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 try and come along. The benefits will be worth it.

SHARING THE ROSARY - HOLY NAME, JESMOND

You are very welcome to join us at Holy Name Parish Hall on Towers Avenue, Jesmond for a 4-week course exploring the Rosary, its history and its significance in Catholic prayer traditions. Each one-hour session will include opportunities to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a shared Decade, and even make your own set of Rosary beads. The course will run on Saturdays 25 January, 1 February, 8 February and 22 February 2025. Refreshments will be available from 2:00 pm, with sessions finishing at 3:30 pm. We warmly invite participants from other parishes, families, and young people to join us in this Jubilee Holy Year on this journey of faith and community. Whether you're new to the Rosary or have prayed it for years, all are welcome. Rosary beads will be available for anyone who needs them, but feel free to bring your own—especially if they hold a special story you'd like to share. To join the course, please either email welcome@holynamesjesmond.co.uk or telephone (0191) 2810940.

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE & THE WIDER CHURCH

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. Finally, the Jubilee Year will formally conclude in Rome on the Solemnity of Epiphany, 6 January 2026. There's more information about the Jubilee Year on the Diocesan website at www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025



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