

With One Voice!

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 29th & 30th December, 2018

Psalter Week: 3

First Reading SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28
Samuel is made over to the Lord for the whole of his life.

Responsorial Psalm Response
They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord...

Second reading: . JOHN 3: 1-2, 21-24
We are called God's children and that is what we are.

Gospel LUKE 2 : 41-52
Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the doctors.



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

date	Mass	Venue & Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 29th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Louis & Shirley Cresci
Sunday 30th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Dixon Family L/D Barry Gatiss
Monday 31st December	Seventh in the Octave of Christmas or St. Sylvester	NO MASS	
Tuesday 1st January	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Chopwell 10.00am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 2nd January	Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory	Crawcrook 10.00am	Keith Galilee
Thursday 3rd January	Weekday before Epiphany or The Holy Name of Jesus	Chopwell 10.00am	Denis Wright
Friday 4th January.	Weekday before Epiphany	Highfield 10.00am	Bill Menall
Saturday 5th January	Weekday before Epiphany	Crawcrook 10.00am	Jack & Elsie Kelly

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

Date	Mass	Venue & Time	Mass Intention
Saturday 5th January	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	Olive Middleton
Sunday 6th January	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Patricia Maxwell Joan & Tommy McDonald



Our Lady and St. Columba; Poulton • Our Lady of Lourdes, Chopwell • St. Mary and Thomas; Agnes, Belle
St. Agnes, Crawcrook • St. Anne, Winton • St. Joseph, Beldon • St. Joseph, Hopton

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

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' Isabella Dixon, Ann Rutherford, John McShane, Maureen Harrison, Catherine Pierce, Rev. Francis Kuyte, and Agnes Lauder.

St. Joseph Anthony Gallohan, James Morgan, Elizabeth McPhillips, Sabina Deacon, Lesley Oxley, and Thomas Morgan

Our Lady of Lourdes Nora Gilliland, James Hughes, Bill Mennell, Craig Scott, Jim Gaffin, and Margaret Bell McNestry.

.Congratulations and lots of love to Louis and Shirley Cresci who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on the 31st December.

Today: being the Feast of The Holy Family we entrust all our families and the family of our parishes to the care and protection of Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

Tuesday: is the Feast of Mary the Mother of God: We invite everyone who can to celebrate Mass with us in OLL, Chopwell, in thanksgiving to God for all the love we have received from our own natural Mam [along with the proverbial word of advice or rebuke that only Mothers can give and get away with which make grown men cower! Sometimes it is not even a word: just a look]whom we each remember, have, and perhaps are still graced.

Next Sunday is the Feast of The Epiphany of The Lord: supposedly when it was revealed, through the representatives of the 3 Kings to *all the nations of the World* that Jesus is the only true Saviour of all human life. It is still a work in progress and still in need of Christians who will work, devote their lives and witness to His Way, Truth and Life so that all may come to live life to the full as God wants for us all in the Justice, Love and Peace that Jesus offers us.

Covenant Service: Our Churches Together [Crawcrook] will celebrate a Service of Renewed Commitment to working together in unity in Centenary Methodist Church, Crawcrook on Sunday, 6th January, at 6.00pm.

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.

Flower Collection (Crawcrook) thank you £99. Was raised for flowers for the altar.

Crawcrook – All raffle prizes have been claimed.

December 200 Club winners- the last draw for 2018; 1st Mary Proud, 2nd Tot Charlton and 3rd Andrew Jackson. The draw for 2019 will commence in March 2019 and tickets will be on sale from February.

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. His talk will focus on the progress of twelve orphan boys from Uganda, whom several in the parish have already supported. 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. sponsors would be welcomed. The meeting should be finished by 5.15.

Once Again: but meant in utter sincerity: Thank You to all who have prepared, worked so hard 'behind the scenes', contributed to and shared in all our Advent and Christmas Services and events this year.