

With One Voice!

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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 22nd & 23rd December, 2018

Psalter Week: 2

First Reading: PROPHET MICAH 5: 1-4
Our of you will be born the one who is to reign over
Israel

Responsorial Psalm Response

God of hosts, bring us back, let your face shine on us
and we shall be saved..

Second reading: . TO THE HEBREWS 10:5-10
Here I am I am coming to obey your will..

Gospel! LUKE 1 39:43

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of
my Lord?



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date	Mass	Venue & Time	Mass Intention
<u>Saturday</u> 22nd December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u> 23rd December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	John Carroll All who are sick
<u>Monday</u> 24th December	Weekday of Advent	NO MASS	
<u>Tuesday</u> 25th December	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Chopwell 7.00pm Highfield 9.30pm Crawcrook 9.30am	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish
<u>Wednesday</u> 26th December	St. Stephen	NO MASS	
<u>Thursday</u> 27th December	St. John	Chopwell 10.00am	Esther Robson
<u>Friday</u> 28th December.	The Holy Innocents	Highfield 10.00am	Imelda & Terry Lowrie
<u>Saturday</u> 29th December	St. Thomas Becket	Crawcrook 10.00am	Ray Johnstone

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (C)

Date	Mass	Venue & Time	Mass Intention
<u>Saturday</u> 29th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Louis & Shirley Cresci
<u>Sunday</u> 30th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Dixon Family L/D Barry Gatiss



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.

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 Pffiffin, Martin Bryce David Patton, Wilf Crawley John Paul Dixon, Kathleen Diamond; Tom Hindmarsh and Maureen McEwan

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Alice Carroll, Edward McShane, Bonjo Nwanko, Roseann Elliott, Eliabeth Willis and Philip Carroll.

St. Joseph's William McGurk, Sean Gaze, Johanna Teasdale, George Waugh, Richard O'Flaherty, Thomas Elliott, John Donnelly, Elizabeth Graham, Felix Donnelly, Thomas Long, Patrick Mariner, Peter Durham, Elizabeth Marie Drummond

Our Lady of Lourdes Barry Gatiss, Edward Lackenby, Margaret Featherstone, Margaret Quigley, Barbara Sullivan.

Congratulations and lots of love to Louis and Shirley Cresci who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on the 31st December. The Saturday night Mass on 29th will be celebrated for them and you are all welcome to stay back and enjoy a glass of wine and cake with them. What a wonderful occasion to celebrate

This Sunday: is a Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers, whom we commend to the prayers and help of Mary, Mother of Jesus our Saviour God, as they await the birth of their child[ren].

Advent Alms: Please respond as generously as you can to this last opportunity in this way to support the work of St. Cuthbert's Care our Diocesan Caring Agency.

Gratitude & Appreciation: We offer our heartfelt thanks to all who have worked so hard in our Advent and immediate preparations for our celebration of this Christmas in Services, our schools, cleaning of Churches, Ministries and renewal of their serving Rotas, our Musicians, and much else that people generously do behind the scenes that no one sees. (e.g.: polishing of brasses, provision of refreshments, preparation of Children's Liturgies/Orders of Service/Printing and so on.....)

Day of Recollection An Ovingham Partnership Day of Recollection will be held in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Blaydon on Saturday 19th January 10am-4.00pm It will be led by Fr Michael Hickey, and will be a great opportunity to explore Who God is, who we are and what the church is all about. It is open to all parishioners but we especially encourage our Eucharistic Ministers to attend as this will cover the diocese's expectation that you attend one such day a year. The event is free. Please do bring a packed lunch or head for Dominos, Costa or Greggs in Blaydon. Please sign the list at the back of church if you will be attending by 13th January.

St. Agnes Drive Gate: will remain open and unlocked Christmas, Boxing, and Day after to facilitate family visits to residents of Ridings Court. Thereafter it will again be locked to deter indiscriminate and abusive parking by the General Public and people who otherwise have consistently ignored all signage. Even when locked the space provided immediately before the gate, purely for the Emergency Services and the pick up /set down of infirm residents of Ridings Court, will be available as always.

Personal: We, Fr. J and Deacon Derek, thank all of you who have sent us cards, good wishes and presented us with gifts - for all of which we are genuinely grateful. It is not always possible to thank people in person [especially, for instance, people who simply sign: "from Mary!" - Hang on! Was that another message from the Angel Gabriel or what?], so we trust all will accept this note as the truly appreciative one it is.

Advent Service: Throughout Advent we are gratified to note the good attendance, participation and enjoyment by parishioners in the Cafod/Christian Aid Service of the 1st Sunday, the Big Sing [2nd], and our Family Service in St. Agnes [last,3rd Sunday]. Today we are given the opportunity to "Come Away and Rest Awhile" (from all the demands on our time and responsibilities~~~~) in quiet, face to face communion with Our Lord Himself before the Blessed Sacrament in our Advent Service at OLL, Chopwell at 4.00pm. Do yourself a favour and take this time out to have time for just you and Him, sharing with Him your hopes and fears, your joys and sorrows, your dreams and difficulties, and know deep within you that God is with you in it all and always will be.

Christmas Blessing: Despite continuing, confusing conversations all things "Brexit" etc ; we pray that you will all know, deep within you, the Peace that only God can give us and enjoy a truly Happy, Joyful, Restful time of Restoration, Renewed Hope and Faith, with Re-invigorated Confidence for the year to come.

The collection for CAFOD taken at the Carol Service in St. Agnes realised £156.52p

St. Agnes School Carol Service It was wonderful to have a packed church with c.120 family members making such a marvellous effort to share with us in this spiritual climax to all our celebrations before that of Christmas. Well done, and thank you so much

PPC Minutes: of the Last meeting of 4th December are now posted on the notice board with a few hard copies available for those wishing to take them.

The Wylam Globe: a copy of the December edition is on St. Agnes' notice board.

Safety Squad: In response to a timely request from our Parishes Safety Officer our PPC approved the suggestion that we appeal for a team of parishioners in each parish who would agree to be "On Call" when needed to help clear a pathway in snow/distribute salt in icy conditions for safe access to Church, mainly on Sat pm/Sundays, requiring attendance in appropriate time before celebration of Mass on any particular occasion. The list is on the Parish Notice Board. It only requires your name and contact details and presumes that [in these days of Data Protection Regulations] you agree to this information being shared among you all. Otherwise we will have to contract out at much cost.

Date for your diary

You are all invited to a Talk by Dr Clive Kelly on supporting our brothers and sisters in Africa on Sunday 27th January at 4pm in St Joseph's Church Hall in Blaydon. Having previously volunteered in Iraq, India and Cambodia, he gave up his full time Consultant role in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital 18 months ago to develop links in sub-Saharan Africa. Since then he has become involved in five humanitarian projects across four countries, while developing a teaching and research program at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Tanzania. His talk will focus on the progress of twelve orphan boys from Uganda, whom several in the parish have already supported, but will touch on each of the other areas. It will be illustrated with powerful images taken from his trips this year, and photographic prints will be available for purchase after the meeting. There is no charge to attend, and light refreshments will be available, suitable for all ages. Any offers of donations or sponsors would be welcomed. The meeting should be finished by 5.15. We'd love to see you!

Happy Christmas, and may the Peace of Spirit that Jesus came to bring be with you all.