

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 EASTER

29th & 30th April 2017

Psalter Week 1

First Reading: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

Responsorial Psalm:
Show us Lord, the path of life.

Second reading FIRST LETTER OF ST. PETER
Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain namely Christ.

Gospel Reading LUKE 24: 13-35
They recognised him at the breaking of bread.



THIRD SUNDAY EASTER (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 29th April	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 30th April	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Patricia Maxwell Jim McNestry
<u>Monday</u> 1st May	St. Joseph the Worker	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 2nd May	Saint Athanasius	Chopwell 10.00am	Denis Burns
<u>Wednesday</u> 3rd May	Ss. Philip and James	Crawcrook 10.00am	Elsie Kelly
<u>Thursday</u> 4th May	The English Martyrs	Chopwell 10.00am	Holy Souls
<u>Friday</u> 5th May	Weekday of Easter	Highfield 10.00am	Gwen Gooch
<u>Saturday</u> 6th May	Weekday of Easter	Crawcrook 10.00am	Elsie Kelly

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 6th May	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 7th May	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Ralph Anthony Simpson Dec. Lonsdale Family

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, 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, Sheila Clucas, Margaret Armstrong and Shirley Cresci.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Harry Lynch,, Uchenna Osagwn, Lenard Skelton, Nancy Weatherley and Eileen Rutherford.

St. Joseph's Thomas Storey, George Rooney, Margaritta Taylor, Henry James Kilgallo, Isobel Cranston and Doreen Donnelly.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hilda Adams, John Kileen, Una McGillivray, Desmond McClean, Eileen Rutherford, Ethel Henderson.

We ask for your prayers for the following who are recently deceased:
John Atkinson – brother of Deacon Kevin Atkinson, Frank Dixon – brother of Fr Adrian Dixon, Fr Mariadass' father in India. Please pray for the repose of their souls and please remember their families in prayer also.

Confessions - St. Agnes Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am Our Lady of Lourdes on request and St. Joseph's after Friday morning Mass.

Next Sunday

(1): is The World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Consecrated Life. This Year's theme is "Called *extra* Ordinary", not because Priests/Deacons/Religious are extraordinary, but they/we are ordinary people called to make visible the extra dimensions of ordinary life. Please take a prayer card, the "Called to Listen, Love, and Live" vocations card, and pray for Deacon Peter Stottard at present training in Rome who will be ordained priest for our Diocese on 22nd July in St. Mary's Cathedral.

(2) A Day on which the Diocesan Appeal and Collection for the Little Sisters of The Poor, and their invaluable work of caring for the sick and elderly in St. Joseph's Home, Newcastle.

Day of Special Prayer for Human Work: on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on Monday 1 May

Advance Notice: Fr. James will be participating in our Diocesan Priests Retreat, 9 - 12th May. There will be no parish celebrations of weekday Mass on those days

Sick & Retired Priests (Northern Brethren) Fund: Please contribute with your customary generosity to this fund which will remain open for a further week

Sacramental Preparation The next Catechist Sessions for those preparing for Holy Communion are Tuesday, 2 May at Our Lady of Lourdes Chopwell and Thursday 4 May at St. Agnes. Both sessions are 6.00pm - 7.30pm with parents rejoining children for prayer at 7.00pm. At all Masses of the coming weekend, 6/7th May, our children will celebrate their short Liturgy as Members of the Body of Christ, The Good Shepherd.

- Please pray for Joseph Lynch, Grace Metcalf, Anna Scott, Amelia Young and our Catechists who will begin their preparation on Wednesday, 3rd May at 6.30pm in St. Joseph's Presbytery, Shibdon Road, Blaydon along with our other Deanery Parish candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Diocesan Conference on Youth: Saturday 13 May, 10.00am - 3.30pm in Newcastle Assembly Rooms is open to all adult parishioners and young people of 6th form age. Closing date for booking [please sign list] is this coming Friday, 5th May.

Thank You: to all who helped move the benches from St. Barnabas' Church into the hall last week, saving other peoples' poor backs.

. St Thomas More School, Blaydon - 50th Anniversary

St Thomas More School in Blaydon is celebrating its golden jubilee this September. As part of the year of celebration, which will include a special Mass in September, we would like to put together a special edition of "More News" containing stories and images from past years of the school. We are inviting all past pupils and parents of past pupils to contribute items to this edition. If you have any items you wish to share, or would like more information, please e-mail: info@stthomasmore.org.uk or visit our 50th Anniversary facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/STM50thAnniversary/>

Thank you to those at St Joseph's who bought Easter and Greetings Cards during Lent. £12 was sent off to CAFOD in the first week and a further £22 went to St Cuthbert's Care just before Easter. Greetings cards [ie Baptism, 1st Communion, Sympathy] are available on the Welcome Table on Saturday evening.

Friends of St. Agnes meet on Tuesday at 7pm.

A thought-provoking poem entitled “Refugees” by Brian Bilston.

*They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way*

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