

# With One Voice!

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

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

### Psalter Week: 4

**First Reading:** PROPHET BARUCH 5:1-9  
God means to show your splendour to every nation

### **Responsorial Psalm** Response

What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.

**Second reading:** .PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS  
Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ..

**Gospel** LUKE 3: 1-6

All mankind shall see the salvation of God.



## **2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Venue &amp; Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 8th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 9th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Stan Summers Dec. Roche Family
<b>Monday</b> 10th December	Weekday of Advent	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday</b> 11th December	Weekday of Advent or St. Damasus	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday</b> 12th December	Weekday of Advent or Our Lady of Guadeloupe	Crawcrook 10.00am	Teresa Kelly
<b>Thursday</b> 13th December	St. Lucy	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
<b>Friday</b> 14th December.	St. John of the Cross	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 15th December	Weekday of Advent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Priest's Intention

## **3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Venue &amp; Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 15th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 16th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Paul Bousfield Lily Johansen



Our Lady and St. Columba; Pruthie \* Our Lady of Lourdes; Chopwell \* St. Mary and Thomas Aquinas; Bala  
St. Agnes; Crawcrook \* St. Anne; Widdowson \* St. Joseph; Bawston \* St. Joseph; Highfield

### **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*

*We ask this 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, Simon Burns, Julia Knight, Doreen Hodgson, Tony Pfiffin, Martin Bryce David Patton, Wilf Crawley John Paul Dixon, Kathleen Diamond; Tom Hindmarsh and Maureen McEwan

## **Anniversaries**

**St. Agnes'** Harold Joseph Morris, Martha Quinn, Stanley Summers, Gertrude Marie Philomena Kelly and Maureen Ridley.

**St. Joseph's** John Hunt, Philip Browne, Hugh Devine Haswell, Joseph Hagan, Jane Carter, Catherine Hood, Philip King, Michael Dooley, Helena Hagan Mary Guthrie, George Bedford and Elizabeth McFarlane

**Our Lady of Lourdes** Evelyn Boyd, Elizabeth Jobes and Annie McGeary

**Cycle of Prayer:** During Advent & Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**

**Bible Sunday:** Today we are encouraged to reflect and give thanks for the Word of God that is revealed and spoken to us in the Scriptures

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**The Big Sing:** Do come along and join us in this Advent service together with our fellow Christian Churches in St. Barnabas', Rowlands Gill at 4.00pm today, after which refreshments will also be available.

There will be no Mass at Chopwell on Tuesday or Thursday there will be a Service of the Word and Communion at 10.00am

**Partnership Reconciliation Service:** What better way can we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth at Christmas than by meeting Him in this great Sacrament of Forgiveness and Reconciliation and be united fully to Him in his Merciful love? The Partnership Priests will celebrate this at SS Mary & Thomas Aquinas Church, Stella on Wednesday, 12th Dec at 6.30pm.

**Advent Alms:** Please be as generous as you can in support of the work of St. Cuthbert's Care.

**Next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> December)** Everyone please come and join us in our Family Advent Carol Service (with St. Agnes' schoolchildren) at 3.30pm in St. Agnes' Church. It would be wonderful if all parishioners came and not just the families of the schoolchildren involved, creating a "togetherness" in the Lord with Jesus that would set us all up for Christmas as a Parish Community.

**Schools:** - St. Agnes KS2 present their Christmas production on Tuesday (11th) at 1.30pm, Wednesday (12th) at 6.00pm, and Thursday, (13th) at 6.00pm.

- St. Joseph's KS1 present their Nativity Play at 9.30am on Thursday 13th, with Yr 4 celebrating their Advent Liturgy for the whole school on Friday (14th) at 8.40am. All are warmly encouraged and invited to attend.

**Advent Prayer & Reflection Evening Devotion** : before the Blessed Sacrament was enjoyed by about 25 St. Agnes' parishioners last Wednesday night: not least for the opportunity of quiet, silent reflection before Our Lord Himself in a service that was totally the initiative of parishioners, Lay Led, supported by a number of our children and well worth **celebrating**, offering to our Parishes and Partnership, with great thanks to our Parishioners who initiated, organised, and conducted this service to the great appreciation by all.

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**Gateshead's peer support group** for anyone facing depression or a related mental health condition now runs weekly in Whickham at Whickham Library, 9 St Mary's Green, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE16 4DN every Thursday evening, 7pm. It's free and offers a safe space to offload, to be heard and to receive support to help work through difficult times. No need to book or be referred. For more details see [www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups](http://www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups)

**Crawcrook Christmas Draw** this takes place next Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup> after Mass. There are a lot of tickets missing so please return them hopefully sold.

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### **Gateshead Foodbank**

Can I please ask if you can donate the following items: Toiletries, books for children that are unread, pickles plus all the usual things. We are taking all donations on Monday 17th December as our last trip for 2018. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

### **ADVENT SERVICES:**

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**THIS WEEK:** - We are all encouraged to celebrate the CAFOD/CHRISTIAN AID Advent service with our fellow Christian Churches Together in Holy Spirit Church, Crawcrook at 6.00pm on this 1st Sunday of Advent [2nd - All are warmly invited to make a special effort to consciously begin their Advent time of preparation for Christmas by sharing in our relaxed Advent Evening of Reflection, Music & Prayer in St. Agnes' on this Wednesday, 5th December, 7-8pm, before the Blessed Sacrament.

**NEXT WEEK:** - [Sunday 9th Dec] Once again we are invited to join St. B's, RG & St. P's, High Spen C/E Churches and the local population in celebration of Advent in "The Big Sing" in St. B's Church at 4.00pm.

- An opportunity to experience the Mercy of God in Reconciliation, Forgiveness and true Peace of Heart in our Partnership Parishes Advent Service of Reconciliation [Confessions] in SS. Mary & Thomas Aquinas Church, Stella on Wednesday, 12th Dec, beginning at 6.30pm.

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** - [16th Dec] Everyone please come and join us in our Family Advent Carol Service (with St. Agnes' schoolchildren) at 3.30pm in St. Agnes' Church. It would be wonderful if all parishioners came and not just the families of the schoolchildren involved, creating a "togetherness" in the Lord with Jesus that would set us all up for Christmas as a Parish Community.

- [16 Dec] Unfortunately, but unavoidably, St. B's, RG also hold a Family Christmas Party Service with the Nativity Story told in 27 chocolate bars at 4.00pm on the same day. Guess who wins? You takes your choice!

- Ryton Churches Together celebrate our Ecumenical Carol Service together in The Ark, Cawcrook at 5.00pm on Friday, 21st Dec. A unique, warm experience that will be enjoyed by all, and better than being "out on the Town" in Newcastle on a Friday night leading up to Christmas!

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** - A quiet "time out" and space before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, with an occasional Word from Him [the Lord/Deacon Derek?] to prompt/aid reflection on the birth of Jesus and presence of God within you and your life here and now.

**ALL** please visit our Website [with links to schools, cf: Newsletter Letterhead] to be informed of all Advent/Christmas services & celebrations in our Partnership Parishes/Schools/and Diocesan Events.

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