

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 IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH & 21ST January 2018

Psalter Week 2

First Reading FROM THE PROPHET JONAH
The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour

Responsorial Psalm

Lord make me know your ways

Second Reading: ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS
The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Reading MARK 1: 14-20
Repent and believe the good news.



3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 20th January	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Bill Mennell
<u>Sunday</u> 21 ST January	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	George & Ella Oakes People of the Parish
<u>Monday</u> 22nd January	Weekday	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 23 rd January	Weekday	Chopwell 10.00am	Jean Hunter
<u>Wednesday</u> 24th January	St. Francis de Sales	Crawcrook 10.00am	Dec. Robson Family
<u>Thursday</u> 25th January	Conversion of St. Paul	Chopwell 10.00am	Barry Gatiss
<u>Friday</u> 26th January	Ss Timothy & Titus	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
<u>Saturday</u> 27th January	Weekday or St Angela Merici	Crawcrook 10.00am	Kathleen McMahon

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 27th January	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Ruth Newey
<u>Sunday</u> 28 th January	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	John Carroll A sick person

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, Ian Hoskins, Pat McKenna

Please also pray for Chloe Anna Cant, Aaron Armstrong, 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, Tony Piffin, Wilf Crawley, George Dixon and (Martin) John Brice.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Edward Madine, Ella Oakes, John Carroll, Isabella Bell, Patrick McHugh, Paul Armstrong and Doreen Moon. .

St. Joseph's William McGuigan, Francis Turner, Richard Devlin, Ronald Smeaton, Nora Agnes Drake, John McCartan, Margarita Burns, Maria Teresa Pattison, Nora Waugh, Elizabeth Laverty, Jacob Mournian and Henry Laverty

Our Lady of Lourdes Tom Killeen, Ann Forster, James Larkin, Philip Campbell and Robert Gilholme.

Please pray for **Agnes Lauder** a former parishioner at St. Agnes, who moved to be with her daughter in London, Agnes died on January 5th.

Please also pray for **Nan Bedingfield**, who died on Saturday, 13th January, in Ebchester Convent. May she now know the utter fullness of God's life which she strove to serve in the Glory of His Eternal Life. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated in OLL, Chopwell on **Monday, 29th January at 12.30pm**, followed by cremation at Mountsett @ 1.15pm.

Cycle of Prayer: In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to combat it; the Unemployed.**

Next Sunday: is a Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice: Let us keep in mind all the adults and their children who are victimised simply because of their Race

Pastoral Letter: This weekend we are addressed by a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Seamus about the Ministry of the Diaconate in our Diocese. There are a number of copies available for people to take with them, as well as those on our parish notice boards.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme:

Parents of all children meet on Thursday, 25th January, in St. Agnes' at 7.00pm prompt, bringing all the resources with which they have been furnished in preparation.

Partnership Development Group (PDG): Members meet on Tuesday, 23rd January, @ St. Agnes' at 7.00pm to try progress further developments in consultation with all our Partnership Parishes for the ways ahead

Please keep them in your prayer, that this experience will indeed deepen their faith, their personal relationship with Jesus, and involvement in their Parish life for the good of us all.

Aladdin: Tickets are now on sale for our pantomime Aladdin. Prices are £5 adults and £2 children. Tickets can be bought from St Joseph's School, St Joseph's Church (St Barnabas, Rowlands Gill) or please call 01207 543694. Many thanks for your ongoing support which is much appreciated.

New Appointment:

Deacon Chris has been appointed by Bishop Seamus to serve the Pontop Partnership of Parishes, taking up responsibilities there from Ash Wednesday [14th February].

Therefore his last weekend at all our three parishes will be the 10th and 11th February, at which he will make his fond farewells.

We thank him for these last five years of service to and for us all.

He writes he "would like to thank you all for your loving friendship and support, particularly over the past five years, and for making his ministry as a Permanent Deacon so fulfilling! He will always remember you in his prayers, and is very confident that all three parishes will continue to grow and develop, so that the true message of the Gospel becomes alive and active in our world today! Best Wishes. Chris."

Opportunity for Low cost Retreat on Holy Island, 12 - 18 February

Is there someone in your parish or partnership who would benefit from a retreat but who cannot make one because of cost?

The Retreat Association has partnered up with Marygate Retreat centre to offer a retreat on Lindisfarne - Holy Island for those on low or restricted income. The retreat will be led by the Bishop of Salford, Bishop John Arnold, who was Bishop of Lindisfarne 2006 - 2014. There are up to 17 places available. Bishop John will be leading the retreat which gives an introduction to retreats and prayer and draws on the history and heritage of the North East.

The normal cost of this retreat would be £315 per person but places will be offered with up to 50% discount on an application basis.

If you know someone who may be interested in applying for a place please contact the Retreats Association (email@retreats.org.uk) for an application form. (Please note that the maximum income level quoted on the form has now been set aside – the RA realised they had set it too low!) Help with transport from Berwick station would usually be available.

Applications close 24 January 2018.