

With One Voice!

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



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EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 25th & 26th February 2017

Psalter Week 4

First Reading: ISAIAH 49:14-15
I will never forget you.

Responsorial Psalm:
In God alone is my soul at rest

Second reading: CORINTHIANS 4:1-5
The Lord will reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts.

Gospel Reading: MATTHEW 6:24-34
Do not worry about tomorrow..



EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 25 th February	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 th February	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Audrey & Fred Jones Tony Kelly
Monday 27 th February	Weekday	NO MASS	
Tuesday 28 th February	Weekday	Chopwell 10.00 am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 1 st March	ASH WEDNESDAY	Chopwell 10.00am Highfield 12 noon Crawcrook 7pm	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 2 nd March	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday 3 rd March	Weekday of Lent	Highfield 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 4 th March	Weekday of Lent	NO MASS	

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 4 th March	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th March	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Patricia Maxwell Dec. Robson Family

FORWARD TOGETHER
IN
HOPE

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, 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' Catherine Lynch, Theresa Welsh, Aidan Harrison, Mama Amagu and Teresa Harrison.

St. Joseph's William Keith Corry Thomas Henzell Elizabeth Tucker Sarah Newton Hannah Marie Jackson William Young Alexander Patrick Hart Frederick Nichols May Wallbanks Monica Margaret Best Ellin Murray Maria Ward Brigitta Brown Gulielmus Donnelly John Doran Jacob Donnelly

Our Lady of Lourdes' Tony Kelly, and Mary Ann Robson

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chopwell) Tues, Wed and Thursday
9.30am to 10.00 am

Bishop Kevin Dunn: We remember in prayer our Former Diocesan Bishop, whose anniversary of death is on Ash Wednesday, 1 March [2008

Following the recent death of Fr Seamus Doyle, his body will be received into St Augustine's, Darlington on Thursday 2nd March at 7.00 pm followed by Mass. Bishop Seamus will celebrate his Requiem Mass on Friday 3rd March at 12 noon also at St Augustine's. Fr Séamus will be buried at St Mary's, Blackhill. Please remember him in your prayers at this time.

Welcome & Grateful Thanks: to Fr. Noel Colahan, who celebrates our Parish Holy Mass this weekend in all our 3 parishes when ostensibly "retired", while the responsible priest is away being irresponsibly at rest! I trust, Fr. Noel, that you will enjoy your visit to our Communities of faithful Parishioners who are so thankful for a "change of voice and face"!

Cycle of Prayer: During Lent we pray for these intentions: **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.**

Ash Wednesday : 1 March: (A day of Fasting and Abstinence)

- 10.00am OLL. Chopwell: Service of Distribution of Ashes.

- 12. Noon: St. Barnabas C/E Church, RGill: Service of Distribution of Ashes.

- 7.00pm: St. Agnes, Crawcrook. Service of Distribution of Ashes.

In Schools: St. Joseph's:

St. Agnes: - 9.05am School Hall: Lenten Liturgy

those less fortunate than ourselves can receive the practical help they need to enable them to believe in the promise of Easter

Next Sunday: is a Day of Special Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments. We remember particularly all our children who are now preparing for their First Holy Communion and their parents, that they will do their best to remain faithful to the promise they made to God and their child[ren] to celebrate Holy Mass each week.

First Sunday of Lent Stations of the Cross – March 4th – St. Agnes & St. Barnabas at 4pm.

Family Fast Day - Next Friday, 10th March, is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World, for which all contributions should be given to CAFOD.

Women's World Day of Prayer on 3rd March at 1.30pm is at St. John's, Greenside and parking is available at Greenside Cricket Club. in Chopwell Methodist Chapel at 7.00 pm.

Holy Communion Preparation: 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

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 Tickets available after Mass.

Chocolate Easter Eggs. The Friends of St. Agnes' are having a tombola after Mass on Easter Sunday. It will consist of Easter eggs and the Friends would welcome contributions from parishioners during Lent. A box for the chocolate eggs, small or large, is at the back of Church from Ash Wednesday.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Election Will take place at 3.00 pm next Sunday 5th March in St Mary's Cathedral. We have 5 members in our group who will be received into the Church at Easter. Alan Dale, Joanne Kavanagh, Lyndsay Myers (Whickham), Karen Bell (St Agnes, Crawcrook), and Paul Elliott (Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell). Please remember them in your prayers, and all who are to be received into the Church at this special time.

Seeds of Hope. Our Annual Parish Retreat this year is 12th to 14th May at Minsteracres. See notice for more details or contact Liz Gallagher, 01207 561445