

# With One Voice!



The Roman Catholic Parishes Of:  
St. Agnes' Crawcrook, St. Joseph's Highfield,  
& Our Lady of Lourdes Chopwell

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Psalter Week 1

**First Reading:** ISAIAH 2:1-5. *The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.*

**Second reading:** ROMANS 13:11-14. *Our salvation is near.*

**Gospel Reading:** MATTHEW 24:37-44. *Stay awake so that you may be ready.*



## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue &amp; Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> 26th Nov.	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Ruth Conway
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> 27th Nov.	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Ted Jackson Dec. Heron & McNestry Fam
<b><u>Monday</u></b> 28th Nov.	Weekday of Advent	NO MASS	
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b> 29th Nov.	Weekday of Advent	Chopwell 10.00am	Dec of Gallagher Family
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> 30th Nov	<b>ST. ANDREW</b>	Crawcrook 10.00am	Teresa Kelly
<b><u>Thursday</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. .	Weekday of Advent	Chopwell 10.00am	Jim McNestry
<b><u>Friday</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec..	Weekday of Advent	Highfield 10.00am	Lily Johansen
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	St. Francis Xavier	Crawcrook 10.00am	Eileen & John Gannon

## **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue &amp; Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec. .	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec. .	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	John Carroll Bob & Kitty Meadows

FORWARD TOGETHER  
**H<sup>IN</sup>OPE**

Glory be to the Father –  
in whom we live and move and have our being.

Glory be to the Son –  
whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples;  
to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit –  
pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us.  
Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the  
Gospel, be open to change and to move forward together in hope

## NOTICES

**Please remember in your prayers** all those who are sick / housebound: , Frs. Tony Duffy, Richard Harriott, Michael Marr, , Leo Coughlin and David Tanner. . Please also pray for Chloe Anna Cant, Kathleen McLoughlin, Aaron Armstrong, Terry Reay, Bill Mennell, , Brian McNally, Mia Slowie, Audrey Rafferty, Mary Sweeney, Patrick John Lawrence ,Ruth MacCaughey Helena Elliott, Katie Radford,- Irene Gilhooly Paddy Fitzpatrick, Maureen Baines, Monica Coleman, Sheila Chapman, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, George Gill, Sheila Clucas, Julia Knight, Margaret McCusker. Marie Drummond and Frances McCusker.

### **Anniversaries**

**St. Agnes'** Robert Moffitt, Patrick King, Isabella Moffitt, Margaret Oxley, Ted Jackson, Sylvesta Nwarkow and Sophie Bell.

**St. Joseph's** Teresa Humphrey, Peter Courtney, Ella Conway, Thomas Finneran, Thomas Sweeney, John Donnelly, Ruth Conway, James Norman Laverick, Margaet Irving, Kathleen Beryl Noakes, Agnes Lynn, Joan Mary Kelly.

**Our Lady of Lourdes** Barbara (Abby) Kemp.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Tuesday & Thursday Chopwell 9.30 – 10am.

**R.C.I.A. ( Journey in Faith)** Our Next Session is on **Wednesday 30th November ay 7pm.**

**Next Sunday:** the first of Advent is Bible Sunday, encouraging us to reflect on the place we give to Scripture and God's Word in our daily living,

**A Day of Special Prayer:** will be celebrated on Saturday, 3 December for Migrants and Refugees

**Advent Services:** This Sunday: - **4pm in St. Barnabas'**, RG with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - **6pm Churches Together CAFOD Advent** service in Centenary Methodist Church, Crawcrook **Next Sunday: 4.30pm** Ecumenical "Big Sing" Service & closing Tree Festival in St. B's,RG

**Sacramental Preparation:** Our children celebrate a brief Liturgy of Reconciliation within Holy Mass in all 3 parishes this weekend. Parents are requested to arrange with Fr. James a time for their children's celebration of their first Confession to take place **BEFORE SATURDAY 17th**

**DECEMBER.** As there are 25 such to be arranged before this date I ask parents to not leave it to the last minute and arrange dates asap.

**Advent Alms Appeal** – St. Cuthbert's Care two Catholic nursing homes provide invaluable care to older people with no family and minimal income Combined efforts from parishes have raised over £17,000 towards their Hardship Fund and your ongoing support is immensely appreciated

**Partion:** The work on replacing the partition dividing the Church and Hall in St. Barnabas' was due to begin last Friday, and will hopefully be completed by the middle of the coming week.

**Personal Gratitude** We have submitted Our Partnership Proposals FTiH Documents for our 3 parishes to the Diocese. After two years endeavour I must express a personal, if totally inadequate, debt of gratitude to all our FTiH Team Members for all their commitment, hard work, generosity and achievements in organising and accomplishing our parish responses throughout the whole process. Even more will be demanded of us all once decisions are made and the new parish partnerships come into existence in the Diocese. THANK YOU.

**Parish Meetings** : Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday, 29 Nov @ 6.00pm, followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7.00pm, both in St. Barnabas' Hall, RG.

**Schools:** St. Joseph's children will celebrate an Advent Liturgy led by Yr 2 at 8.40am on Tuesday, 29 November to which all parents and family members are invited.

**St. Joseph's** : Refugees - in the year to October, £651 was collected for refugees from donations given at coffee following Friday Mass. Thanks to all for the continued support. As a reminder, donations of food and clothing are also greatly appreciated.

**Peoples Kitchen:** The amount raised in our monthly Coffee Mornings came to £545.50. This has now been sent off to the Peoples Kitchen on your behalf. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

**Leeds Christmas Market Trip Saturday 3rd December** Rowell's bus will pick up at **Lloyds Bank, Prudhoe - 8:50 am, Jet Garage, Crawcrook - 9:00 am** and opposite **Tesco's Express, Rowlands Gill at 9:15am**

Average weekly collections for October were St. Agnes - £395 , Our Lady of Lourdes £245, St. Joseph's - £284

**St. Agnes 200 Club November Draw** – 1<sup>st</sup> No. 126 The Rosary Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> No. 23 Liam Kelly, 3<sup>rd</sup> No.28 A+K Horan

**Friends of St. Agnes** for the meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> would you please bring a wrapped Christmas bauble., and Christmas Raffle Tickets are still available. £2 per book.

**Tree Festival:** St. Barnabas & St. Patrick's C/E parishes begin their Tree Festival this week, to which we and our school have been invited to contribute. Please see posters for details.

**. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Please collect your copy of the latest Diocesan Rules for Ministry as supplied by Fr. Adrian Dixon.