

With One Voice!

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



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st & 2nd April 2017

Psalter Week 1

First Reading: EZEKIEL 37: 12-14
I shall put my spirit in you and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Second reading: ST. PAUL TO ROMANS 8: 8-11
The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.

Gospel Reading: JOHN 11: 1-45
I am the resurrection and the light.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 1 st April	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 2 nd April	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Polly Simpson Dec. Herron & McNestry Families
<u>Monday</u> 3 rd April	Weekday of Lent	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 4 th April	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00 am	Priest's Intention
<u>Wednesday</u> 5 th April	Weekday of Lent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Clem Kelly
<u>Thursday</u> 6 th April	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00am	L/D Powell Family
<u>Friday</u> 7 th April	Weekday of Lent	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
<u>Saturday</u> 8 th April	Weekday of Lent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Priest's Intention

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 8 th April	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 9 th April	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Father Paul Harrison Thomas & Hannah Ibbetson

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, 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, Alison Watson and Sheila Clucas.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Joseph Alfred Blacklin, Robert Hadaway, Maureen Higgins, and Father Paul Harrison.

St. Joseph's John Edward White, Kathleen McKenna, Rose Margaret Ford John King, Francis Joseph Welsh, Francis Carr, John McPhillips, Anne Rochester, Jacob Clark, Eileen Rita Mawson

Our Lady of Lourdes Sarah Jane Wood, Mary Dawson, Eileen Mawson, Thomas Ibbetson

Stations of the Cross – April 2nd Sunday, 4pm at St. Barnabas' and St. Agnes and Wednesday 5th April at 6.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell.

Congratulations to Matthew Jacob Watson who is to be Baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday 9th April. Please remember Matthew and his parents in your prayers at this special time.

Next Sunday Please collect Palms, Hymn, and [Yellow] Parish Mass Book before Mass to then congregate outside the Church front door for celebration of the blessing of palms and procession into Church. Please actively participate in the Gospel Passion by enthusiastically responding with the words in **bold**, beginning on **page 88**. - A special Collection will be taken for the Catholic community in the Holy Land [Holy Places]

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) In St. Agnes this Saturday 8 April, 10.30-11.00am, in OLL & St. Barnabas' on request after Mass. Please note: the only Deanery Celebration of the Sacrament this year in Holy Week will be on Tuesday, 11 April, at 7pm in St. Anne's, Winlaton in a service without Mass, with the Deanery priests as Confessors.

No Greater Love Than This: We truly encourage as many people as possible to participate in the moving and excellent presentation of Our Lord's Passion in song and pictures by Dave Ritson in Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell, beginning at 3.30pm. CD's are available for purchase afterwards, and all proceeds fund the "St. Joseph the Worker foundation, run by a now 92 year old nun in Bosnia Hercegovina who has built both a Hospice for the dying and a Home for the elderly destitute in that area. Even today Sister Muriel drives a van up into the hills delivering fuel, water, and food supplies to the old people who are in great need." Please come.

RCIA next Session is on Wednesday 5th April at 7.00 pm

Don't Forget: the needs of our own elderly and sick, cared for by our Diocesan Agency, St. Cuthbert's Care, by continuing to generously contribute to our Lenten Alms.

Lenten Lunch: This Wednesday, 5 April, @ 12 Noon, in Ryton Methodist Church, with a short reflection on "I am the Resurrection and Life."

Our Thanks: to - our Primary Schoolchildren for their inventive representations in Last Sunday's Offertory of themselves to God..
- the parents who have faithfully tried their best to contribute in their "Parent Only" sessions of Sacramental Preparation...
- our weary St. Thomas More teenage parishioners who generously, and amazingly demonstrated their talents (I hear), in last week's production of Les Miserables.

Schools Everyone is warmly invited to support and share in: -
St. Joseph's Highfield Lenten Liturgies prepared for the whole school at 8.45am on Monday, (by Yrs 1/2), Tuesday (by Yrs 3/4); then at 2.30pm on Thursday (by Yrs 5/6).
- The Celebration of the Way of the Cross by Yrs 5/6 of both St. Joseph and St. Agnes jointly in St. Agnes Church on Wednesday at 1.30pm.
- St. Agnes Holy Week Liturgies on Friday 7 April, are: 9.15am; 1.00pm and 2.30pm.
- As schools close before Holy Week for holydays, we ask (as God never goes on "holiday/awol" from us) parents to try their best to keep their children aware of how special Holy Week is, trusting that they, our teachers, and all involved in school will enjoy a relaxed, restorative, and rejuvenating break together in family life.

Hot Cross Bun Witness: Ryton Churches Together have organised a novel witness to the Cross of Christ. On Holy Saturday, 15 April, at 10am parishioners are asked to bring donations of Hot Cross Buns to Centenary/Greenside Methodist Churches for buttering. These will then be distributed free, along with a simple message of Holy Week, to the general Public. As well as donors of buns, volunteers are required to help with buttering and distribution. Please sign the list if you can help.

St. Agnes Church garden is in need of a "spring clean", so helpers would be very welcome on Monday morning from 9.30 and Wednesday after morning Mass. If these times are not suitable, please feel free to come along any time and pull out a few weeds, so that the garden will be looking beautiful for Easter. Any spare plants would be much appreciated.

The April edition of the **Northern Cross** is available at the back of church.