

With One Voice!

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



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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER 28th & 29th April 2018

Psalter Week: 3

First Reading: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9: 26-31
Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey..

Responsorial Psalm: PSALM 21

Response: You Lord are my praise in the great assembly.

Second reading: FIRST LETTER OF JOHN 3 : 18-24
His commandments are these that we believe in his Son and that we love one another

Gospel: JOHN 15: 1-8:

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty



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Date	Mass	Venue & Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 28th April	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Raymond Dodds
Sunday 29th April	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Patricia Maxwell Private Intention
Monday 30th April	Weekday of Easter	NO MASS	
Tuesday 1st May	St. Joseph the Worker Funeral Service	Chopwell 10.00am Crawcrook 1pm	Service of the Word Ellen Marchetti
Wednesday 2nd May	St. Athanasius	Crawcrook 10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 3rd May	Ss Philip and James	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Friday 4th May	The English Martyrs	Highfield 10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 5th May	Weekday of Easter	Crawcrook 10.00am	Maureen Higgins

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Mass	Venue & Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 5th May	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th May	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Agnes Bell Denis Burns

FORWARD TOGETHER

HOPE

Ovingham Partnership Prayer

Lord our God.

We ask your blessing on the Ovingham Partnership.

Help it to be a light shining out to others,

Where we can learn to follow Jesus one step at a time

And to share and grow together.

Send your Spirit to help and guide us.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

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, (Martin) John Brice,

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Harry Lynch, Uchenna Osagwu, Margaret Armstrong, Lenard Skelton, Nancy Weatherly, and Eileen Rutherford.

St. Joseph's Thomas Storey, Mary Joan McDonald, George Rooney, Margarita Taylor, Isobel Cranston and Doreen Donnelly

Our Lady of Lourdes Hilda Adama, John Killeen, Una McGillivray, Desmond McClean and Eileen Rutherford..

. **Ellen Marchetti's** funeral service will be on Tuesday 1st May at 1pm in St. Agnes, Church followed by interment at Ryton cemetery. Please remember to pray for Ellen and all the family.

Confessions - . St. Agnes' Saturday 10-30 – 11am

Baptism: Next Sunday, [6 May] we will celebrate the baptism of Leo King at 12.30pm in St. Agnes'. Please keep him and his parents Philip and Salema in your prayers and in thanksgiving.

Sacramental Preparation: Today our children will celebrate their brief Liturgy within holy Mass after the Gospel.

Serve the Lord with gladness: Please see the poster and Signing Up Forms for these Days of Reflection for ALL Ministries [ie: Catechists/Church Cleaners/ Eucharistic Ministers/ Leaders of Children Liturgy of the Word/Offertory Collectors/Readers/Sacristans/Welcomers/etc...]Those who generously serve in these Ministries are reminded of the need for such a Day of Recollection each year. Costs borne by the Parish, but we need signatures in order to book and to pay ASAP. Two alternative Days and Venues are provided.

Catholicism – DVD presentations on the Catholic faith by Bishop Robert Barron. This weeks session is Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God.

Advance Notice: - our schools will be closed for the day on Monday, 7 May, for Bank Holiday.

- The Feast of the Ascension of The Lord will be celebrated in Wednesday Vigil Mass[9th May] and Thursday [10th May] actual Feast Day Mass, for which the Holy Day of Obligation applies.

St. Agnes Monday Scripture Group The next meeting is on Monday 14th May, 6.30 to 7.30pm, in the Children's Liturgy room. We'll be looking at the first two chapters of Acts, so it would be useful if you have time to read these in advance. This is a very informal group and everyone is welcome to contribute or just to come along and listen

St. Agnes 200 Club April No.108 – Ann Taylor, No.3 – Penny Tayer and No. 105 James Dixon

Head Teacher Appointment: St. Agnes' School Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of a New Head Teacher for St. Agnes' Primary School in succession to Mr. Geoff Laidler, to take up post in September 2018. She is Mrs. Joanne Woods, our present Deputy Head Teacher. In wonderful testament to our School's reputation and standing we were unusually blessed with the number [4] and quality of applicants for the post. We thank them all for constituting such a strong field from which to have to choose. We wish all applicants the very best for their future professional development and vocations. We congratulate Mrs Woods, looking forward to the future under her stewardship. Finally, we ALL owe a great deal to the Governor's who have invested such great energy, time, and commitment in conscientiously endeavouring to come to the right decision in provision of this most important role and post in our Catholic Community. Now, via the same exhaustive and exhausting process, the Governors must seek a new Deputy Head as able, conscientious, generous and wonderful as Mrs. Woods has proved to be, for the future good of our school and parish Community. So please keep the "prayer wheel" turning! Please see the notice board for advert re post of Deputy Head Teacher, recognising that all applications must be made in FULL and WRITING by the closing date for applications: 23rd May 2018.

Retreat/Re-Group: As Fr. James will be in "Purdah" this coming week with over 65 fellow active Diocesan Clergy for intensive spiritual support and less intensive "sharing" of real life pastoral experience, no Weekday Masses will be celebrated in our parishes this week. There will be a Service of the Word & Holy Communion on Tuesday-Friday. [I can assure you it ain't a "Jolly" - but a much needed annual few days of mutual support and honest sharing wherein your Priests seek to be refreshed in service of you all in the years to come.

Great night out! Talk by Neville Turner - 'A working life in Pictures (The Dales Vet)' followed by a Pie and Pea Supper, all for £7.00 per ticket. Friday 4th May at 7 p.m. in St Barnabas' hall. Proceeds for the improvement of the hall and roof repairs. Please support our friends (landlords) at St Barnabas. Tickets available from Anne Duffy and Rose Goldie

AT LAST!: You may notice that the "jaundiced Zebra" strips on the sanctuary in St. Agnes' have gone. We hope the replacement carpet on the middle step will meet our health & safety concerns, the needs of the partially sighted, and sacred devotional/aesthetic tastes of some of our parishioners. The nature of the present green carpet, and varying other reasons, have delayed installation - not least having to engage a 4th Contractor willing to complete the work.