

# With One Voice!

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



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## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR (B) 23rd & 24th December 2017

### Psalter Week 2

**First Reading:** SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL  
The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

I will sing forever of your love O Lord.

**Second Reading:** ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS

The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear...

**Gospel Reading** LUKE 1:26-38

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son..



### **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR (B)**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue &amp; Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> 23rd December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> 24th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	John Carroll People of the Parish
<b><u>Monday</u></b> 25th December	Christmas Day	<b>Vigil 7pm Chopwell</b> <b>9.30pm Highfield</b> <b>9.30am Crawcrook</b>	People of the Parishes
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b> 26 <sup>th</sup> December	St. Stephen	Chopwell 10.00am	Priest's Intention
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> 27th December	St. John	Crawcrook 10.00am	Kelly Family
<b><u>Thursday</u></b> 28th December	The Holy Innocents	Chopwell 10.00am	Jean Hunter
<b><u>Friday</u></b> 29th December	St. Thomas Becket	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> 30th December	Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas	Crawcrook 10.00am	Keith Galilee

### **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue &amp; Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b> 30th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Imelda & Terry Lowrie
<b><u>Sunday</u></b> 31st December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Patricia Maxwell People of the Parish

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, Barry Gatiss, Tony Pfiffin and Wilf Crawley

### **Anniversaries**

**St. Agnes'** Alice Carroll, Edward McShane, Bonjo Nwankwo, Roseann Elliot, Elizabeth Willis, Phillip Carroll, Isabella Dixon and Ann Rutherford. ,

**St. Joseph's** William McGurk, Anthony Gallohan, Johanna Teasdale, George Waugh, Richard O'Flaherty, Thomas J. Elliott, John Donnelly, Felix Alan Donnelly, Thomas Francis Long, Peter Durham

**Our Lady of Lourdes** Edward Lackenby, Margaret Featherstone, Margaret Quigley, Barbara Sullivan.

**Advent Alms:** Today is the last opportunity to contribute to the support of St. Cuthbert's Care in Advent Almsgiving.

**Today:** is a Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** Vigil Chopwell 7pm preceded by carols at 6.30; Highfield, 9.30pm preceded by carols at 9pm and on Christmas morning 9.30am in Crawcrook.

**Our Unrestrained Gratitude:** must be offered to

- all who helped clean and prepare our Churches for our celebration of Advent and Christmas in any, and every, way.

- all who have sustained the life of our parish, Faith Communities through their generous commitment of their time, talents and service in this last year.

- My [FJ] personal thanks also to the ladies who "Brillo'd" St. Agnes' Presbytery in preparation for my family invasion on 27th Dec [up to 100+!], and those who have kept my body and soul together this last year by their home made meals.

**St. Agnes'** The Christmas Draw realised £623. (all prizes have been claimed), The CAFOD collection after the Advent Service raised £104.92 and the collection for Christmas flowers was £81.61p. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. Mission boxes are to be returned as soon as possible.

**Website:** Please visit for latest articles and photos of our life in Advent and Christmastide

**Special Collections** - Clergy Training Fund St Agnes, £432.64, St Joseph's £208.40, Our Lady of Lourdes £157.85. Also Youth St Agnes £93.67, St Joseph's £50.00 Our Lady of Lourdes £81.40.

**The "Red Boxes"** collection for St Joseph's Highfield raised £1132.54 during 2017. Many thanks to all who contributed. The total sum for the parish will be slightly higher as some parishioners make their donations directly to APF-Mill Hill.

**Partnership Development Group** – A draft Mission Statement was decided upon at the meeting on 7th December. If you have comments please mention them to your PDG representative or clergy by 7<sup>th</sup> January the next meeting is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January. **The Mission Statement is:- A loving community centred in Jesus where everyone is welcomed and valued, as the people God has called us to be. Together, we empower, nurture, grow, accept and serve others in faith.**

**Schools:** After the exhausting run up to Christmas we trust all will enjoy a much deserved rest, holiday, and break from "the school run".

### **Carers Trust Join our fundraising committee!**

We are excited to announce that Carers Trust Tyne and Wear, a local charity supporting carers, is setting up a joint fundraising committee with Oasis Aquila Housing, a charity providing support and housing to the homeless and disadvantaged. This committee will meet to organise fundraising events, with the resulting donations split between our two charities. If you enjoy coming up with creative fundraising ideas and organising successful events, why not become a member? Our **first meeting** is taking place on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January** at the Oasis Aquila Housing office in Gateshead. Email [abbiescott@carerstrusttw.org.uk](mailto:abbiescott@carerstrusttw.org.uk) for more information.

**Forthcoming Event** We've got a guy called Pete McAllen (his artist name is Pyramid Park) coming to speak to our 6th form on the 6th of January. Pete is a full-time worship leader and singer/songwriter from Cambridge.. Pete writes great songs and has a real gift in communicating his faith through music. His new album 'Vulnerability' hit number 1 in the UK Christian and Gospel itunes album chart.

On the 10th of January St. Thomas More Catholic School are hosting a worship night that will be lead by Pete McAllen of Pyramid Park and would love to extend the invitation to our parishes and wider community. Pete was worship pastor at C3 for 6 years and is now a full-time worship leader and singer/songwriter. His latest album hit number 1 in the UK Christian and Gospel itunes album chart. We would love to see you there! This event is free but we will ask for donations on the night to cover costs. Doors are at 5:45 and it starts at 6:00pm.

**"MAY YOU AND ALL YOUR FAMILIES ENJOY A BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS." Fr. J, Deacons Derek and Christian.**

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