

With One Voice!

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



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6th & 7th May 2017

Psalter Week 2

First Reading: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
God has made him both Lord and Christ.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want..

Second reading FIRST LETTER OF ST. PETER
You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

Gospel Reading JOHN 10:1-10
I am the gate of the sheepfold.



FOURTH SUNDAY EASTER (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 6 th May	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 7 th May	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Ralph Anthony Simpson Dec. Lonsdale Family
<u>Monday</u> 8 th May	Weekday of Easter	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 9 th May	Weekday of Easter	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<u>Wednesday</u> 10 th May	Weekday of Easter	Crawcrook 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<u>Thursday</u> 11 th May	Weekday of Easter	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<u>Friday</u> 12 th May	Weekday of Easter	Highfield 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<u>Saturday</u> 13 th May	Weekday of Easter or Our Lady of Fatima	Crawcrook 10.00am	Teresa Kelly

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 13 th May	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 14 th May	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Teresa Kelly Special Intention

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, 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, and Shirley Cresci.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Elsie Kelly, Ralph Simpson, Ian McClen and Harry Scott..

St. Joseph's Patrick Anthony McCaughey, Jerzy Seiffert, Ralph Hodgson, Blanche Hurst, Thomas Gowland, George Donnelly, Hannah Gartland, Patrick Garland, Joseph Cranston and Margarita Bradley

Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please pray for: Margaret Armstrong of Catkin Walk, Crawcrook who died on Monday her Requiem Mass is on Thursday 11th May @ 11.00am in Our Lady and St. Cuthbert's, Prudhoe

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

Today: is - when our children declare, in their short liturgy within Holy Mass after the gospel, their readiness to receive their First Holy Communion upon completion of their preparation. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayer.

- the World Day of Prayer for Vocations: We reflect more deeply on Our Lord's call to ourselves so that we can respond ever more faithfully, praying that more people will also answer His call to serve Him and His People in the Priesthood and Religious Life, especially for our own Parishes. Please use the prayer & reflection cards available.

- an occasion on which the Little Sisters of The Poor in Newcastle make their annual appeal for our help in sustaining their invaluable, amazing care of our elderly and sick people (priests included). Please respond to their request with your customary generosity, and take the free literature they have provided about their work and Foundress.

- the last day for contributions to the Sick & Retired Priest's [NBF] Fund. For Gift Aid/Standing Order donation please take, complete, and return the form available at the back of church.

Retreat: As Fr. J will be on the Diocesan Spiritual Retreat [not tactical withdrawal from Parish life!] 9- 12th May, please see back page of newsletter for weekday Service times, and direct all enquiries or needs, to Rose, our parish secretary, deacons Derek & Christian, or local Partnership Clergy as appropriate

Advance Notice: Next Sunday [14 May] is Christian Aid Sunday. We have been invited to share with our fellow Christian Churches in an United Service in the Methodist Church, Wylam @ ..11am the theme of Christian Aid's 60 years of care for Refugees.

Schools: Please see Parish/School websites for updates [and much else!]. Notwithstanding Sats & Mock's, we trust our pupils and Staff will all have a happy, rewarding time in school that leaves them with a sense of achievement, growth and fulfilment. Fr. J will celebrate Mass for Yr. 8 JF St. John Fisher Pastoral Group in the Chapel on Friday, 12 May at 11.50.

Confirmation Preparation: Joseph Lynch, Grace Metcalf, Anna Scott, Amelia Young continue their preparation with their Catechists and peers in the Deanery in the second session on Wednesday, 10 May at 6.30pm in St. Joseph's Presbytery, Blaydon, focusing on the Gifts of The Holy Spirit as exemplified in role models of Inspirational People of today.

Summer Fayre (Chopwell) Will be held here in the Church grounds on Saturday 10th June at 1.00 pm. Put it in your diary – your help is needed!! Items for stalls, set up and run the Fayre etc.

St Thomas More School, Blaydon - 50th St Thomas More School in Blaydon is celebrating its golden jubilee this September. And will include a special Mass in September, if you would like more information, please e-mail: info@stthomasmore.org.uk or visit our 50th Anniversary facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/STM50thAnniversary/>

"The Way we See it": we offer our grateful thanks to the few who have answered the clamorous Call of many of our Parishioners expressed in our responses in our Forward Together In Hope Questionnaires, that we need to do much more to support the faith of our young people, in volunteering to be part of our Diocesan Youth Conference on Saturday, 13 May to consider possible ways ahead. We look forward to their reports and suggestions, bearing in mind that in the years to come we will need more parishioners, who are not of elderly years, not only to recognise this need, but also put themselves forward to help answer it, while acknowledging all the pressures on parents, everyone, and our young people themselves, today.

St. Agnes' Mystery Trip is on Wednesday June 14th details on the noticeboard :

Personal Note My brother Martin thanks you all most gratefully for your prayers. He is now on oral antibiotics, has residual damage to muscles and internal organs that will take a long time to repair, but will begin a phased return to work [3-4 hrs a day as Head Concierge at the Hilton hotel, Gateshead]. All our family are deeply grateful to you.