



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

When St. Paul talks of the "gospel" he is talking about a message, something to be preached and taught. Today we hear what he first taught the Corinthians - "Christ died for our sins", but was then raised to life again. The message, the belief, that Paul wants us to hold onto is that goodness will always overcome. This message relates to our readings today, which describe the call of Isaiah to prophecy, and Paul and Simon (Peter) to apostleship. We are reminded that reluctance to be missionary disciples is not a new thing! Within seconds of telling Jesus, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man", Simon is on his feet and has abandoned everything to follow him. What has changed? The change is that Simon has met Jesus. Not just a "bumped into each other" type of meeting, but rather, Simon has truly met Jesus, and recognised him to be who he is: the promised one, sent from God.

Simon is busily going about his daily routine when Jesus arrive, so more accurately, it is Simon who has been met by Jesus: it is Jesus who seeks out Simon and who reveals his own identity. On Simon's part, it is through recognising his personal inadequacy that he allows himself to be set free from the sins of his past, and so receive the new life that Christ gives him.

Today's readings are about the vocation of a great prophet and of the leader of the apostles. But Jesus calls each one of us to follow him and to work for him. The task can seem daunting and impossible - if we think only of our limitations. For us, leaving everything means abandoning our self-sufficiency and, like Isaiah and Simon, trusting instead in God's power, not our own.

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 also remember all those who have died recently, especially Beatrice Anne Dolan and Kathleen Gregor, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Beatrice's funeral service will take place at West Road Crematorium on Friday 14th February at 10.30am followed by burial at Old Jesmond Cemetery. Kathleen's Requiem Mass will take place at St Teresa's on Monday 24th February at 10.15am followed by cremation at West Road.

NEXT SUNDAY - RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Next weekend we celebrate the day of prayer for Racial Justice. Therefore, a second collection will be taken at the end of Mass.

MONDAY 17th - FRIDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Advanced notice that Fr Jonathon will be having a well deserved break next week. Therefore, there will be no Masses in the parish between Monday 17th and Friday 21st. The Parish office will remain open for any enquiries.

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.

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 see him as soon as you can. It is important that you give at least six months notice 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.

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? 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.

BRIDGE OF HOPE - WALKER

On Saturday 3rd May there will be an ecumenical event in Walker Park. It is a calling to share in the building of community in Walker through the local churches coming together to share, and to show, the joy of knowing Jesus. The day will be an opportunity for people to experience Christian hope in action, while also being an opportunity to celebrate the creativity of the people and the community of Walker. The day will be filled with music, song, dance and faith testimonies from various groups. We ask that you put this date in your diary and pray for its success. If you would like to get involved in the event through volunteering please call 07749998867 for further information.

PARISH GIVING - CHANGE OF BANK ACCOUNT

The Parish now has a new single bank account for the parish of Christ the King. Therefore, due to these changes all those who have already set up a standing order to the previous accounts for the parishes will need to cancel it and set up a new standing order.

This 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 for the future. That generosity can be expressed in many ways, both financially and by the giving our time to help the mission of the Church. We are extremely grateful for all your contributions to our parish.

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 Christ the King

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 you 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.

PARISH ROTA'S

The rota's for the parish have now been issued for February & March. If you haven't received an email with the rota attached, please do collect a rota from the notice board in the porch. Can I remind all readers that when you are reading on a weekend, you should go to the sacristy 5 minutes before Mass begins to join in the procession. Could all bidding prayer writers please email these to the office by Thursday midday at the latest.

A DAY WITH THE LORD & A NIGHT OF LIGHT

On Saturday 15th March we will be holding 'A Day with the Lord', which will conclude with 'A Night of Light'. The Day will begin with an opening Mass at 9.00am followed by Exposition throughout the day. In order to make sure that Jesus is never left alone, a sign up sheet for hour slots can be found in the church porches. At 7.30pm we will then move into a Night of Light, where the church will be illuminated by candles leading up towards the Blessed Sacrament. We will be inviting people who are passing by St Teresa's to come into Church, to light a candle or to say a prayer. We will need volunteers to help with this initiative so if you are able to please sign up on the sheet in the church porches where more information can be found.

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! It only lasts 35minutes and is such a beautiful service.

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.

PALM CROSSES

This year Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March. Therefore, in preparation for Ash Wednesday, please could you return your palm crosses to church over the next couple of weeks. This is so they can be burnt to create the ashes needed for Ash Wednesday. Please place your palm branches/crosses into the baskets marked Palm Crosses.

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on Friday 25th July – Friday 1st August 2025. The Lourdes pastoral theme for 2025 is "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". Full details and online booking is available now on the 'Tangney Tours' Website, the tour operator for the diocesan pilgrimage. Choice of nine hotels, flying direct to Lourdes from Newcastle International Airport. www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle.

RAINBOWS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Rainbows is a well-respected National Charity which supports Children and Young People who have experienced a significant loss through death, relationship breakdown or any other adverse childhood experience. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Ruth Higginbottom, Rainbows North East Secretary, on 01670 518546 or email rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com.

MARY'S PLACE (WINTER APPEAL)

We are appealing to your kindness and generosity, once again, to help bring warmth and comfort in these cold, dark winter months, to those who come on a Monday morning. Warm clothing : Coats and jackets, hats, gloves, socks (men's & women's). We also require sleeping bags. These can be left in the Sacristy with Fr Jonathon. Thank you.

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE FAITH A SIGN OF OUR BELONGING

When we think of praying, we often think we need many words. But God knows our intentions and the longings of our heart. A simple Sign of the Cross at the beginning and the end of the day affirms that we know to whom we belong, and the power given to live our lives in the sacraments. We make the Sign of the Cross, and as we do so, we say silently or aloud, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." This gesture dedicates us and everything we do in our lives to the glory of God. We embrace with confidence our Father's love, invite into our hearts the grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and invoke the power of the Spirit, which was sent upon us in our Baptism and Confirmation.

Baptism is the place from which this powerful gesture emanates. At the mountain in Galilee, Jesus said to his disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). In the baptismal rite, the priest traces the Sign of the Cross on the infant's (or child's or adult's) forehead, and invites the parents and the godparents to do the same. This powerful gesture of welcome will be repeated after the immersion in water when Chrism is used to anoint the newly baptized. The prayer affirms that "you may remain for ever a member of Christ, who is Priest, Prophet, and King."

Incorporating the Sign of the Cross, which both affirms our Baptism and recalls it, into daily life can be a powerful source of blessing. Consider signing your children's foreheads with the Sign of the Cross as they complete their bedtime prayers. Sign them as they head out to school, or on days that seem hard or challenging. All are blessed, and all can impart blessing!

Just as our liturgical prayer is bookended by the Sign of the Cross, so are our lives. When we receive the Anointing of the Sick, we are again signed with holy oil (the oil of the sick). Although not formally part of a ritual, many family members make the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of their beloved dead before a Coffin is closed for the last time. As we had put on Christ in Baptism for our earthly life, now we have put on Christ for our eternal life with him. The sign of his Cross, scribed on our bodies in this simple gesture, reminds us of who we are and to whom we belong.

Saint Scholastica February 10

SCHOLASTICA WAS BORN AROUND THE YEAR 480 IN ITALY. SHE WAS THE TWIN SISTER OF SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA.

BENEDICT AND SCHOLASTICA BOTH LOVED GOD AND DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO HIM AT A YOUNG AGE.

WHEN BENEDICT STARTED A MONASTERY SCHOLASTICA BEGAN A CONVENT.

We can meet here every year to talk about God!

THEN ONE TIME... This will be the last time you see Benedict...

THE BROTHER AND SISTER VISITED EACH OTHER ONCE A YEAR.

BENEDICT REFUSED TO STAY LONGER WHEN SCHOLASTICA ASKED, BUT THEN SHE PRAYED AND A HUGE STORM CAME!

You refused my request but God listened!

THREE DAYS LATER WHEN BENEDICT WAS IN HIS MONASTERY HE HAD A VISION OF A DOVE GOING UP TO HEAVEN WHEN SCHOLASTICA DIED.

SAINT SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!

Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!

The pictures for this story are all mixed up!
Sort them out by putting the right numbers in the corners.

So Jesus preached from Peter's boat.

The nets were completely filled!

They called James and John to help with the fish.

Jesus was preaching and a large crowd came.

They left their nets and followed Jesus.

Then Jesus told Peter to let down the nets.

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
Sat	8 Feb	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	McLaughan Family	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	9 Feb	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Margaret Lindsay RIP	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Mon	10 Feb	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Teresa's <i>In the Porch</i>	Logan Family Living & Deceased Members	St Scholastica
Tue	11 Feb	9.00 am 10.00 am 2.30 pm	Adoration & Holy Rosary Holy Mass Holy Mass (In School)	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's St. Lawrence's	Thompson Family Special Int. David Greenwood (NBF)	Our Lady of Lourdes
Wed	12 Feb					Feria
Thur	13 Feb	5.30 pm 6.30 pm	Adoration & Confessions Holy Mass	St. Anthony's <i>in the Day Chapel</i>	Richard Arend	Feria
Fri	14 Feb	9.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's <i>In the Porch</i>	Val Durkin	Ss Cyril & Methodius
Sat	15 Feb	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's <i>In the Porch</i>	In Thanksgiving	Our Lady's Saturday
Sat	15 Feb	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	People of the Parish	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	16 Feb	10.15 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Confessions Holy Mass Vespers & Benediction	St. Teresa's St. Teresa's St. Teresa's	Pat McIntyre	6th 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 Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life

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