

With One Voice!

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



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 17th & 18th FEBRUARY 2018

Psalter Week: 1

First Reading: GENESIS 9:8-15.

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

Responsorial Psalm: PSALM 24:4-9.

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Second reading: 1 PETER 3:18-22.

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel Reading: MARK 1:12-15. *Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 17 th February	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Geoff Coffey
Sunday 18 th February	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Frank Crowe Michael Fewer
Monday 19 th February	Weekday of Lent	NO MASS	
Tuesday 20 th February	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 21 st February	Weekday of Lent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 22 nd February	Chair of St. Peter, Apostle	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday 23 rd February	Weekday of Lent Family Fast Day	Highfield 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday 24 th February	Weekday of Lent	NO SERVICE	

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 24 th February	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th February	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Patricia Maxwell People of the Parish

FORWARD TOGETHER

H^{IN}**OPE**

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

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Teresa Skelton, Francis Bernard Crowe, Audrey Jones, Marie Fernley, Jim Gates, Mary Blair, Isabella Mannion and Catherine McDermott. .

St. Joseph's Derek Silcock Catherine Ann Spencer Adeline Reay Daniel Maguire Eleanor Watson Edith Cafferky Veronica Crowther John Hawdon Martin Campbell Gabriel Donnelly Bernadine Malia Geoffrey Thomas Coffey

Our Lady of Lourdes Arthur Metcalfe, Cyril Rooney, Jim Quigley and James Loughran

Baptism: We offer our congratulations to Arthur, Alice, and infant Edward Cowell from Rowland's Gill who were baptised in St. Agnes' this Saturday.

Cycle of Prayer: During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

Today: is a Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments, remembering in particular our children preparing for Holy Communion and those to be received into Full Communion in the Church via RCIA.

Next Friday [23rd]: is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World [CAFOD Family Fast Day]. Please take one of the dedicated envelopes for your contribution. Tax payers can Gift Aid their donation which will be **DOUBLED** by the Government!

Pope Francis: has requested that the whole Church observe an International Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Congo and in the Sudan on Friday, 23rd February.

Annual Diocesan Mission Appeal: by the Xaverian Mission Society will be given by Fr. Archie Casey at all Masses next weekend [24/25th Feb].

Stations of the Cross Will be celebrated today [Sunday] at 4.00pm in St. Barnabas' and in St. Agnes', then on Tuesday [20th] at 6.30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes

Journeying Together: The first of these Bible Reading/Reflection/Prayer and Discussion opportunities in St. Agnes' is this Monday, 19th Feb, 6-7pm on "Facing Temptations".

Partnership Development Group: Meet on Wednesday, 21st February at 7.30pm in St. Anne's, Winlaton. Members are invited to visit together Ovingham Parish Church on Saturday, 24th February and enjoy lunch afterwards in the White Swan. Please see notice board for Diocesan Partnership Newsletter, explanation of our Partnership Logo, and Forthcoming Partnership events

Communications: Until Saturday, 3rd March, please direct all enquiries or messages to Deacon Derek or our Parish Secretary, Rose Goldie. [Contact details on Newsletter Letterhead].

our St. Agnes' Advent Alms totalled £28. We fully appreciate the continuous demands that are made on your generosity by too many collections, which we try to keep to the minimum. The Alan Shearer Foundation and St. Cuthbert's Care are separate entities. Please visit the St. Cuthbert's Care website to view the scope of all the caring work they undertake on behalf of our Catholic Diocesan Church, and see what you can do to support it. Thank you.

Schools: St. Joseph's School Governor Meeting, Wednesday, 21st February at 6.00pm in School.- St. Agnes' Year 4 present their Lenten Liturgy on Friday, 23rd, at 9.15am in school.

Youth Ministry Gathering All are invited to a gathering at the Emmaus Village on Sunday 25 February 3.00pm – 5.00pm to discuss how we can support young people on their faith journey. A great time to share good practice and network with others. Tea, coffee and cake from 2.15pm. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or email admin@ymt.org. Alternatively, contact Mark Hindmarsh (Partnership Rep) at ovingham.pdg.crawcrook@gmail.com.

I would like to thank you all across the three parishes, for the way in which you made my last weekend with you, very special! I was overwhelmed by your generosity, and the leaving gift that I was presented with after Mass last Saturday evening! I received so many cards, leaving gifts and personal words of thanks, for which I am, so very grateful. Thank you all so much, for making my ministry as a Deacon so rewarding over the past five years! I will never forget you all, and you will always remain in my prayers. God bless you all!
Deacon Chris.

Crawcrook – Chocolate Easter Egg Tombola on Easter Sunday. Proceeds going to Lenten Alms. There is a box for donations of Easter eggs.

The Catenians are having a speaker (Mike Duffy) on **Tuesday 20th Feb 8pm** at Prudhoe Golf Club. The talk will be on the Northern Bishops. All are welcome plus a free buffet. We are also holding a public speaking competition at Cardinal Hume school on **March 4th at 1pm**. This is a competition between catholic schools in this area and the winners will go to the finals in Manchester. Once again all are welcome. Refreshments are available at a small charge but what is more important is to hear the younger students speaking and representing our region. If you have not been before then this is something not to be missed so come along, children go free so bring them along and the neighbours to give them some insight into the future.

