

With One Voice!

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



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 17th & 18th MARCH 2018

Psalter Week: 1

First Reading: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm: PSALM 50:3-4, 12-15

Response: A pure heart create for me O God.

Second reading: HEBREWS 5: 7-9

He learned to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation...

Gospel JOHN 12: 20-30

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest. ,



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 17th March	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 18th March	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Phyllis Callender Kitty O'Dwyer
<u>Monday</u> 19 th March	ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 20th March	St. Cuthbert	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<u>Wednesday</u> 21st March	Weekday of Lent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Holy Souls
<u>Thursday</u> 22nd March	Weekday of Lent	Chopwell 10.00am	Isaac & Doris Birkett
<u>Friday</u> 23rd March	Weekday of Lent	Highfield 10.00am	Dec of Dorritt Family
<u>Saturday</u> 24th March	Weekday of Lent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Maureen Higgins

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
<u>Saturday</u> 24th March	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 25th March	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	People of the Parish Kitty O'Dwyer

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, Ian Hoskins, Pat McKenna

Please also pray for Chloe Anna Cant, Aaron Armstrong, Brian McNally, Ruth MacCaughey, Mia Slowie, Audrey Rafferty, , Patrick John Lawrence, Helena Elliott, Irene Gilhooly, George Gill, Monica Coleman, Terry Reay, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, Julia Knight, Doreen Hodgson, Michael Delamere, Jane Parkin, Tony Piffin, Wilf Crawley, George Dixon (Martin) John Brice, Elizabeth (Betty) Conway

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Jack Moffitt and Bridget Smith

St. Joseph's Elizabeth Robson, Sarah Lancaster, Ada Garland, Kathleen Mary Bradley, Felix Donnelly, John Thomas Conway, Mona Isabella Hagan, John Hagan And Tamar Brady

Our Lady of Lourdes Rose Birkett and Nora Dodds

Recently Dead: It is with deep sadness we announce that Peter Quigley died last Monday morning. I know this will come as a great shock to many of you. Please remember him in your prayers, as well as his wife Moira and all the family at this very sad time.

Baptism: We welcome into God's family Noah Joseph Martin who will be baptised in St. Agnes' at 1.00pm this Sunday afternoon, his parents Ashleigh and John, and all family and friends in this celebration

St. Joseph: As his feast day is on Monday, we will celebrate the prayers for the Proper of his Feast at our 5.30pm [St. Joseph's] Parish Mass in St. B's this Saturday [17th].

Next Sunday. Please collect Palms, Hymn and [Blue] Parish Mass book before Mass, then congregate outside the church front door for the blessing of palms and procession into Church. During the Passion please participate with the word in **bold**, beginning on **page 83**. The Special Collection is in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land [Holy Places].

. **Way of the Cross:** The Stations will be celebrated both in St. B's, Rowland's Gill and St. Agnes today [Sunday] at 4.00pm, then on Wednesday [21st] in OLL, Chopwell at 6.30pm.

There are copies of Pope Francis' Mercy Stations at the back of all 3 churches for anyone wishing to do the Stations at home during Holy Week.

Partnership Reconciliation Service: advance notice of this opportunity for individual forgiveness within a common celebration of reconciliation with partnership Clergy between our parishes: Tuesday, 27th March at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's, Blaydon.

Journeying Together You're invited to join us for fifth session of our Lent programme on **Monday evening 6-7pm** at St. Agnes'. This weeks subject is Whatever I am, My Servant will be. Come along for prayer, reflection and thought-provoking discussion and accompany the many parishioners supporting each other on our journeys during Lent.

Crawcrook – Easter eggs are still needed for the Easter tombola.

Holy Week Services/Easter Celebrations: While as yet I [Fr. J] have had no space/time to prepare for these, we [Deacon Derek and I] will try our best to celebrate them as in former years. Namely:

- Passion/Palm Sunday at normal weekend Mass times.
- Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of Feet in St. Agnes' at 7.30pm for all 3 parishes.
- Good Friday Service of the Passion & Holy Communion in all 3 parishes at 3.00pm, [St. Joseph's, Highfield in St. B's Lay Led.]
- Easter Vigil Service & Mass of Resurrection in St. B's, Rowland's Gill for all 3 parishes.
- Easter Sunday Mass of Easter at normal St. Agnes'/OLL Sunday Mass times.

These may yet be subject to change. What will **not** will be our need of many people to help us enable these to happen, so please say "Yes" when we ask, even if at the last minute if you can.

School. - Mrs. Michelle Tait has been appointed the new school Secretary and Administrator by St. Joseph's Governors in succession to Mrs. Wendy McMahon and Mrs. Julie McDermott [job share], to take up post after Easter.

- St. Agnes' Governors meet for their Finance Meeting at 5.00pm, and Full Governing Body at 6.00pm on this Thursday [22 March].
- St. Agnes' Year 2 present their Lenten Liturgy in the school hall on Friday, 23rd March at 9.15am, in which all family members are encouraged to share.

Ofsted On Wednesday last St. Joseph's School was notified of Inspection by OFSTED which took place the following day. While we await the final evaluation, the Governors feel confident that all went well. So huge THANKS to our Head Teacher, all Staff, Pupils, and Governors for rising to the occasion.

Tuesday 20th March : is the Feast of St. Cuthbert, our Diocesan Patron Saint, and the anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of our own Bishop Seamus Cunningham. Please pray for him as he contemplates retirement, and for us all as we await his Successor.

Sacramental Preparation Our children and parents, preparing for First Holy Communion, celebrate a short Liturgy within Holy Mass this weekend on the Word of God after our opening [Collect] prayer

Ladies Lenten Night on Tuesday heartfelt thanks to all who organised and shared in it especially from our fellow Christian churches.

Monday 26th March 7pm Service of Shadows. Music and Readings for Holy Week. Centenary Church, Crawcrook.