

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 4TH & 5TH March 2017

Psalter Week 1

First Reading: GENESIS 2: 7-9,3: 1-7
The creation & the sin of our first parents.

Responsorial Psalm:

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second reading: ROMANS 5: 12-19
However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

Gospel Reading: MATTHEW 4: 1-11.
Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 4 th March	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 5 th March	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Patricia Maxwell Dec. of Robson Family
<u>Monday</u> 6 th March	Weekday of Lent	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 7 th March	Weekday of Lent Ss. Perpetua & Felicity	Chopwell 10.00 am	Margaret McCusker
<u>Wednesday</u> 8 th March	Weekday of Lent St. John of God	Crawcrook 10.00am	Harvey Smith
<u>Thursday</u> 9 th March	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00am	Jim McNestry
<u>Friday</u> 10 th March	Weekday of Lent	Highfield 10.00am	Geoff Coffey
<u>Saturday</u> 11 th March	Weekday of Lent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Jackson Family

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 11 th March	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Joseph Conville
<u>Sunday</u> 12 th March	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Jim & Rita Gates Hannah & Thomas Watson

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 Harriott, Michael Marr, 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, Irene Gilhooly, Maureen Baines, George Gill, Monica Coleman, Sheila Chapman, Terry Reay, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, Julia Knight and Alison Watson.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Harry McLaughlin, Francis Slowie and Joseph Harvey Smith

St. Joseph's Joseph Lydon, John Arthur Cooper, Wharton Storey, Magdalena Wells, Robert McClean, Mary Docherty, Maria Joanna Little, Gulielmus Hawdon, Jacob Rafferty and Maria Nixon

Our Lady of Lourdes' Mary Overal, John Dorritt and Teresa Fell.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chopwell) Tues, and Thursday
9.30am to 10.00 am

Today: is a Day of Special Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments. We remember particularly all our children who are now preparing for their First Holy Communion and their parents, that they will do their best to remain faithful to the promise they made to God and their child[ren] to celebrate Holy Mass each week.

Stations of the Cross: This Sunday 5th March, St. Agnes' and St. Barnabas at 4pm. Our Lady of Lourdes, Wednesday 8th March at 6.30pm

First Holy Communion Preparation: The Second of our Parent Only meetings will be on this Thursday, 9 March, at 7.00pm @ St. Agnes Church, to which all parents are required to attend.

Then, on Sat/Sunday, 11/12th March we will celebrate the Fifth of our special Parish Liturgies for all preparing for the Sacraments

School – St. Thomas More, Fr. James to celebrate Holy Mass for Year 7 class on Friday 10th March at 11.50am

Parish Meetings :

On Tuesday 7th March

- 6.00pm: Parish Finance Committee. @ Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell.

- 7.00pm: Parish Council Meeting, @ Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell

Family Fast Day - Friday, 10th March, is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World, for which all contributions should be given to CAFOD. Please take an envelope and return it next week.

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Lenten Alms: In support of our Diocesan Caring Agency, please be as generous as you can throughout our Lenten preparation for Easter, so that those less fortunate than ourselves can receive the practical help they need to enable them to believe in the promise of Easter

Music for the Easter Vigil/Good Friday service at St. Barnabas' - As in previous years, we invite singers from all three parishes, to come together and prepare to enhance our liturgies, by singing Psalms, descants to hymns, and to lead the congregation in singing, over the Sacred Triduum. If you would like to take part in this wonderful music ministry - practices will take place on Sunday afternoons at around 4.30 pm (after Stations Of The Cross) at St. Barnabas' Church in Rowlands Gill. The first practice will take place on the 2nd Sunday of Lent (12th March). This appeal is for BOTH male and female voices of any age! Please see Deacon Chris for further details.

Chocolate Easter Eggs. The Friends of St. Agnes' are having a tombola after Mass on Easter Sunday. It will consist of Easter eggs and the Friends would welcome contributions from parishioners during Lent. A box for the chocolate eggs, small or large, is at the back of Church from Ash Wednesday.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Election I takes place at 3.00 pm this Sunday 5th March in St Mary's Cathedral. We have 5 members in our group who will be received into the Church at Easter. Alan Dale, Joanne Kavanagh, Lyndsay Myers (Whickham), Karen Bell (St Agnes, Crawcrook), and Paul Elliott (Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell). Please remember them in your prayers, and all who are to be received into the Church at this special time.

Seeds of Hope. Our Annual Parish Retreat this year is 12th to 14th May at Minsteracres. See notice for more details or contact Liz Gallagher, 01207 561445

Reflection evening for Leaders of the Word and Holy Communion on Monday 27th March at St. Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road at 7pm.

Friends of St. Agnes' meet on Tuesday 7th March at 7pm.

Northern Cross newspaper for March is available at the back of church.