

With One Voice!

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



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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 17th & 18th December 2016

Psalter Week 4

First Reading: ISAIAH 7:10-14. *The maiden is with child.*

Responsorial Psalm: *Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.*

Second reading: ROMANS 1:1-7. *Jesus Christ, descendent of David, Son of God.*

Gospel Reading: MATTHEW 1:18-24. *Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.*



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 17th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Imelda & Terry Lowrie
Sunday 18th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Paul Bousfield People of the Parish
Monday 19th December	Weekday of Advent	NO MASS	
Tuesday 20th December	Weekday of Advent	Chopwell 10.00am	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 21st December	Weekday of Advent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Keith Galilee
Thursday 22 nd December	Weekday of Advent	Chopwell 10.00am	Priest's Intention
Friday 23rd December	REQUIEM	Highfield 12 noon	Marie Drummond
Saturday 24th December	Weekday of Advent	NO MASS	

CHRISTMAS DAY (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 24th December	Vigil Mass	Chopwell 7pm Highfield 9.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.30am	People of the Parish

FORWARD TOGETHER
IN
H O P E

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, Irene Gilhooly, Maureen Baines, George Gill, Monica Coleman, Sheila Chapman, Margaret McCusker Terry Reay, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, Julia Knight & Frances McCusker.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Michael Ronald Armstrong, Robert Taylor, Paul Bousfield, Harriet Thackwray, Alice Carroll, Edward McShane and Bonjo Nwankwo.

St. Joseph's George Thirlaway, Sean Gaze, Lilian Swinbank, George Waugh, James Patrick Murphy, Andrew Fletcher Gowan, Sarah Best, Elizabeth Richardson, Maurine Flynn and Patrick Marimer.

Our Lady of Lourdes Margaret Gregory, Andrew Jordan, Nancy McMahan, Peter Fellowes, Alice Gallagher and Mary Ann Bushby

Please pray for Elizabeth Marie Drummond of Rowlands' Gill who died recently & her family who mourn her. Her Requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Barnabas' on Friday 23rd December at 12 Noon, followed by cremation at West Road Crematorium at 1.30pm. May she rest in the eternal peace of the Lord.

Today is a Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers, whom we dedicate to the prayers of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. A great opportunity to celebrate our **Parish Carol Service in St. Agnes' at 3.30pm** in conjunction with some of our primary school children. Please make a special effort to come & join us.

Wylam & Crawcrook Churches Together Carol Service in St. Oswin's Church of England Church, Wylam at 6.00pm.

Deanery Services of Reconciliation [Confession]: There can be no more complete and better way of preparing our hearts to welcome and celebrate the birth of our Saviour at Christmas than meeting Him one to one in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receiving His unconditional, guaranteed forgiveness and strength to follow Him ever more faithfully. We encourage everyone who can to do so in the deanery celebrations of the Sacrament this week:

Tuesday 20 December 7.00pm (within Mass) at St. Joseph's, Blaydon.

Wednesday, 21 December at 7.00pm (no Mass) in St. Agnes', Crawcrook.

Children's Liturgy: There will be a children's liturgy on Christmas Day Mass at St. Agnes so please do come and join us in our own special service.

Thanks to Deacon Derek & Chopwell parishioners for last Sunday's Advent Service – a truly prayerful & relaxing time before the Blessed Sacrament and an oasis of peace at this busy time. The refreshments & fellowship afterwards were also much appreciated.

St. Joseph's Highfield: Tuesday 20th Yrs 1/2 Christmas Nativity at 9.30am.
Wednesday 21st 2.00pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance Friday 23rd
8.40am Yrs 5/6 Advent Liturgy
St. Agnes: Wednesday 21st 1.30pm School Carol Service in Church.

Advent Aims: This is the last week in which we can contribute to this fund in support of St. Cuthbert's Care, our Diocesan Caring Agency.

Kitchen Times: Please see notice board for Issue 11 of The People's Kitchen Brochure and Newsletter

St. Agnes: Next Sunday coffee morning is on New Year's Day January 1st **St.**

Agnes' Mission Boxes: please bring in as soon as possible.

St. Agnes 200 Club December Draw 1st no.69 Elaine Oliver, 2nd no.22 Mary Proud, 3rd no.99 Margaret Crowe This is the tenth and final draw for this year. A big 'Thank you' to everyone who subscribed and supported one of our main fund raising efforts. We hope to launch the 200 Club for 2017 next February but we need a new volunteer co-ordinator. If you are interested in taking on this role please see Father James.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chopwell. Parking restrictions: can parishioners please resist parking on the grassed area. Due to the way the water runs from the field above, the grass has become very boggy. Consequently you may get your car onto the grass but then may not be able to drive off. This may cause damage to your vehicle and will damage the grass, in which case both will need repair.

Church Cleaning:

Crawcrook Thursday 22nd December 6.00pm

Chopwell after Mass on Tuesday 20th December. Extra help will be greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph's Partition: The replacement with bi-folding doors is now more or less complete. The folding doors must never be forced open or closed, & no notices put on the windows. We hope this will enhance the Church.

Justice & Peace Refugee Project Many thanks to St. Joseph's Parishioners for your tremendous response to the recent appeal for biscuits. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please continue to support the Project: items can be placed in the red box in the Hall. (tea, coffee, tins of tomatoes, beans, tuna, packets of rice, pasta, sugar and biscuits)

Wylam Globe: please see notice board in St. Agnes for the winter edition of this newsletter.

