

With One Voice!

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

3rd & 4th December 2016

Psalter Week 2

First Reading: ISAIAH 11:1-10.
He judges the wretched with integrity.

Responsorial Psalm:
In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Second reading: ROMANS 15:4-9.
Christ is the saviour of all men.

Gospel Reading: MATTHEW 3:1-12.
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 3 rd December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Beryl Noakes
Sunday 4 th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	John Carroll Bob & Kitty Meadows
Monday 5 th December	Weekday of Advent	NO MASS	
Tuesday 6 th December	St. Nicholas	Chopwell 10.00am	Mary & Aubrey Cousens
Wednesday 7 th December	St. Ambrose	Crawcrook 10.00am	Clem Kelly
Thursday 8 th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Chopwell 10.00am	Jim McNestry
Friday 9 th December	Weekday of Advent	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday 10 th December	Weekday of Advent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Teresa Kelly

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 10 th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Thomas & Agnes Finlay
Sunday 11 th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Stan Summers James & Selina McDonald

FORWARD TOGETHER
H^{IN}**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, Sheila Clucas, Bill Mennell, Brian McNally, Ruth MacCaughey, Mia Slowie, Audrey Rafferty, Mary Sweeney, Patrick John Lawrence, Paddy Fitzpatrick, Helena Elliott, Katie Radford, Irene Gilhooly, Maureen Baines, George Gill, Monica Coleman, Sheila Chapman, Margaret McCusker, Marie Drummond, Terry Reay, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, Julia Knight & Frances McCusker.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' John Thackwray snr, John Pierce, Harold Joseph Morris and Martha Quinn.

St. Joseph's Matthew Horsley, John Hunt, Hugh Devine Haswell, Patricia Forster, Anna Hawthornwaite and Elizabeth McFarlane.

Our Lady of Lourdes Kitty Meadows, Francis Hagan, Pat Forster, Evelyn Boyd and Elizabeth Jobes.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Chopwell Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 – 10.00am.

R.C.I.A. (Journey in Faith)

Our next session is on Wednesday 7th December at 7.00pm.

Cycle of Prayer for Advent and Christmas We are asked to pray for these intentions : **Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, and Expectant Mothers.**

Bible Sunday. Today we are asked to think in a special way of how we build into our prayer and relationship with God every day reflection on God's Word to us in the Scriptures.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Patroness of our Diocese, is celebrated on Thursday 8th December in the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell.

Advent Services: 4.30pm this Sunday in St. Barnabas Church of England, Rowlands Gill: the closing Ecumenical Tree Festival Service and "Big Sing".

Next Sunday 11th December our Advent Service will be a restful one in reflection before the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell at 3.00pm.

Advent Alms Appeal: Please give generously to our own local charity **St. Cuthbert's Care** who provide excellent help to the elderly through their nursing homes (you never know when we might need it) and to children, especially those who are less fortunate for whatever reason. They ask for our help only twice each year: Lent and Advent. If you would like to find out more about their work or volunteer for them please email Nicola at nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk.

Schools:

St. Joseph's: Year 1 will lead the school Advent Liturgy on Tuesday 6th December at 8.40am. Key Stage 1 & Reception attend 10.00 am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell on Thursday 8th December.

St. Agnes: Junior Children's Christmas Performance Wednesday 7th December at 6.00pm. Please see the notice board, or visit our parish website (on the front of the newsletter) to view "Insight", this week's school newsletter.

All are warmly encouraged to support and participate in these events, and to pray for the children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Individual Confession for their first time this week. Parents are reminded to arrange with Fr. James times for "First Confession" as soon as possible.

Chopwell Christmas Fayre Thanks to everyone for your support, help and generosity at the Fayre. We raised £1617.55. Well done everyone.

Advent Retreat Day Thursday 8 December from 10.45am, St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, with a talk by Fr. Paul Jenkins, O.Carm.

St. Mary's, Hexham, Torchlight Procession in honour of our Blessed Lady Immaculate and in thanksgiving for the Year of Mercy, led by Bishop Séamus, Friday 9th December 7.00pm.

Reconciliation Day Saturday 17th December in the Cathedral:

12 noon	Service of Reconciliation with Bishop Séamus
12.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with individual Confession until 4.00pm
4.00pm	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Deanery Service of Reconciliation: Tuesday 20th December 7.00pm in St. Joseph's, Blaydon.

Friends of St. Agnes: for the meeting on December 6th would you please bring a wrapped new Christmas bauble.