



## PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



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**Church Open Daily:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.00am - 5.00pm Saturday 8.00am - 2.00pm

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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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

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### THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and, in a way, the culmination of the past feasts within it - the goal of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, Pentecost and Corpus Christi; and of all the Sundays and feast days throughout the year. All have pointed toward this reality: that Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe, the Lord of all, the Judge of the living and the dead.

Today's Gospel returns to the pivotal moment of human history - Christ on Calvary. Jesus is rejected by his people, abandoned by his followers, condemned, beaten, ridiculed and crowned with thorns. One of the two criminals beside him (usually referred to as St. Dismas) realises, in the very last moments of his life, that there is far more to our human story than we see, experience or understand on earth. And he recognises that Jesus holds the key to a Kingdom much greater than the world could ever offer.

In its search for worldly power and dominion separate from God, humanity has turned away from the way prescribed by the gospel. It is too easy to allow other things to conquer and dominate our lives - convenience, ego, ambition, the opinions of others; things which can begin to dictate what we do and how we do it, how we treat our neighbour and ourselves, and how we look at God. But like Dismas, Christians believe in a reality which goes beyond that we can see. Christ is the pattern for our lives, and the pattern for the whole of creation - he holds all things in unity. If we acknowledge Christ as King and Lord, we must surrender all that we are to his service. Above all, Christ is our King in the struggle with sin. The perfection that we lost in Eden is found in him, and won again through his death and resurrection. At Dismas' moment of conversion, God delivered him "from the power of darkness and transferred [him] to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Col 1:13-14).

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."



# 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, especially Eric Ferguson and Baby Cassidy, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - YOUTH SUNDAY

This weekend marks the Solemnity of Christ the King, our Patronal Feast Day. It is also a day of special prayer for the Youth of the Church. Therefore, the Children from the schools will be leading us in singing the hymns, in the readings and prayers of the faithful, along with welcoming people to Mass, taking the collection, and bringing up the offertory gifts. A second collection will be taken that weekend for the work of YMT.

## MARIAN CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

On the 8th December the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We will be hosting a Candlelit Procession on Sunday 7th December beginning at 5.30pm in front of the Pavilion in Heaton Park before heading to St Teresa's praying the Rosary by candlelight. We will conclude in St Teresa's Church with the celebration of Vespers, Homily & Benediction. Please do come along and join this diocesan celebration.

## YOUNG ADULT PRAYER GROUP

Our final prayer meeting of the year takes places on Thursday (27th Nov). This will follow the 6.30pm Mass, where we will have a time of Adoration, finishing with Night Prayer. We will then head into the presbytery for some food and drink. 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.

## 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

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This pilgrimage takes place from Friday 31st July – Friday 7th August 2026. It is a special one Being the Centenary year since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Joseph Thorman. Due to this there has been increased interest in people wanting to go to Lourdes in 2026. It would help our Tour Operator (Tangney Tours) if you could fill in the pre-registration form on their website if you are contemplating travelling with them. This will assist in helping with travel arrangements and hotels. Please note, this is pre-registration, it does not mean you have booked your place. Please follow this link <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-newcastle-2/> or phone 01732 886 666.

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be an Advent Penitential Service at St Tere's Church on Tuesday 16th December, beginning at 6.30pm. Our children who are preparing for First Holy Communion will be making their First Reconciliation. However, this is open to everyone from our parish with an opportunity for individual confession. Priests from the city centre partnership will be helping Fr Jonathon on the evening.

## ADVENT 'RORATE' MASSES

Every Saturday morning at 7.30am we will have a 'Rorate Mass', which is celebrated by candlelight in honour of Our Blessed Lady. This will be followed by Tea & Toast in the presbytery.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS AROUND THE FIRE

On Friday 19th December we will have Traditional Carols and Christmas Songs around the 'Fire' in St Teresa's Hall from 7pm. During the evening there will be festive quiz and maybe some other entertainment. Tickets are now available at £5 each, which will include a pulled pork sandwich.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On **Sunday 30th November** we will be holding a Christmas Fayre in St Teresa's Hall after the 11am Mass. Cakes, Tombola, Toys, games and Raffle. All proceeds will go towards the refurbishment of the hall. Everyone is welcome to come along.

## CHRISTMAS MOVIE & HOT CHOCOLATE

On **MONDAY 22nd December** we will be showing the 'Polar Express' in St Teresa's Hall at 3pm. This event will be free and there may even be a very special visit from someone, if he isn't too busy!!

## CHRISTMAS CANDLES FOR OUR LOVED ONES

This year we would like to invite parishioners to burn a candle in memory of loved ones. These red Sanctuary Candles will burn continuously around our Crib through the Octave of Christmas for loved ones. If you would like a candle, please pick up an envelope from the back of the Church. The cost of the candles are £7.50 or 2 for £12.00. The closing date is 20th December. Please put your envelopes in the offertory basket when it comes around on Sunday.

## "PEOPLE LOOK EAST"

This year, between the 17th-24th December we will celebrate all Masses *ad orientem*, with the priest and the people facing the same direction during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is particularly appropriate to do this during Advent, especially the final part, as we look with longing and anticipation to Christ's coming in glory. By doing this it will help us to keep our eyes on Jesus, the Lord who has come, and who will come again.

## A GENTLE REMINDER

Please remember to switch off your mobile phone (or put it on silent) when coming into Church, and please do not eat or drink while in Church. This is a way we show reverence to Jesus present in the Tabernacle. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion can we please remember '**Jesus gives himself to me. I eat Him where the priest can see. And if I want the cross to make, I eat Him first for safety's sake. If it's for Jesus that I long, why not receive Him on my tongue? Flat hand or tongue the choice I make, I never just reach out and take!**'

## PARISH NEW WINE PRAYER GROUP

The parish is blessed to have a charismatic prayer group that meets every Wednesday at St Anthony's Church at 6.30pm. Please feel free to come along. Entry is by the presbytery door via the car park.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER - CHOCS & SOCKS

Once again Heaton Churches together will be collecting the following items, which will then be given out at the peoples kitchen. New Socks and Thick Tights, Wolly Hats and Gloves, Bars of Chocolate and Toiletries. Please put these into the container before the beginning of December.

## 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.

## ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Music Department's Christmas Concert is taking place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm in the school Atrium. Following the performance seasonal refreshments will be served and original artwork, cards and prints created by our Bronze and Silver Arts Award students will be available to buy. All money raised will go to CAFOD. There is no charge for the evening but the event is ticketed. Everyone is most welcome to attend and it would be lovely to see you there. If you would like tickets, please contact the school reception on 0191 215 3260

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S ORATORY

The parish will be establishing two new groups in the New Year. These groups will meet once a month and have a spiritual conference/discussion on certain topics. We will conclude the sessions with some prayer and socialising. More details are available on the posters in the Church Porch. Please do come along if you are able. The First Sessions of each group will look at 'God's Love for us'. The men's group will meet on Thursday 22nd January, and the women's group will meet on Tuesday 27th January. These groups are open for people aged 12+, however under 18's must be accompanied by a parent.

## Christ is the King!

Today is the feast of Christ the King. When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of king, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. Is that what Jesus did?

Before He died, Jesus said that His kingdom was not in this world. Do you know where Jesus' kingdom is?

Did you know that the Kingdom of Heaven is not just in Heaven? It's in the soul of every person who follows Jesus. Do you try to be like Jesus? Is He your king?

Here is a little prayer you can say to Jesus any time you think of Him, maybe every time you see a picture of Him:

*Jesus, you are my King and my God and I love you.  
Help me to be your good servant!*

Make sure you do something special today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King!



## Christ the King Word-Find

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CREATOR  
DOMINION  
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GOD

HEAVEN  
HIGH  
JESUS  
JUDGE  
JUSTICE  
KINGDOM  
LORD

LOVE  
PEACE  
POOR  
REDEEMER  
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*See if you can  
find all the  
words from the  
list at the  
bottom.  
Then put the  
leftover letters  
in the spaces to  
find a little  
prayer you can  
say any time.*

## TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES & MASSES

### CHRISTMAS EVE (Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December)

Vigil Mass of Christmas	(St. Anthony's)	Mass 6.00pm
Solemn Midnight Mass	(St. Teresa's)	Mass: 11.00pm
	Carols: 10.30pm	

### CHRISTMAS DAY (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December)

Mass of the Shepherd's	(St. Teresa's)	Mass 8.30am
Solemn Mass of Christmas	(St. Teresa's)	Mass: 11.00am

### 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	Service	Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	22 Nov	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass *	St. Anthony's	Elizabeth & Molly RIP	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Sun	23 Nov	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	Ifediora Family Thanksgiving	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Mon	24 Nov	8.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Morning Prayer * Exposition & Confessions Vespers & Benediction * Holy Mass *	St. Teresa's	Parish November Book	Martyrs of Vietnam
Tue	25 Nov	8.00 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer * Holy Mass in School	St. Teresa's St. Alban's	George Douglas RIP	St Catherine of Alexandria
Wed	26 Nov	6.30 pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	St. Anthony's Presbytery		Feria
Thur	27 Nov	7.45 am 6.00 pm 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Morning Prayer * Sung Evening Prayer * Holy Mass Young Adult Prayer Group	St. Teresa's	Cathy & Jackie Logue	Feria
Fri	28 Nov	8.15 am 8.30 am 9.30 am	Morning Prayer * Exposition & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Parish November Book	Feria
Sat	29 Nov	7.45 am 8.00 am	Morning Prayer * Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Chidi & Moyi Ifediora	Our Lady's Saturday
Sat	29 Nov	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass *	St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	1st Sunday of Advent
Sun	30 Nov	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	Marlon Webster RIP	1st Sunday of Advent



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 November

#### For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beautify of life.

#### 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.

