

With One Voice!

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



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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR (B) 2nd & 3rd December 2017

Psalter Week 3

First Reading: ISAIAH 63:16-17, 64: 1.3-8

O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

Responsorial Psalm

God of hosts bring us back, let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: ST. PAUL TO CORINTHIANS 1: 3-9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Gospel Reading MARK 13:33-37

Stay awake because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 2 nd December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Neville Edwards
Sunday 3 rd December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Ted Jackson Bob & Kitty Meadows
Monday 4 th December	Weekday or St.Osmund	NO MASS	
Tuesday 5 th December	Weekday of Advent	Chopwell 10.00am	Andrew McCusker
Wednesday 6 th December	Weekday of Advent Or St. Nicholas	Crawcrook 10.00am	Mary McHugh
Thursday 7 th December	St. Ambrose	Chopwell 10.00am	Dec. Roche Family
Friday 8 th December	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	Highfield 10.00am	Tom & Agnes Finlay
Saturday 9 th December	Weekday of Advent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Kathleen McMahon

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 9 th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Stan Summers Lily Johansen

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 Harriot, David Tanner

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, Doreen Hodgson, Michael Delamere, Jane Parkin and Barry Gatiss.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' John William Harold Thackwray, John Pierce and Harold Joseph Morris

St. Joseph's John Hunt, Hugh Devine Haswell, Patricia Forster, and Anna Hawthornwaite

Our Lady of Lourdes Kitty Meadows, Francis Hagan, and Evelyn Boyd

Cycle of Prayer: During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**

Today: is a Day of Special Prayer for Migrants and Refugees. **This Friday:** [8th] is the solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Next Sunday: is Bible Sunday, a reminder of our need to build into our daily life reflection on God's Word and be nourished, guided, and strengthened by it.

Lectionary: from today the Sunday Readings are from Year B.

Advent: Please make a special effort to prepare spiritually for our celebration of Christmas by taking part in one of our Advent Services today: 3.00pm Partnership Parishes Service at St. Anne's, Winlaton with the opportunity to visit and look around the Church, Parish Grounds, and meet parishioners. 4.00pm St. Joseph, Highfield Advent Service in St. Barnabas', RG. 6.00pm Cafod & Christian Aid Advent Service in St. Agnes', reflecting particularly on those who have been forced to flee their homes. In our Advent Alms[giving] let us do all we can to generously support the work of our Diocesan Caring Agency, St. Cuthbert's Care.

Schools - St. Joseph's Yr 1 lead the whole school in their Advent Liturgy on Friday [8 Dec] at 8.40am, which all family members are invited to attend

Partnership Development Group: meet in St. Joseph's, Blydon on Thursday, 7th December at 7.00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: [Confession] We have the opportunity to meet the Lord and receive his unfailing Forgiveness in the celebration of this Sacrament in St. Anne's, Winlaton on this Tuesday [5th December] at 6.00pm at which their young parishioners will also make their first confession. Parents of our own children preparing for this sacrament are reminded of the need to arrange a time for their child with Fr. James before 16th December. Confessions for all are celebrated each Friday after Mass in St. Barnabas', Saturdays in St. Agnes, 10.30-11.00am, and upon request in Our Lady of Lourdes.

Property Work: We are indebted to Bernard Mannion for the most generous, untiring time he has spent on speedily resolving the repair to St. Agnes' Church window above its main entrance, pursuing a satisfactory resolution to the Sanctuary Health & Safety issue, to organising a priority programme of works in response to the Diocesan 5 yr Inspection Reports for OLL and St. Agnes, and for all that he does for us as our invaluable Property Manager cum Health & Safety Officer.

St. Joseph's RC primary Christmas Market and Fayre!

Friday 15th December 2pm in the school.

With games, activities, Christmas gift ideas, tombola, raffle and much more. All parishioners are welcome and we would love to see you there!

Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u–turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools

PPC: Please see notice board for copy of the Minutes of the last meeting.

Crawcrook Mission Boxes are due for emptying

Northern Cross Copies of our Diocesan Newspaper are on sale at back of Church