

With One Voice!

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



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 18th & 19th March 2017

Psalter Week 3

First Reading: EXODUS 17: 3-7

Give us water to drink

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts. .

Second reading: ST. PAUL TO ROMANS

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us

Gospel Reading: JOHN 4: 5-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life.



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
<u>Monday</u> 20 th March	Weekday of Lent	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 21 st March	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00 am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<u>Wednesday</u> 22 nd March	Weekday of Lent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Teresa Kelly
<u>Thursday</u> 23 rd March	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00am	Isaac & Doris Birkett
<u>Friday</u> 24 th March	Weekday of Lent	Highfield 10.00am	Dec. Dorritt Family
<u>Saturday</u> 25 th March	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Crawcrook 10.00am	Teresa Kelly

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 25 th March	ST. JOSEPH	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 26 th March	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	People of the Parish Margaret McCusker.

FORWARD TOGETHER

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, 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' Jack Moffitt and Bridget Smith

St. Joseph's Elizabeth Robson, Thomas Carr, Sarah Lancaster, Kathleen Mary Bradley, Felix Donnelly, John Thomas Conway, Mona Isabella Hagan and Tamar Brady

Our Lady of Lourdes' Rose Birkett, Nora Dodds and Maureen Kemp.

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

Episcopal Anniversary: Monday, 20 March is Bishop Seamus' anniversary of his Ordination as our Bishop. Please remember him in prayer.

Requiem Mass: will be celebrated at 12 Noon on this Monday, 20th March, in St. Mary's Cathedral for our diocesan priest Fr. Leo Coughlin who died in America last month

Sacramental Preparation: the 6th Session of preparation with our catechists for first holy communion families are on Tuesday, 21 March at OLL and Thursday, 23rd -- both 6.00-7.30pm, with the parish liturgies celebrated at Mass the weekend of 25/26th March

RCIA members will celebrate a Service of Reconciliation with individual confessions on Wednesday, 22 March at 7.00pm in OLL, and which is open to all parishioners **Confessions:** St. Agnes' every Saturday 10.30-11am **Annual Ladies Lenten Service** Tuesday 28th March at 7pm in St. Agnes' Church. Everyone welcome.

Gift Aid - Please remember that if you are in the Gift Aid scheme that you must be paying tax in the UK. If you have stopped paying tax, please let your parish Gift Aid co-ordinator know.

Seder Meal: You will never be invited to one of these "Passover" Meals unless you are Jewish. Yet it was on the occasion of this meal that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples. The more we know about the Passover Meal, the deeper we can understand what the Holy Eucharist and Mass really means because of the way Jesus changed it the night before he died.

We all have the opportunity to learn and enjoy this in a Seder Meal, presented by our Anglican Parish on Monday 10 April at 6.30pm in St. John's Hall, Greenside. Please see the notice board for details. I strongly recommend our children and parents preparing for Holy Communion to book to attend and

enjoy, since this is exactly what we have talked about recently, to "live it in action".

Lenten Alms 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

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.

On Thursday 2nd March the Tyne Theatre played host to the first Pope John Paul II Awards for the Diocese. Our congratulations goes out to two of our young parishioners Ellen Scott and Sophie Thorpe, who were among those to receive the award. Over the last two years, the two girls have been working towards their award by taking on responsibilities in our parish and in the community. Ellen and Sophie were delighted to receive their Gold award from Bishop Seamus and Fr Paul Farren from the Diocese of Derry who created the award.

Music for the Easter Vigil/Good Friday service at St. Barnabas' - practices continue each Sunday afternoon around 4.30pm after Stations Of The Cross. For more details, speak to Deacon Chris.

Minutes reports of the Finance and PP Council meetings are on the notice board for consultation, and some copies for people to take home with them.

Thank you to everyone who helped in making our social night a great success, on 4th March. As we danced the night away to Heartbeat, bringing together parishioners from St. Agnes, St. Joseph and Our Lady of Lourdes, we also raised money ,with a quiz, thanks Paul, and also a raffle. Raising the grand total of £510. After paying for the band, the remaining balance will be given to a local charity. The object of organising the social night was in fact to bring our 3 churches together and proved to be a very brilliant night. Well done and thank you again, Susan and Kate

CAFOD Family Fast box is at the back of church for another week.

No Greater Love Than This A meditation in Song and Pictures on the Passion of Jesus, by David Ritson, in Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell on Sunday, April 2nd at 3.30pm. This lasts for about 1 hour and quarter. As there are some disturbing images of the Passion in the presentation it may not be suitable for young children. It's a truly powerful, emotive, way of just being "there" with Jesus in the events of Holy Week. If you've not been able to make the Stations of The Cross in Lent, or can't share in our midweek celebrations of Holy Week, it's an opportunity to be with God very personally in your own thoughts and prayer, in preparation for the Joy of Easter. It's free, but all Offerings, and CD's on sale afterwards go to St. Joseph the Worker Foundation in Bosnia Hercegovina. Just don't miss it. It will make your Holy Week.

