

With One Voice!

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



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33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 18th & 19th November 2017

Psalter Week 1

First Reading: PROVERBS 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
A perfect wife – who can find her?

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 127:1-5
O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: THESSALONIANS 5:1-6
The Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Reading MATTHEW 25:14-30
Well done, good and faithful servant



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 18 th November	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 th November	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Kathleen McMahon Deceased Catenians
Monday 20 th November	Weekday or St. Edmund	NO MASS	
Tuesday 21 st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Chopwell 10.00am	Dec. Gallagher & Aitchison Family
Wednesday 22 nd November	St. Cecelia	Crawcrook 10.00am	Dec. Jackson Family
Thursday 23 rd November	REQUIEM	Chopwell 10.00am	Andrew McCusker
Friday 24 th November	Martyrs of Vietnam	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday 25 th November	Weekday or St. Catherine of Alexandria	Crawcrook 10.00am	Rosaleen Wright

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 25 th November	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Ruth Conway
Sunday 26 th November	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Youth of the Parish Jack Hands

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

Please also pray for Chloe Anna Cant, Aaron Armstrong, Bill Mennell, 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 and Barry Gatiss.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Eileen James, Mary Elizabeth Jackson, Vincent Harrison, John Douglas Thackwray Margaret Isborne, Joan Hickey, Anne Marie Crowe

St. Joseph's John Charlton Donnelly, Joseph Kirkup, Elsie De'ath, Sonia Dobinson, Edward Hagan, Catherine Ann Spencer, Elizabeth Francis Brannigan, Hugh Garland, James Docherty and Anna Todd

Our Lady of Lourdes Tommy Richardson, Peter Longhorn, Kathleen McClean and Jim McNestry.

Please remember in your prayers Andrew McCusker, who died last Sunday; and all his family at this difficult time. ∴ Requiem Thursday, 23rd November at 10am in OLL, followed by interment @ Low Westwood Cemetery @ 11.15am

CONFESSIONS : Saturdays: 10.30-11.00am St. Agnes St. B's after Friday 10am Mass and elsewhere, on every occasion, upon request

Next Sunday: The Feast of Christ the King and Youth Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for Youth. Bishop Seamus and the Youth Ministry Trust thank you for your generous contribution to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. Envelopes are available if you would like to Gift Aid your donation. "**Great St. Agnes Bake-Off** takes place in St. Agnes' after Mass prepared by the children and proceeds going to the Youth Ministry Trust.

Clergy Training Fund: This is the last week for contributions to this very necessary support of Formation & Training of Clergy for our Diocese (Seminarians/Priests/Deacons) in the years to come. Quite simply: without your ongoing most generous support, the Diocese will not be able to sustain this, as they are not legally able to "Rob Peter to pay Paul" by transferring funds that have been given for one cause to another, due to their status as a Charity, and now Limited Company. I am only able to be here among you as priest as a privileged beneficiary of the generosity of previous, countless generations of parishioners [My parents and I couldn't afford it: not even out of my "Paper Round"!]. Please do what you can.

First Confessions Parents of children preparing for the Sacraments are asked to arrange an appointment with Fr. James to celebrate their children's first [and parent's next, where appropriate] confessions, before the 16th December at the latest. Today our children will celebrate their 3rd Liturgy within Holy Mass at the time of the Penitential Rite.

Schools:

a) St. Joseph's: KS1 children will join us at 10.00am Tuesday Mass in OLL, Chopwell on the feast of the Presentation of Our Lady.

b) St. Thomas More: the newly formed Alpha Course Group meet at lunchtime on Tuesday, 21st November.

c) St. Agnes' Resources Governors Meet on Tuesday, 21 November at 5.00pm, followed at 6.00pm by Full Governors Meeting.

d) St. Joseph's Full Governor Meeting on Wednesday, 22nd November at 6.00pm.

.Chopwell Christmas Fayre is Next Saturday, 25th November in Chopwell Community Centre at 1.00 pm. Items for prizes cakes, scones, pies etc. and your help on the day would be gratefully appreciated.

Bagpackers: Those who kindly volunteered to bag pack at M&S, Metro Centre on 25th November in support of Carer's Trust are reminded of your offer of support, and we trust you will thoroughly earn your T shirt!

The Parish Finance Committee will meet at 6.00pm, and the Parish Pastoral Council at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 28th November in Our Lady of Lourdes. Parishioners and Members please submit any matters for the Agenda ASAP to our Parish Secretary, with any Members' apologies for absence.

CAFOD bookstall – Crawcrook A lot of new books have been handed in please take a moment to look at them either on the book table or in the shop.

Christmas Draw tickets – Crawcrook – still available £5 per book

ADVENT SERVICES: Throughout Advent there are many opportunities to prepare for Christmas spiritually as follows:

1st Sunday of Advent: 3rd Dec:

3.00pm: Partnership Parishes Advent Service in St. Anne's, Winlaton with refreshments and "Look Around" the Parish Site.

4.00pm: St. Joseph's Advent Service and Benediction in St. Barnabas', Rowland's Gill.

6.00pm: CAFOD and CHRISTIAN AID Advent Service in St. Agnes', Crawcrook.

2nd Sunday of Advent: 10th Dec:

4.00pm: Ecumenical "Big Sing" Service with St. Barnabas' & St. Patrick's C/E Churches in St. Barnabas', Rowland's Gill.

3rd Sunday of Advent: 17th Dec:

4.00pm: Advent Service in Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell.

4.00pm: Ladies Advent Service in St. Agnes', Crawcrook in Aid of CAFOD, followed by refreshments.

Wednesday, 20th December: Partnership Parishes Reconciliation Service: 7.00pm in St. Agnes', Crawcrook in which there will be the opportunity for brief individual Confession and Absolution by our Partnership Priests for all. People will be free to leave the service after their individual Confession.

Thursday, 21st December: St. Agnes' School Carol Service in St. Agnes', Church, Crawcrook.

OUR MOST GRATEFUL THANKS TO:

- Our St. Joseph's Parishioner, for arranging and conducting the most knowledgeable, informative, humorous, enjoyable, tour of Durham Cathedral, "Day Out " enjoyed by all, and enabling our local Saints [Aidan/Cuthbert/Bede/etc] to "Come so alive" for us.
- Sue Edwards, for the most helpful, again informative, presentation on making Wills, Power of Attorney, and availability to advise people afterwards on all matters about which they had questions. Those who attended thought it most worthwhile.
- Our St. Agnes' Friends Group of such faithful, committed Ladies for their Welcome, and provision of refreshments, for our PDG Members at their meeting last Saturday [18th Nov] here at Mass and their meeting afterwards in St. Agnes.
- Our Property and Health & Safety Manager, who is spending his "Retirement" in days of research, meeting with Contractors, addressing immediate/pressing concerns arising from damage to window above Church Entrance, required Sanctuary carpet change for better access by the partially sighted or physically disabled, provision of more "User-Friendly" toilet for the disabled, the tracing of electrical feeds and switches to St. Agnes' Church & Presbytery [for which we have no historical plans/diagrams in Parish Records], and prioritising a programme of necessary repair/maintenance works for the next "N" Number of years for St. Agnes' and OLL, following the 5 Yr Diocesan Inspection of Parish Properties, received last week. The facts of where we are at present, and recommendations for future resolution, will be presented to our Parish Finance & Parish Councils at their next meeting for consideration and approval, in so far as progress will allow.