

With One Voice!

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



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23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 10th & 11th September 2017

Psalter Week 3

First Reading: Prophet EZEKIEL 33:7-9
If you do not speak to the wicked man I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Second reading St. PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Love is the answer to everyone of the commandments

Gospel Reading MATTHEW 18: 15-20

If he listens to you you have won back your brother.



23^d SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 9 th Sept.	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 10 th Sept	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Liz Martin Bob & Kitty Meadows
<u>Monday</u> 11 th Sept	Weekday	NO MASS	Jean Alderson
<u>Tuesday</u> 12 th Sept	Weekday or The Most Holy Name of Mary	Chopwell 10.00am	
<u>Wednesday</u> 13 th Sept	St. John Chrysostom	Crawcrook 10.00am	Priest's Intention
<u>Thursday</u> 14 th Sept	The Exaltation of the Cross	Chopwell 10.00am	L/D Carey & Ibbetson Family
<u>Friday</u> 15 th Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
<u>Saturday</u> 16 th Sept	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian	Crawcrook 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion

24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 16 th Sept	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 17 th Sept	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	David Skelton L/D of the Powell Family

FORWARD TOGETHER
IN
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, Daavid Tanner Michael Conaty and Anthony Donaghue.
Please also pray for Chloe Anna Cant, Aaron Armstrong, Bill Mennell, Brian McNally, Ruth MacCaughy, 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, Alison Watson, Shirley Cresci, Doreen Hodgson, Kathleen McMahon, Karen Bell and Michael Delamere

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Catherine McShane and Frank Driver.

St. Joseph's Dennis Corbett, Angela Mary Moore, Frederick Cohan, Joseph Anderson, David Scott, Philip Tucker, Elizabeth Ward, Theresa Smith, Margareta Eleanor McCann, Priscilla Jane Fitzpatrick Anthony Carter Mary Jane Lynn

Our Lady of Lourdes., Thomas Smith, Joseph Simpson, Leo Campbell, Junior Neasham, Mary Cousens and Ann Grant.

Please remember in your prayers Maureen Hadaway who died in Ilkey a past parishioner of St. Agnes.

Please pray also for Fr. Austin Malloy, a Salesian priest who with his fellow Salesian, Fr. Michael McGovern lived and worked with Fr. James in St. Cuthbert's Parish, Durham. He died at the Salesian home at Thornleigh, Bolton on Sunday morning aged 94.

Please see Notice-board for details of Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor's Funeral Arrangements.

Day of Special Prayer for Education: This is today. A Special Collection will be taken in help of the work of our National Network that supports all our Staff and Pupils today in Catholic Education

The Cycle of Prayer: During Ordinary Time from September to Advent please pray for these intentions: **Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the reverent use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.**

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Programme : The Initial Meeting for all parents of children seeking to enrol on our Programme of Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion for 2017-18, Parents **ONLY** [as explained per individual letter of 2nd August 2017], is at **7.00pm, Thursday, 14th September @ St. Barnabas', C/E Church, Rowland's Gill.**

We trust you will enjoy. Please also remember that the first Parent Only Meeting in preparation that all parents must attend, as given in the programme to all parents in our letter of 2nd August 2017, will be on **Thursday, 14th September @ 7.00pm @ OLL, Chopwell**

Next Sunday: [17th September] is Home Mission Sunday: a national call. Perhaps not more needed more so than today in the face of apparent increasing abandonment of the Christian Faith, or at least of Church affiliation, on the part of so many people of our Country. You are here, and therefore committed. But perhaps even some members of your own family are not. So you don't have to reach far. But don't nag. Just gently invite/remind/wish for .. hope for the best for them. Most importantly: take the time to explain why your faith is so important to you, what Jesus means to you personally, and how impoverished we are as a Community by their absence. Our 3 parishes are all the poorer for the absence of those who don't come. We would otherwise thrive much more with all their gifts. The Catholic Church in England could be much more effective in bettering the quality of ordinary people's lives if it was supported by all those of our baptised Catholics who felt they were a real part of our local Parish family. Sadly, this is not so - notwithstanding all the help that is so generously given by "those that do " of all our parishioners in so manner of ways.

Local Clergy: We welcome Fr. Michael Whalen as Parish Priest of Prudhoe Parish in succession to Fr. John Clohosey as part of our Parish Partnership of parishes. We trust his parishioners and he will enjoy a most happy and fruitful Ministry together with us as partners in the years to come.

Fr. Adrian Tuckwell [St. Joseph, Blaydon & Anne's, Winlaton] away from parish until 13th September. Fr. Rose, [Stella Parish] away from parish 10 >29th September.

Property Inspection: The Diocesan Inspection of all Church Property @ St. Agnes and OLL, Chopwell will begin on Monday, 11th September, ably assisted by our Property Manager.

Ordination: Please keep in your prayer a new priest for our Diocese, a convert Anglican Minister. The Rev. Nigel Holmes will be ordained priest into the Catholic Church at 7pm in St. Aidan's, Ashington on Tuesday, 12th September.

St. Agnes' gardeners would like some help: we are trying to dig out all the old hawthorn & brambles behind the new flower bed along the side of the drive. Once it's all gone we'll be spreading compost / manure & planting some shrubs. We need some muscle power! If you can help, please speak to Margaret or Catherine & we'll fix a mutually convenient time.

St. Agnes Piety Shop Card Sale 10 cards for £1. see boxes marked Sale - stock up on birthday and special occasion cards.

People's Kitchen Harvest Appeal Thank you for your contributions. This appeal stays open until the end of September.

RCIA (Journey in Faith) Our next programme begins on Wednesday September 27 September at 7pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Chopwell. If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith or thinking of becoming a Catholic, then this could be for you. For more information see Deacon Derek.

Great North Run Imogen, Isaac and Alex Burkinshaw are running the Mini Great North Run to raise money for the children's cancer charity the TOMA fund. They are also going to have a coffee morning after 11am mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday 16th September. We would love you all to join us and support this great charity.

Visit to the Diocese of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta

On Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September, the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima along with the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta will be visiting St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. The event has been organised by the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF). Over the weekend there will be time to find out more about the work of WAF as well as the opportunity to spend time in prayer and to venerate the relics. A concelebrated Mass will take place at 12noon on Saturday 16 September where the Statue and Relics will be welcomed and the Diocese consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A poster on the notice board gives further details.

Mission Appeal held in August a cheque of over £900 has been sent on behalf of the three parishes.

Macmillan Cancer Support . Greetings cards are available to buy [for a donation] throughout September before and after Saturday evening Mass, St Joseph's @ St Barnabas . A varied section of occasions are on offer. Please come and take a look, and support this charity.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – St. Agnes on Sunday 24th September. There will be a cake stall and from next Sunday you can guess the height of a cake £1 a go.

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Durham Cathedral Friday November 3rd is the proposed date for our visit to Durham Cathedral led by Mike Duffy of Highfield. We hope there is sufficient interest among our 3 parishes to warrant hiring a bus. We would

be leaving about 9.30 as a morning visit in November is best for the light. Please sign the list at the back of the churches if you are interested.

.Partnership Matters: Please see notice board for the first edition [August] of this update for all things "Partnership Parishes" from the diocese.

Catechesis in the Mission of the Church: This Diocesan Programme in St. Aloysius' Parish Hall, Hebburn is for would be Catechists 1017-18 for a variety of ministries in Parish life. Please see the brochure and leaflet for details of the modules, dates, and profiles of Tutors. It can be undertaken over a single or several years, but must be completed in full. Upon completion participants will receive a Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis at the Education and Formation Mass celebrated by the Bishop. Costs will be born by the Parish. As the first session begins on 26th September 2017, 6.00-8.30pm, those interested are asked to speak with Fr. James asap.

Job Vacancies in the Diocese:

Cathedral Outreach Co-ordinator – St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract.

Children's Ministry Co-ordinator – Durham Martyrs, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract.

Administrator – St Joseph, Stanley, St Patrick, Dipton and The Sacred Heart, Byermoor, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract.

Youth Ministry Trust – Director of Operations Vacancy - to provide overall leadership to all its activities at the Emmaus (Youth) Village and across the Diocese. 30 hours per week, 2 year fixed term contract.

For further information on any of these vacancies please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

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