

With One Voice!

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



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 24th & 25th March, 2018

Psalter Week: 2

First Reading: ISAIAH 50; 4-7

I did not cover my face against insult- I know I shall not be shamed

Responsorial Psalm: PSALM 21 8-9:17; 20, 23-24
My God, my God why have you forsaken me

Second reading: PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11

He humbled himself but God raised him high...

Gospel

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark



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Saturday 24th March	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th March	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Tony Agar Tina & Ronnie Gardner
Monday 26th March	Monday in Holy Week	NO MASS	
Tuesday 27th March	Tuesday in Holy Week	Chopwell 10.00am	Barry Gatiss
Wednesday 28 th March	Wednesday in Holy Week	Crawcrook 10.00am	Geoff Hogan
Thursday 29th March	HOLY THURSDAY	Crawcrook 7pm	All Parishioners
Friday 30th March	GOOD FRIDAY	3pm	Passion of Our Lord All 3 Parishes
Saturday 31st March	No Mass		

EASTER SUNDAY

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 31st March	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1st April	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	People of the Parish 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, 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 Pffiffin, Wilf Crawley, (Martin) John Brice,

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Sarah May Donnelly, Mary King, Alexander Cooper Bell, Nicky Jordan and Sarah Ann Kelly.

St. Joseph's James Gardiner Herron, Thomas Richard Carr, Joyce Atkinson John Julian Roose, Jane Hagan, Ann Durham, Susan Mordue, Mary James. Anna Elizabeth Long and Alan Hill

Our Lady of Lourdes Fr Patrick Magner, Maureen Kemp, Annie Johnstone, Alfie McDonald and ,Hannah Watson,

Please pray for **James Faley**, the father of Mgr. Andrew Faley [PP: Whitley Bay] who died on Monday and. For **George Dixon**, husband of Norah [St. Agnes'], who died last Tuesday afternoon, for Norah herself, and all their family
Dr. Peter Quigley: [Chopwell] Peter's funeral service will be celebrated in St. Mary's, Blackhill on Wednesday, 4th April @ 12.30pm, followed by interment in Low Westwood Cemetery @ 1.30pm.

Baptism: Today we welcome James Barry Stephenson and Luisa Mary Catterall into the Family of God. Please remember them and their parents and families on the special occasion.

Holy Places: Today's special collection is in support of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. Please collect Palm, Hymn & Mass Book prior to gathering in front of Church for the blessing of Palms and procession. The Passion responses [in **Bold**] for today begin on page **83**, and for Good Friday on page **92** in Blue Mass Booklets.

There are **no** Stations of The Cross celebrated today, - given our Journey with the Lord in His Gospel Passion. No Stations at Chopwell on Wednesday

Garden of Gethsemane: After the Mass of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved at the Altar of Repose in St. Agnes' until 10.00pm for silent, personal prayer and devotion.

.Lenten Almsgiving: Our own Diocesan St. Cuthbert's Care provide a nationally recognised and crucial service on differing levels to people in all manner of support and care, for which so many local people are grateful. One day each of us may be that person in need of their care. Please do your best to enable them to continue their healing caring work of Christ in our name, via your generous contributions to Lenten Alms.

Journeying Together at St. Agnes' There is no Monday night session this week, instead there is a leaflet of meditations to use at home: "Accompanying Jesus in the last days of His earthly life". Copies are available on the CAFOD book table. Our next session is on Monday 9th April "The road to Emmaus

Fasting and Abstinence: On Good Friday all adults, other than the elderly/ill are asked to share in the Lord's Passion in fasting & abstinence or some other act of self denial.

Partnership Service of Reconciliation: Tuesday, 27th March, 7.00pm @ St. Joseph's, Blydon. This is an opportunity for all to make their "Easter Duties", and meet the Lord in His unfailing Mercy & Forgiveness in confession and absolution from one of our Partnership area Priests.

The staff and pupils of St. Joseph's would like to thank Joan Laidler and the Josephites for another amazing pantomime. We thoroughly enjoy this parish / school event and our pupils benefit hugely from it both as participants in the pantomime and from the funds raised. We are in receipt of £1075 for our school funds, which is an outstanding achievement. Thank you to the whole cast and team of volunteers, who made it all happen. We are already looking forward to the next one!

Pantomime DVDs: Now on sale price £5.00. All profits go to CAFOD. If you would like to buy one please see Mark Jones or Joan Laidler who will arrange it for you.

Heating & Lighting Problems: that we have experienced in recent weeks in St. B's for our services. Due to a number of causes that have been difficult for St. B's to identify, these are now being addressed, and will be rectified asap.

Music Rehearsal for Easter Vigil. A rehearsal will take place on Sunday 25th at 4 p.m. in St Barnabas. We will be singing the same music as last year, so can we encourage all those who sang to come along again this year. Anyone who would like to join us from the 3 parishes will be made most welcome.

St. Agnes Easter Church cleaning – Wednesday 28th March at 6pm. It would be nice to see a few more people coming to help.

St Agnes 200 Club. Winners 1st £35 Christine Heath
2nd £20 Ann Taylor 3rd £10 J Dale

Please see insert for all Easter and Holy Week Services and for Schools programme

SCHOOLS

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Wednesday, 28 March, 1.30pm in St. Agnes', both St. Joseph's & St. Agnes' children will celebrate together their Stations of the Cross in prayer, mime, and song. Always a most moving celebration, all parishioners [as can] are fervently encouraged to participate, and support them as part of their own Holy Week devotions.

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Holy Thursday, 29 March: St. Agnes' children will celebrate in school their Holy Thursday & Washing of children's feet by Staff at 9.15am [always a most moving experience]; the Passion of Our Lord @ 1:15pm; culminating in Resurrection Hope @ 2.30pm.

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St. Joseph's Schoolchildren will celebrate as follows:

Wednesday 28th March 8.40am Year 1 Liturgy (Year 1 in Mrs Duffy;s class and Miss Robson's class as well as Y2)

Wednesday 28th March 1.30pm Year 5/6 Liturgy with St. Agnes at St. Agnes Church.

Thursday 29th March 8.40am Year 3/4 Liturgy

Thursday 29th March at 11.00am Year 5/6 Liturgy (repeat of St. Agnes Liturgy for those who can't attend on Wednesday afternoon).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:

Please carefully note times and venues for our Services & Celebrations in this week. We would be so grateful if parishioners could arrive at least 15 minutes before Holy Thursday > Easter Sunday Services so that your Clergy can make alternative, substitute arrangements for serving Personnel in our Liturgical celebrations as is always necessary, due to last minute cancellations for all manner of good/unavoidable reasons.

CHRISM MASS: At 11.00am Celebration of Holy Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral Newcastle on Holy Thursday Bishop Seamus will bless the Sacramental Oils and renew with his Diocesan Priests their Ministerial Commitment and Service. This is always a meaningful, emotional Mass for your priests and deacons. So please come, join, support and sustain us in our desire and determination to continue to serve you in the increasingly difficult years ahead for us all.

GOOD FRIDAY PASSION SERVICE: ST. JOSEPH'S: 3.00pm in St. BARNABAS':

This will be led by our Lay Leader, Mike Duffy. Please offer him all your support and ready participation, otherwise there simply would not be one celebrated for St. Joseph's this year. We are confident that everyone will rise to the occasion this year and in years to come.

ST. BARNABAS & PATRICK'S HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Please see Poster on Notice Board for these, and all to which we are invited.

CHURCHES TOGETHER WALK OF WITNESS: Beginning @ c. 9.45am St. John's, Greenside on Good Friday, with very brief Station service at each participating Church on the Journey [inclusive of St. Agnes' c. 11.00am]. A very faithful Band of parishioners of 7/8 people have represented our parish in welcome to our fellow Christians at our Station, and continued the journey thereafter via Centenary Methodist Church to Holy Spirit C/E Church, Crawcrook these last 6 years. It would be good to have a few more this year.

. ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS: For St. B's/St. Patrick's (C/E) / St. Joseph's [RC] /Strathmore Rd Methodist Churches, and anyone willing to join us, will begin @ 12 Noon, Good Friday from the War Memorial, Rowland's Gill, ending at St. Patrick's, High Spen.

