

# 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 OF ADVENT (A)

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

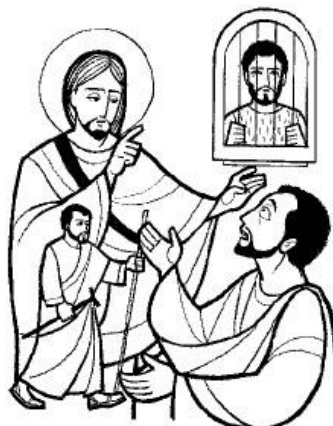
### Psalter Week 3

**First Reading:** ISAIAH 35:1-6. 10. *God himself is coming to save you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Come, Lord, and save us.*

**Second reading:** JAMES 5:7-10. *Do not lose heart for the Lord's coming will be soon.*

**Gospel Reading:** MATTHEW 11:2-11. *Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?*



## 3RDSUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue &amp; Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 10th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Tom & Agnes Finlay
<b>Sunday</b> 11th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Stan Summers James & SelinaMcDonald
<b>Monday</b> 12th December	Weekday of Advent	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday</b> 13th December	St. Lucy	NO MASS	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday</b> 14th December	St. John of the Cross	Crawcrook 10.00am	John Robson
<b>Thursday</b> 15th December	Weekday of Advent	Chopwell 10.00am	Priest's Intention
<b>Friday</b> 16th December	Weekday of Advent	Highfield 10.00am	Dec. of Rose Family
<b>Saturday</b> 17th December	Weekday of Advent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Special Intention

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue &amp; Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 17th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Imelda & Terry Lowrie
<b>Sunday</b> 18th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Paul Bousfield People of the Parish

FORWARD TOGETHER  
IN  
**HOPE**

Glory be to the Father –  
in whom we live and move and have our being.

Glory be to the Son –  
whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples;  
to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit –  
pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us.  
Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the  
Gospel, be open to change and to move forward together in hope.

## Notices

**Please remember in your prayers** all those who are sick / housebound:

Frs. Tony Duffy, Richard Harriott, Michael Marr, Leo Coughlin and David Tanner. Please also pray for Chloe Anna Cant, Kathleen McLoughlin, Aaron Armstrong, Sheila Clucas, Bill Mennell, Brian McNally, Ruth MacCaughey, Mia Slowie, Audrey Rafferty, Mary Sweeney, Patrick John Lawrence, Paddy Fitzpatrick, Helena Elliott, Katie Radford, Irene Gilhooly, Maureen Baines, George Gill, Monica Coleman, Sheila Chapman, Margaret McCusker, Marie Drummond, Terry Reay, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, Julia Knight & Frances McCusker.

### **Anniversaries**

**St. Agnes'** Stan Summers, Gertrude Marie Philomena Kelly,

**St. Joseph's** Gladys Mary Murphy, Laurence Atkinson, Philip Browne, Joseph Hagan, Jane Carter, Catherine Hood, Philip King, Michael Dooley, Helena Hagan, Michael Duffy, Kathleen Duffy, Mary Guthrie, George Bedford.

**Our Lady of Lourdes** Annie McGeary

**Please pray for:** Sheila Chapman, of Dovecote Home, High Spennings who died last week, and her family who are so bereaved. May the Lord of Everlasting Life welcome her into His eternal happiness. We do not have any information as yet re her funeral services, so please keep her and her family in your prayer this week. Sadly Fr Syd Riley's brother Frank has died. Please remember Fr Syd in your prayers and pray for the repose of Frank's soul.

**Next Sunday:** [4th of Advent] is a Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers. As we honour Mary's role in enabling her Son, our Saviour God, to be born among us let us keep in prayer all women throughout the world who are awaiting the birth of their child, in circumstances good, difficult or bad, with or without family support, that they may deliver their baby safely, and live to help and nurture him/her to grow to live life as God dearly wants.

**Change of Priest:** Last week it was announced that Fr. Carr will retire from Parish Ministry as Parish Priest of St. Joseph's, Blaydon and St. Anne's, Winlaton on December 22nd, although he will celebrate the Parish Christmas Services. We wish him a happy and long retirement! We wait to welcome Fr. Adrian Tuckwell, at present on Sabbatical study leave in America, who has been appointed by Bishop Seamus as his replacement.

**Northern Catholic Calendar 2017:** Copies of our Diocesan Directory Book [price £2.50], giving all information for National Liturgical Sunday & Weekday Feasts and celebrations; contacts for National/Diocesan/Parish Offices, Personnel, Departments & Lay Associations; Parishes, Clergy, Chaplain (eg: Mass Times/Hospital/School/) details; Funeral Sermons/Obituaries of beloved Priests who died this last year & Lay Anniversaries; Charity Body contacts, and more are now available at back of church.

**Schools: St. Joseph's** -Advent Liturgy, led by Yr3/4 at 8.40am on Tuesday, 13, Dec: Please all come and share with us -School Christmas Fayre: Friday, 16 Dec, beginning @ 2.30pm. **St. Agnes:** Yrs 1/2 Christmas Performance in school hall on Wednesday, 14 December, @ 2.00pm -Reception Class Nativity Play on Thursday, 15 December, @ 2.00pm. Carol Service in Church, Wednesday, 21 December at 1.30pm

Every year I am "chuffed to bits" to see our school halls packed to standing room only of parents and family members [even older teenage siblings on occasion, seemingly having permission from Comprehensive School!] supporting and encouraging their children and School Staff in all the pre-Christmas/Easter/ events and performances in which their child[ren] participate - even to the point of securing time off work for that brief interlude. It would be wonderful to have that same support and participation in our spiritual/Christian/prayerful celebrations of school liturgies/Holy Mass in church, as I know how much our children enjoy "RE"/their Liturgies/ and celebrations of Mass in Church because they often tell me.

**A Wee Plaintive Plea** Would anyone, who has changed their contact address [Family Members in household/Home address/Tel Number/Email etc] since 2012, are new to the parish in this time, or who have not completed a Parish Census Form [available at back of Church] please do so now, and return to the Parish Secretary (details on front page of Newsletter). Two minutes of your time will help me enormously

**Deanery Service of Reconciliation:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm in St. Joseph's, Blaydon and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> St. Agnes. At 7pm

**St. Agnes'** – There will be a collection for flowers for Christmas and 2017 after Mass next Sunday.

**Church Cleaning Crawcrook** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December At 6.pm Extra help will be greatly appreciated

The minutes of the latest finance and PPC meetings are on the notice board. There are also a few copies at the back of church.

Christmas Draw tickets have to be in by next Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

