

With One Voice!

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



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 18th & 19th February 2017

Psalter Week 3

First Reading: LEVITICUS 19:1-2 17-18
You must love your neighbour as yourself

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love

Second reading: CORINTHIANS 3:16-23
All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Reading: MATTHEW 5:38-48
You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 18 th February	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 19 th February	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Frank Crowe Isaac & Doris Birkett
<u>Monday</u> 20 th February	Weekday	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 21 st February	Weekday or St. Peter Damian	Chopwell 10.00 am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<u>Wednesday</u> 22 nd February	The Chair of St. Peter	Crawcrook 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<u>Thursday</u> 23 rd February	St. Polycarp	NO SERVICE	
<u>Friday</u> 24 th February	Weekday	Highfield 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<u>Saturday</u> 25 th February	Weekday	NO MASS	

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 25 th February	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 26 th February	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Audrey & Fred Jones Tony Kelly

FORWARD TOGETHER
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God of all Creation,

You have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our Diocese
and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world.

Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself
to learn from you and to model their lives on you.

Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit,
deepen the faith you invite us to share
and inspire us to become faithful witnesses.

As we begin to develop our partnerships,
help each one of us to use the gifts you give us,
to nurture one another, to serve the world,
and to live in harmony with the whole of creation.

All of this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notices

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick / housebound:

Frs. Tony Duffy, Richard Harriott, Michael Marr, Seamus Doyle 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, Terry Reay, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, Julia Knight and Alison Watson.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Frank Crowe, Audrey Jones, Jim Gates, Mary Blair, Isabella Mannion, Catherine McDermott and Patricia Maxwell. .

St. Joseph's Derek Silcock Catherine Ann Spencer Daniel Maguire Isabella Lydon Edith Cafferky John Hawdon Veronica Brady Nelly Henzell Bernadine Malia and Geoffrey Thomas Coffey

Our Lady of Lourdes' Arthur Metcalfe, Cyril Rooney, Jim Quigley, James Loughran.

Next Weekend: Fr. Noel Colahan [resident retired priest at Ebchester Convent] has generously agreed to preside at all our Celebrations of Holy Mass for the People of the Parishes on the 25/26th February. From 20th February until 4th March there will be NO weekday celebration of Holy Mass, but there will be various Services of the Word of God and Holy Eucharist. These will depend on availability of Clergy [our Deacons], and possible Requiem Mass/Services for deceased parishioners (if any). Please, therefore, note the times of any services in our Churches during this period very carefully.

Next Sunday: 26th February, is a Day of Prayer for the Unemployed. Just think! If it happens to you: how you would pray and be grateful for the prayers and encouragement of other people, family and friends. So, let's pray for those who, through no fault of their own and who want to work, are in this situation.

Sociable Occasion: ALL our, and, partnership parishioners are invited to share with one another in a relaxing evening of getting to know one another better on 4th March, from 7.00pm in St. B's Parish Hall, Rowland's Gill in informal conversation, hope, and laughter, as we step forward to enable our faith Communities to flourish. Leave it to the Priest or everyone else, and no-one will be there and nothing done! So: be there to make the difference. [Music by 'Heartbeat' a Rock 'n' Roll band and includes a quiz and raffle, bring your own food and drink. Tickets priced at £5 for adults and £2 for children are now on sale in all three churches and can be bought after Mass from Sue Kirkland 01207542700 at St Barnabas, Kath Hawkshaw 01207561362 at Our Lady of Lourdes, & Geoffrey Laidler at St Agnes.

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Churches Together Wylam: meet together at 7.30pm, with their AGM beginning at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 22 February in Wylam Methodist Church Hall. All are welcome.

Holy Communion Preparation: Advance Notice: Children and Parents preparing for this Sacrament note carefully that the next sessions of preparation in which all are required to participate are:

St. Joseph's Schoolchildren: Tuesday, 28 February, 6-7.30pm Session with Catechists @ OLL, Chopwell; and for St. Agnes' schoolchildren, Thursday, 2 March, 6-7.30pm Session with Catechists @ St. Agnes. Parents are requested to rejoin their children for prayer at 7.00pm on these same evenings

Half Term: Despite all the pressure our Teenagers are under these days we hope they, our Dedicated School Staff and pupils in both Primary and Secondary education manage to enjoy this break for a rest and rejuvenation of their energies for both learning and teaching, - and just take time out to "chill" [always with the Lord, of course, 'cos God "doesn't go on holiday"!

"Out of the Blues". Thanks to everyone for your support at our Coffee Mornings for this local Charity.

Advance Notice for the Season of Lent.:- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 1 March: Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday [14th April] are Days of Fasting and Abstinence whereupon we are required to abstain from meat, or engage in some other meaningful act of self denial, thereby identifying ourselves with our Lord's self-sacrifice on the Cross out of life giving love for us all. Please note the times of Services very carefully for all our parishes, and those in our Primary Schools [to which parishioners are welcomed]for the distribution of ashes should they not be able to attend parish services on Ash Wednesday.

The first annual Award Ceremony for the Pope John Paul II Award will take place on Thursday 2nd March 2017 in the Tyne Theatre and Opera House, 117 Westgate Road, Newcastle, NE1 4AG at 7.00pm.

Entrance to the event is by ticket only so if you would like to attend please e-mail jp2award@ymt.org or telephone the Emmaus Youth Village on 01207 592244 and they will send you a ticket.

On Friday 24th February Jeremy Cain of CAFOD is coming to explain how the organisation spend the Lenten Alms money. Everyone is welcome. We begin at 6.30pm in the weekday chapel at St Anne's (come to the presbytery door). The meeting will last about one hour and there is a Coffee Morning for CAFOD full details on the notice in the meeting room.

Please look at the FTIH display in the meeting room giving details of the Partnerships in the Diocese.