

With One Voice!

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



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C) 16th & 17th MARCH 2019

Psalter Week: 4

First Reading: GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18
God enters into a covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

Responsorial Psalm: PSALM 90:1-2,10-15
Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Second reading: ST PAUL TO PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1
Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel Reading: LUKE 9: 28-36
As Jesus prayed the aspect of his face was changed.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be celebrated,

- Every Sunday in Lent in St. Agnes' at 4.00pm,
- Every Sunday in Lent in St. Barnabas' at 4.00pm, other than Passion Sunday, 14th April.
- Every Wednesday, 6pm in Lent, in Chopwell

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sat 16 March	Highfield 5.30	People of the Parish	Vigil Mass
Sun 17 March	Crawcrook 9.15	Phyllis Callender	
	Chopwell 11.00	Fr.Corneiluis Horan	
Tues 19 March	Highfield 10.00	Priest's Intention	ST. JOSEPH
Wed 20 March	Crawcrook10.00	George Dixon	ST. CUTHBERT
Thur 21 March	Chopwell 10.00	Isaac & Doris Birkett	Weekday of Lent
Fri 22 March	Highfield 10.00	Priest's Intention	Weekday of Lent
Sat 23 March	Crawcrook10.00	Jackson Family	Weekday of Lent
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sat 23 March	Highfield 5.30	People of the Parish	Vigil Mass
Sun 24 March	Crawcrook 9.15	Fillippo Soave	
	Chopwell 11.00	Grace Raine	

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

St. Agnes – Saturday morning after Mass 10-30 – 11.00 am
Our Lady of Lourdes on request
St. Joseph's at St. Barnabas after Friday morning Mass.

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.*

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 MacCaughy, Mia Slowie, Audrey Rafferty, , Patrick John Lawrence, ,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 Maureen McEwan and Sharon Karim.

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Bernard Butler, George Dixon and Jack Moffitt.

St. Joseph Elizabeth Robson, Sandra Lackenby, Sarah Lancaster, Ada Garland, Kathleen Mary Bradley Felix Donnelly, John Thomas Conway, Mary Ellen Lye, Mona Isabella Hagan, Daniel Maguire, Tamar Brady Grace Margaret Raine

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosine Lynap, Maureen Absolem, Anne Marie Dobbin, Rose Birkett

Please pray for Don Robson, husband of recently deceased Esther of OLL, Chopwell who died last week, and his family who mourn him. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

All Sundays in Lent: are Days of Special Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments.

Today: We receive Bishop Seamus' [Farewell?] Pastoral Letter, and wish him all God's Blessings on his retirement. It will be his anniversary of Episcopal Ordination on Wednesday, 20th March. No doubt he will be consulted on a regular basis by our new Bishop Robert [not least along the lines of: "What's that weird priest who lives in Crawcrook like?"He'll find out soon enough!].

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in St. Agnes' as usual on Saturday mornings, 10.30-11.00am and on request after Mass on Fridays in St. B's or weekdays in OLL.

Stations of the Cross: [In various versions] Sundays in St. B's and St. Agnes' at 4pm, Wednesdays in OLL at 6pm.

Lenten Alms: Despite all the claims on your generosity, please do what you can to support St. Cuthbert's Care, our Diocesan Caring Agency in this one of two annual appeals for all their work and care.

Patronal Feast Day: Tuesday [19 March] being the Feast of St. Joseph celebration of Mass that day is transferred from OLL, Chopwell to St. Barnabas' at 10am. Please note weekday Mass times and venues carefully

Welcome: Fr. John Breen will be resident with Fr. J from Thursday [21st] until Tuesday [26th] in anticipation of the installation of Bishop Robert. [Good to have you with us as always!]

Schools: - St. Agnes' Governing Body meet on Wednesday (13 March): Resources Committee [finance] @ 5.00pm; Full Governing Body 6.00pm.- St. Joseph's Curriculum Committee meet on Thursday (14 March) @ 4.00

Opportunities for Growth in Faith The Directory of all these opportunities throughout the Diocese are at back of Church, along with the display of the earliest, for you to consult and book as informed by the "Contents" newsletter insert supplied last week.

Schools: - On Friday [22nd] St. Joseph's Yr 1/2 children will lead their Lenten Liturgy for the whole school at 8.40am, and St. Agnes' Yr 2 theirs at 9.10am. Parents and Parishioners are welcome to attend.

- Having in recent months undergone Government Ofsted and Diocesan RE Ofsted Inspections in St. Joseph's and RE Inspection in St. Agnes', upon notification last Monday St. Agnes' School underwent a Government Ofsted Inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. While we await the outcome we can only heartfully thank the Governors/All Staff/Parents/our Pupils/and all associated with our school who responded so calmly and so generously with their time/commitment/dedication/faith in and support of our school to all the demands and stress this experience inevitably involves. In all of you we are indeed blessedly graced.

"How the future may look": Next Sunday the Partnership Development Group Representative in all our parishes will present an important address in place of the homily at the end of Mass. Parishioners will also be provided with an explanatory document for information, consultation and response on this possible Strategy Plan for how our Faith Communities in our Partnership may be served in future, if/when Clergy numbers reduce."

Chris Jumps Ship After 13 Years To Plunge Into Retirement: Yes, Chris Gardiner our St Agnes' school caretaker is retiring in April and would like to invite parishioners, parents, kids and anyone else who knows him to a **Celebratory Mass at St Agnes' Church on Thursday 4 April 2019 at 6.30pm.** Chris is also celebrating the successful completion of his treatment for prostate cancer at the Freeman and has just been given the all clear. He therefore wants to use this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and prayers over recent months and talk briefly about the key part prayer has played throughout his life and in the growth of his faith. Ta. Chris.

Finance & Parish Council Meetings: Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 5th March are on the notice board for all to consult with a few copies at back of Church for those who wish to take the home.

Friends of St. Agnes are having an Easter egg tombola on Easter Sunday. There

is a box at the back of church for donations of eggs and proceeds will go towards St. Cuthbert's Care (Lenten Alms)