

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 LENT 11th & 12th March 2017

Psalter Week 2

First Reading: GENESIS 12: : 1-4
The call of Abraham, the father the people of God.

Responsorial Psalm:
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. .

Second reading: ST. PAUL TO TIMOTHY
God calls and enlightens us

Gospel Reading: MATTHEW 17: 1-9.
His face shone like the sun.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 11 th March	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Joseph Conville
<u>Sunday</u> 12 th March	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Jim & Rita Gates Hannah & Thomas Watson
<u>Monday</u> 13 th March	Weekday of Lent	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 14 th March	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00 am	Owen McMahan
<u>Wednesday</u> 15 th March	Weekday of Lent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Clem Kelly
<u>Thursday</u> 16 th March	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00am	Dec. Ree & Fellowes Family
<u>Friday</u> 17 th March	ST. PATRICK	Highfield 10.00am	Priests' Intention
<u>Saturday</u> 18 th March	Weekday of Lent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Harrison Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 18 th March	ST. JOSEPH	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 19 th March	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	People of the Parish Tina & Ronnie Gardner

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, Terry Reay, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, Julia Knight and Alison Watson.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' William Harbottle and Bernard Butler.

St. Joseph's Sandra Lackenby, Joseph Armstrong, Elizabeth Robson, Ada Garland, Peter King, Mary Lily Ward, Margaret Pollard, Alice Tucker, John Tucker, Daniel Maguire and Richard Hodgson

Our Lady of Lourdes' Mary McKenna, Elizabeth Richardson, Christina Gardner
Lawrence Gallagher, Rosina Lynap, Maureen Absolem, Anne Marie Dobbin.

Stations of the Cross: This Sunday 12th March, St. Agnes' and St. Barnabas at 4pm. Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday 15th March at 6.30pm

Feast of St. Joseph: On Saturday, 18th March at 5.30pm Mass in St. Barnabas' we will celebrate the Feast of our Parish Patron, St. Joseph [transferred from the Sunday]. At this Mass we will bless and dedicate the new Icon of St. Joseph which we commissioned. We most gratefully thank Mrs. Catherine Ferguson for her wonderful work of art which we earnestly trust will be of great help and support to our parishioners in their prayer and reflection under the patronage and intercession of St. Joseph for many years to come. Please take and reflect on the note about it and its use which she has kindly provided.

Sacramental Preparation: Our children preparing for first Holy Communion will celebrate their fifth Liturgy within Holy Mass this weekend in their Rite of Election after the Gospel.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of our Deanery parishes from years 9 & 10 upwards will be celebrated on Thursday, 8th June in St. Joseph's, Blydon at 7.00pm. Application brochures [to be completed and returned to Fr. J by Sunday, 9th April] and Preparation Programmes are available at the back of Church. The Preparation meetings will take place in St. Joseph's Presbytery, Shibdon Road at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 3rd/10th/17th May with a Rehearsal and Pizza Night on Wednesday, 24th May. Attendance at all sessions is required. I thank our parishioners who have generously agreed to be Catechists in this programme of preparation, and from the heart encourage all our young people to seriously desire to receive this wonderful Gift of The Holy Spirit of God in confirmation of their faith and intention to follow Jesus ever more closely in their lives as young adults.

Lenten Alms Please consider supporting St. Cuthberts Care's Hardship Fund which offers financial support to hundreds of people across our two residential and nursing homes. Our Fund ensures no-one is turned away from our homes due to an inability to pay. For more information please contact Joanne Bulford on 0191 2280111 or email Joanne bulfiord@stcuthbertscare.org.uk

The chocolate Easter eggs tombola will now be in aid of Lenten Alms so please donate chocolate eggs, whatever size, in the box provided, the supermarkets have great offers at the moment.

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

Lent Lunch: 12 Noon Wednesday 15th March: Lunch and Reflection on "I am the Good shepherd" at Ryton Methodist Church.

Schools: St. Agnes' children will join us for our parish Mass on Wednesday, 15th March and celebrate the second of their Lenten Liturgies at 9.05am on Friday, 17th March. St. Joseph's KS1 children will share with us in the celebration of Parish Mass at 10am on Thursday, 16th March at OLL, Chopwell.

Wylam & District Churches Together – Lent course running for 5 weeks . Open meeting 23rd March (7.30) for anyone interested in finding out about children's activities in Wylam. Vacancy in Wylam for one more rep.

Northern Saints. On Wednesday 29th March, at 7.00pm, in Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell, there will be an excellent powerpoint presentation and talk on the Northern Saints given by Mr Mike Duffy. We wish to extend a warm welcome to members of all our three parishes this event. There will be NO stations of the Cross that evening.

Chief Operating Officer Vacancy The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a full-time Chief Operating Officer following the retirement of the current post-holder. The successful candidate will have a relevant degree or business qualification and general strategic and operational business management experience gained at Director/Chief Operating Officer level. They will be an experienced leader with a credible corporate or third sector background and they will bring an understanding of the accountabilities of the Diocese as a charity and an appreciation for its spiritual and pastoral role in the lives of the people and communities it serves. Further information and details of how to apply are available at www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us: Tel: 0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk The closing date for applications is 15 March 2017.