

With One Voice!

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



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26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 30th Sept. & 1st October 2017

Psalter Week 2

First Reading PROPHET EZEKIEL

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercy Lord

Second reading St. PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus

Gospel Reading MATTHEW 21: 28-32

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.



26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 30th Sept.	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 1st October	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Canon Kearney Dec. Talbot Family
<u>Monday</u> 2nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels	NO MASS	Denis Hall
<u>Tuesday</u> 3rd October	Weekday	Chopwell 10.00am	
<u>Wednesday</u> 4th October	St. Francis of Assisi	Crawcrook 10.00am	Deceased of the Lish Family
<u>Thursday</u> 5th October	Weekday	Chopwell 10.00am	Peter Hilton
<u>Friday</u> 6th October	St. Bruno	Highfield 10.00am	Dec. Rose Family
<u>Saturday</u> 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	Crawcrook 10.00am	Priest's Intention

27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 7th October	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 8th October	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Clem Kelly The Catenians



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 Harriot, David Tanner Michael Conaty.

Please also pray for Chloe Anna Cant, Aaron Armstrong, Bill Mennell, Brian McNally, Ruth MacCaughey, Mia Slowie, Audrey Rafferty, , Patrick John Lawrence, Helena Elliott, Irene Gilhooly, Maureen Baines, George Gill, Monica Coleman, Terry Reay, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, Julia Knight, Alison Watson, Shirley Cresci, Doreen Hodgson, Kathleen McMahan and Michael Delamere

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Alex Conner, Joseph Doran, Maurice Fortune and Ralph Isborne

St. Joseph's Rose Ann Lambton, William Alton Tucker, Teresa Rose Murphy, Maria Leyburn, Maria Rice, Christine McGaughey, Ann Tindall

Our Lady of Lourdes.,. Olive Wright, Joseph McNamara, Gordon Cooper, Nora Mordue, Sheila Pedder, George Callaghan Denis Buxton

Today: We have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Seamus about the part we all need to play in the future growth of our Parish Partnerships. We offer a copy for everyone upon which to reflect, as their time allows, to evoke as great a response as possible to what will be the requests from our Parishes Partnership Development Group [PDG] in the months to come. The inaugural Meeting of the PDG is on Thursday, 5th October at 7.00pm @ St. Joseph's, Blaydon. The first few meetings will focus on Members getting to know each other, introductions to our respective parishes, and developing understanding of our Role & Purpose so that all can work most effectively together for the future well being and mission[as per Pastoral Letter] of our Communities of Faith. There will be no wholesale changes in Parishes/requests for action on the part of all before Christmas. But when the Call to action is issued we must be ready and generously willing to respond as fully as possible. Please keep the PDG Group in your prayer in the weeks to come so that the Spirit of God will truly be our Guide.

Next Sunday: is a Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents: We think not only of those who are justly imprisoned [who still need our love and care, and not least their often innocent family members] , but also the countless people throughout the world who are incarcerated unjustly, and many in inhuman conditions.

Friday: 6th October is the Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of our World [of whom there are millions.] Whatever be our personal difficulties we all are blessed with enough to eat each day. Let us think, pray, and give generously about those who do not. Please take one of the dedicated envelopes for your offering for return next weekend.

October edition of the Northern Cross on sale at the back of church.

Mass Count: This annual Diocesan request will begin on the weekend of 8th October, to run for the 3 subsequent weekends. It is increasingly important. In years to come, with the diminishing number of priests, decisions will have to be made re the viability of Church buildings & availability of Holy Mass for Faith Communities, and their ability to sustain them on these figures. The facts will speak for themselves.

Sacramental Preparation: Our Parents enrol their Children preparing to meet Jesus in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion onto our programme of preparation, promising God and us all that they will do all they can to encourage and support them by their example above all, in our celebration of the Eucharist today. Please introduce yourselves to them and pray for them in the coming weeks.

Churches Together: Our Crawcrook/Ryton local Churches Representatives meet together to plan Advent/Christmas/mutual events and services on Wednesday, 4th October at the "ARK" @ 11am.

Schools: - St. Joseph's Yr 6 Children will celebrate a Liturgy of Welcome to and for our Reception Class children on Friday, 6th October, @ 8.40am in school, in which all parishioners and family members are encouraged to share by their support and attendance.

Durham Cathedral The bus fare to Durham Cathedral is £8 plus £5 for our guided tour. Both these amounts will be collected on the bus which will drop us off in the Market Square and either walk or use the shuttle bus up to the Cathedral. Final details later.

New Liturgy Group. For all interested in enhancing our celebrations of Mass and other lay-led liturgies. Contact the PPC representatives in your Parish to get involved or for further information

Friends of St. Agnes meet on Tuesday at 7pm

PPC Meeting Minutes are on the notice board.

A huge thank you: for all your time and hard work, - to all, who came like "Thieves in the Night" [as I did not see you] to remove the hawthorn bushes and so present a more pleasing and colourful garden at our driveway. - to our most dependable Property Manager for restoring hot water facilities to house after leaking tank in loft/repair of Church Tower Hatch/adjustment of Church side door/weed-killing, and hours of research for upgrade of Church lighting and repaint of St. Agnes. And to all who Anonymously keep our parishes afloat week after week and are so often taken for granted.

CONFESSIONS : Saturdays: 10.30-11.00am St. Agnes/St. B's after Friday 10am Mass and elsewhere, on every occasion, upon request."