

With One Voice!

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



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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR (B) 16th & 17th December 2017

Psalter Week 1

First Reading: ISAIAH 61:1-2, 2-11

I exult for joy in the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading: ST. PAUL TO THE THESSALONIAS

May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body for the coming of the Lord...

Gospel Reading JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

There stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me.



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 16 th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 17 th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Paul Bousfield All who are sick
<u>Monday</u> 18 th December	Weekday of Advent	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 19 th December	Weekday of Advent	Chopwell 10.00am	Private Intention
<u>Wednesday</u> 20 th December	Weekday of Advent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Keith Galilee
<u>Thursday</u> 21 st December	Weekday of Advent or St. Peter Canisius	Chopwell 10.00am	Jean Hunter
<u>Friday</u> 22 nd December	Weekday of Advent	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
<u>Saturday</u> 23 rd December	Weekday of Advent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Jack & Elsie Kelly

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 22 nd December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 23 rd December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	John Carroll People of the Parish

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, Barry Gatiss, Tony Pfiffin and Wilf Crawley

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Michael Ronald Armstrong, Robert Taylor, Paul Bousfield and Harriet Thackwray,

St. Joseph's Gladys Mary Murphy, George Thirlaway, Sean Gaze, Lilian Swinbank, Hannah Laverty, James Patrick Murphy, Andrew Fletcher Gowan, Sarah Best, Elizabeth Richardson, Maurice Flynn, Patrick Mariner, Michael Duffy., Kathleen Duffy, and Elizabeth Marie Drummond

Our Lady of Lourdes Margaret Gregory, Peter Fellowes, Andrew Jordan, Nancy McMahan, Alice Gallagher and Mary Bushby.

This Sunday: 3.00pm St. Agnes' Family Advent Service, followed by mulled & ginger wine and mince pies. 4.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes Advent Service before the Blessed Sacrament.

Next Sunday: [24th] is a Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers.

Advance Notice - :

Please note the times of Mass in celebration of the 4th Sunday of Advent will be as usual on 23rd & 24th of December, and our Christmas Masses of The Nativity will be - Sunday, 24th December: Christmas Eve: 7.00pm in OLL, Chopwell, preceded by Carols from 6.30pm - 9.30pm in St. Barnabas', RG[St. Joseph's], preceded by carols from 9.00pm- Monday, 25th December: Christmas Day: 9.30am in St. Agnes.

Schools:- Tuesday, 19th December: 9.15am and 2.00pm St. Agnes' KS1 Christmas Production -ChristmasProduction2.00pmSt.Joseph'sKS2

Wednesday, 20th December: 2.00pm St. Agnes' Reception Class Nativity
Thursday, 21st December: 1.30pm St. Agnes' School Carol Service in St. Agnes' Church

Friday 22nd December: 8.40am St. Joseph's Advent Service presented by years 5 & 6

End of Term Advent Masses in St. Thomas More's. 9.00,10.15,11.15am

Partnership Parishes Reconciliation Service: Wednesday, 20th December, 7.00pm in St. Agnes' Church. Parishioners will be free to leave after receiving individual absolution from the priests.

with the two congregations. Please can we have as many as possible to support our friends in St Barnabas congregation. Church cleaning of **St. Agnes** is also on Friday 22nd December at 10.00am

The Partnership Development Group (PDG) held it's third meeting on Thursday 7th December. During which it discussed the two meetings which took place on Saturday 18th November.

At the first of these meetings the PDG explored "Why Partnerships? Why Church?" At the end of that meeting a Mission Statement was drafted in the hope of beginning to answer that question given our present situation. It was further discussed at the meeting on the 7th December. The PDG would like to hear your thoughts on it before it is finalised.

The Mission Statement is:- *A loving community centred in Jesus where everyone is welcomed and valued, as the people God has called us to be. Together, we empower, nurture, grow, accept and serve others in faith.*

If you have any comments please mention them to your PDG representative of clergy by the 7th January. Your comments will be considered at the next meeting on 23rd January when a final version will be agreed.

Bishop Seamus hosted the second meeting on the 18th Nov at which a representative for each partnership was present. They explored the "Whys?" of partnership and the role of the Chair Person. Another central theme for the meeting was to encourage in the partnerships a focus on Spirituality and Spiritual Development.

A logo has been created to help give our partnership (Ovingham) an identity. This will be launched in February, along with a description of how the logo was formulated and a copy of the agreed Mission Statement.

The following future events were arranged/proposed:-

Reconciliation Service at St Agnes, Crawcrook on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm

Partnership invitations to the pantomime at St Joseph, Highfield on 8th-10th February - further details will be announced soon.

Reconciliation Service at St Joseph's, Blaydon during lent.

Lenten Study Programme

The next meeting of the PDG will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell on 23rd January 2018.

Advent Aims – please do one's best to give generously to this fund in support of St. Cuthbert's Care, Our Diocesan Caring Agency, perhaps by way of a Christmas present.