



PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING

6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16 February 2025



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THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM FR JONATHON

Our Gospel reading from Luke is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain - similar to his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. Jesus begins by pronouncing blessings - blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping; hated, excluded and insulted on his account. But in Luke, Jesus also pronounces woes: woe to those who are rich, full, laughing. Does this mean that anyone who has plenty of money, or sufficient food, or laughter, cannot enter the kingdom? No - Jesus is referring to our interior attitude. Nowhere in this passage is he commanding "Thou shalt be poor & hungry," or "Thou shalt NOT be rich & happy" - but he is telling us something important about how God sees the world. Jesus knows that those who have little, who are powerless and disheartened, are more likely to turn to God for help. When he speaks of the "poor", he means those who recognise their need for God; who reach out and place their trust in him. This dependence on God keeps them connected to him, and it is in this connection that they are truly blessed. Conversely, those who have everything they want or need don't always make room for God. By the "rich", Jesus means those people who attempt to find meaning in life from, and replace God with, their own personal resources and possessions.

Ultimately the things of this world never last - we cannot put our trust in them. The only one we can trust is God, and we can trust him because of the promises He has made to us: and ultimately, the promise of heaven. The most solid sign of that promise is Jesus's resurrection from the dead. In today's world, few people explicitly believe in life after death, yet this is the most fundamental of all our Christian beliefs. If we really believe this, then all worldly values are turned upside down - what matters ceases to be whether or not I possess something, or whether I am financially secure, but only whether my actions and inner convictions are pleasing to God. Everything else is secondary.

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 Katheleen Gregor, Leo James Rowett & Carol Ann Renton, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Kathleen's Requiem Mass will take place at St Teresa's on Monday 24th February at 10.15am followed by cremation at West Road. Leo's Funeral service will take place on Wednesday 26th February at 9.45am at West Road Crematorium. Carol's Funeral service will take place on Thursday 27th February at 2.45pm at West Road Crematorium.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This 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

Fr Jonathon will be having a well deserved break this 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 as usual.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

A parish quiz night 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the parish pastoral council will take place on Wednesday 26th February at 7.00pm. If you have any items that you would like including on the Agenda for the meeting, please email the parish office by Sunday 23rd February.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

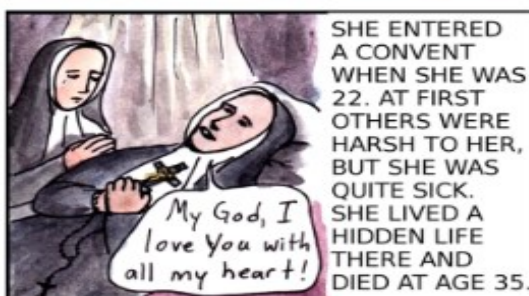
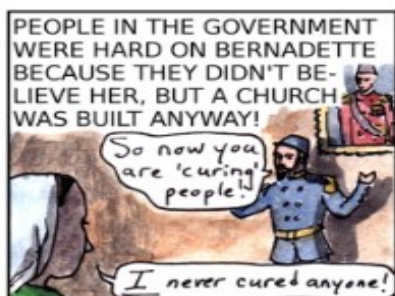
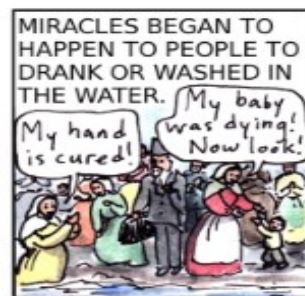
The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on Friday 25th July – Friday 1st August 2025. The Lourdes pastoral theme for 2025 is "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". Full details and online booking is available now on the 'Tangney Tours' Website, the tour operator for the diocesan pilgrimage. Choice of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

Saint Bernadette Soubirous

February 18



BECAUSE BERNADETTE WAS HONEST, SHE WAS ABLE TO BRING OUR LADY'S MESSAGES TO THE WORLD. THROUGH HER OUR BLESSED MOTHER TOLD THE WORLD THAT SHE WAS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-THAT SHE NEVER HAD ORIGINAL SIN. ARE YOU HONEST ENOUGH TO SHARE THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD?

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LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE FAITH THE FIVE SENSES DURING LITURGY

There are various symbols and images within the Liturgy, such as The Cross, the Sign of the Cross, the use of Holy Water, and so on. Over the next few weeks we will examine how during Holy Mass we engage our five senses, sight, smell, touch, sound, and taste. The appeal to the five senses makes worship a tangible, felt experience that orientates the worshiper in the direction of the transcendent.

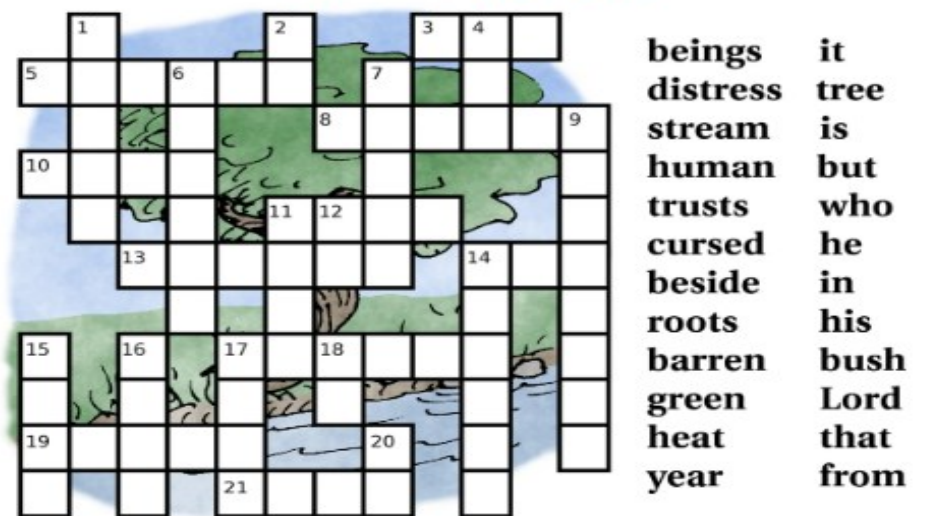
The Use of Sight

Catholic **architecture** makes use of an array of symbols and images which bring to life visually the faith of worshipers. Architecture includes the varieties of spirals of gothic cathedrals, various shrines, tabernacles, and altars that make use of marble, jewels, gold, and stained glass. These are not merely images to look at but phenomena that point towards the transcendent lying beyond the empirical realm, thus inspiring worshipers to focus on heaven and God. Stained glass windows brim with life in their colourful and elaborate depictions of various sacramental, biblical, theological, and church scenes. Initially, stained glass windows had the purpose of teaching illiterate churchgoers about salvation history, but today they can be admired for their creativity and message. Statues of the Saints give us a visual reminder that the saints were people just like us. By looking upon these images and statues our eyes are turned towards Heaven.

Priests and deacons wear various **vestments** during Holy Mass. Vestments come in various colours, including red, white, green, gold, purple, and black. They all have a symbol on them, such as of The Cross or the first and last letters from the alphabet symbolic for Christ, such as the Alpha and Omega, which symbolise Christ being the beginning and the end of all creation.

Next week we will look at how we use the sense of Smell and the sense of Touch during the liturgy.

Trust in the Lord Cross-Word



Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.
Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit them into the puzzle.

Thus says the Lord:

8a is the one who trusts in **7d** **17a**,
3a seeks **4d** strength **18d** flesh,
whose heart turns away **16d** the Lord.
12d is like a **13a** **17d** in the desert
11a enjoys no change of season,
14a stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.
Blessed is the one who **5a** in the Lord,
whose hope is the **15d**.
He **2d** like a **11d** planted **14d** the waters that
stretches out its **19a** to the **6d**;
it fears not the **21a** when **20d** comes; its leaves stay **1d**;
in the **10a** of drought it shows no **9d**,
but still bears fruit.

MASSES & SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Day		Time		Church	Mass Intention	
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
Mon	17 Feb	9.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's	Intentions of Elenor & Alanah	Feria
Tue	18 Feb					Feria
Wed	19 Feb					Feria
Thur	20 Feb					Feria
Fri	21 Feb					Feria
Sat	22 Feb	8.00 am	Holy Mass	St. Teresa's <i>In the Porch</i>	The Ifediora Family	Chair of St Peter
Sat	22 Feb	4.45 pm 5.30 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of Sunday	St. Anthony's St. Anthony's	Ellie Adamson RIP	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun	23 Feb	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	7th 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 February

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