

# PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## REJOICE AND BE GLAD!

Earlier this year, Pope Francis published an encyclical called *Gaudete et Exsultate*. It means *Rejoice and Be Glad*. This is also the theme for much of Advent as we remember God's love for humanity and His promise to send someone who would embody His love and mercy into the world.

Over the course of Advent, we will hear all of these extracts as we, hopefully, build up a sense of joyful anticipation as we recall the coming of the Son of God into the world.

Pope Francis writes: The prophets proclaimed the times of Jesus, in which we now live, as a revelation of joy. "*Shout and sing for joy!*" (Is 12:6). "*Get you up to a high mountain, O herald of good tidings to Zion; lift up your voice with strength, O herald of good tidings to Jerusalem!*" (Is 40:9). "*Break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and he will have compassion on his afflicted*" (Is 49:13). "*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he.*" (Zech 9:9).



*Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas. God bless.*

**Fr. Adrian, Partnership Dean**

## PARTNERSHIP RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 6:30pm

at Ss. Mary and Thomas Aquinas, Stella



## SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

St. Joseph, Blaydon  
St. Agnes, Crawcrook  
St. Anne, Winlaton

Each Saturday evening in December 5:45-6:15pm  
Each Saturday morning in December 10:30-11:00am  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9:15-9:45am

## MASSES OF CHRISTMAS WITHIN THE OVINGHAM PARTNERSHIP

Date	Time	Parish	Service
<b>Christmas Eve</b> Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4:00pm	Ss. Mary & Th. Aquinas, Stella	<b>First Vigil Mass of Christmas</b>
	5:00pm	OL and St. Cuthbert, Prudhoe	<b>First Mass of Christmas</b> (Carols 4:30pm)
	5:30pm	Ss. Mary & Th. Aquinas, Stella	<b>Second Vigil Mass of Christmas</b>
	6:30pm	St. Anne, Winlaton	Carols followed by <b>First Mass of Christmas</b>
	7:00pm	OL of Lourdes, Chopwell	<b>First Mass of Christmas</b> (Carols 6:30pm)
	7:00pm	Ss. Mary & Th. Aquinas, Stella	<b>Third Vigil Mass of Christmas</b>
	9:30pm	St. Joseph, Highfield <sup>1</sup>	<b>First Mass of Christmas</b> (Carols 9:15pm)
<b>Christmas Day</b> Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am	Ss. Mary & Th. Aquinas, Stella	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
	9:30am	St. Agnes, Crawcrook	
	10:00am	St. Anne, Winlaton	
	10:30am	OL and St. Cuthbert, Prudhoe	

Regular services may be subject to change during the Christmas season – please refer to parish bulletins.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES WITHIN THE OVINGHAM PARTNERSHIP

Date	Time	Parish	Service
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	6:00pm	Holy Spirit (CoE), Crawcrook	Advent service in aid of CAFOD/Christian Aid
Every Tuesday during Advent	6:30am	St. Joseph, Blaydon	Workers' Mass
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4:00pm	St. Anne, Winlaton	Procession to mark the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4:00pm	St. Joseph, Highfield <sup>1</sup>	The 'Big Sing' Advent service
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6:30pm	Ss. Mary and Th. Aquinas, Stella	Partnership Reconciliation Service
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3:30pm	St. Agnes, Crawcrook	Family Advent Carol Service (with school)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4:00pm	St. Barnabas (CoE), Rowlands Gill <sup>1</sup>	Chocolate themed Advent Service
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1:30pm	St. Agnes, Crawcrook	St Agnes' School Carol Service
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10:30am	St. Joseph, Blaydon	St Joseph's (Blaydon) School Carol Service
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	4:00pm	OL of Lourdes, Chopwell	Advent Service

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*A happy, holy and peaceful Christmas season to all*

<sup>1</sup> St. Joseph's parish (Highfield) shares St. Barnabas' Anglican church in Rowlands Gill (NE39 1PS)