

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 IN ORDINARY TIME 27TH & 28TH January 2018

Psalter Week 3

First Reading FROM DEUTERONOMY

I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs, all she need worry about is being holy.

Gospel Reading MARK 1: 21-28

He taught them with authority.



4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 27th January	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Ruth Newey
Sunday 28th January	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	John Carroll A sick person
Monday 29th January	FUNERAL SERVICE	Chopwell 12.30pm	Nan Beddingfield
Tuesday 30th January	Weekday	Chopwell 10.00am	Frances McCusker
Wednesday 31st January	St. John Bosco	Crawcrook 10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thursday 1st February	Weekday	Chopwell 10.00am	Barry Gatiss
Friday 2nd February	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday 3rd February	Weekday or St Angela Merici	Crawcrook 10.00am	Priest's Intention

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 3rd February	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Ruth Newey
Sunday 4th February	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Agnes Lauder Fr. Tony Battle

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 Pfiffin, Wilf Crawley, George Dixon and (Martin) John Brice.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Susannah Callen, Elizabeth Harrison, Oswald Taylor Jnr, George Nwanko, ,Patrick Lish. .

St. Joseph's Ronald Murphy, Mary Ann Maskell, John O'Hagan, Stanley Wildish, Joseph Turnbull, Mary Ellen Beestone, Eveline Mai Welsh

Our Lady of Lourdes Mary Dodds, Dorothy Walker, John Dodds, Bernadette Watson and Veronica McDonald.

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.**

Today: is a Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice. Given the present political postures on the part of some Nations, our support for the work of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice is all the more necessary. Focusing on the theme of "Belonging: All are Welcome" in his message for the celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018, Pope Francis says: "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age." Please take a prayer card, and be as generous as ever to yet another Special Collection.

Friday (2nd Feb) is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Jerusalem Temple in dedication to Almighty God. We will Bless our candles for Liturgical use, and those which individuals may wish to bring to Mass.

Holy Communion Preparation: All parents are requested to meet in St. Agnes' on Thursday, 1 February, at 7.00pm for the second of their sessions of parent only preparation.

Partnership: The Partnership Clergy will come together for their monthly meeting on Friday, 2 February, in St. Anne's, Winlaton at 1.30pm.

School: We trust and pray that St. Thomas More "Alpha" Group enjoyed their Retreat day at the Emmaus Village on Friday, 19th January last week. Fr. J will celebrate Mass on Thursday, 1st February at 11.50am for a House Year Group yet to be identified.

Our Primary children will join us in the coming week at our Parish celebrations of Holy Mass: On Tuesday, 30 January in OLL, Chopwell at 10.am St. Joseph's KS1 children; on Wednesday, 31 January in St. Agnes' our St. Agnes' schoolchildren. We invite, and strongly encourage, family members and parishioners who can to join us in sharing with them.

Health: In the absence of a directive from the National Health Authority [as was given last time] the Diocese are not requiring suspension of distribution of the Holy Eucharist by way of the Chalice. But, given the prevalence of cold/infections/some virulent forms of Flu afflicting parishioners at present, we simply rely on peoples' common sense (if so afflicted) to refrain from so doing, until they are fit and well again.

Website: For all IT literate parishioners: just an occasional reminder to regularly visit our Parish website [cf: Newsletter Header] for all Diocesan [linked]/Partnership/Parish/School Contact information and numbers, celebrations, current news and events.

Mens' Evening There is to be a mens' evening on Friday 2 February, meeting at the Pack Horse, Greenside at 7.00 pm".

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. There is a poster on the notice board giving more details. Many thanks for your ongoing support which is much appreciated.

St. Agnes' 200 Club 2018

Please support the re-launch of our biggest fundraising event of the year. Application forms are in the meeting room.

St. Agnes CAFOD book stall for Lent Do you have any religious books you could donate to the bookstall so that we have a supply of Lenten reading available in the meeting room. There will still be the usual selection on the shelves in the piety shop.