

The Season of Advent: Today we begin the season of Advent – which marks the beginning of the Church's New Year. During the first two weeks of Advent we think about Our Lord's second coming among us at the end of time and then as Christmas draws near we celebrate his first coming among us as a helpless little baby in the stable at Bethlehem. Let us use this season to draw closer to the Lord.

The Advent Wreath: Round - symbolises Eternity. Greenery - Eternal Life. Purple ribbons - symbol of repentance - Penance. Holly & Berries- the Blood that Christ will shed for us. Purple candles (3) - 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday of Advent. Pink (1) - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday which means "rejoice" as Christmas draws near. A candle is lit each weekend to symbolise Christ the light of the world drawing closer. White candle - lit at Christmas to celebrate the fact that Christ is born and is with us.

Please remember especially in your prayers: Rita Luke (85) who sadly died on the 14th November. May she rest in peace. We remember her family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: Requiem Mass this coming Tuesday 1st December at 11.00am - St. Joseph's, Blackhall followed by Burial in Horden.

Also: Kathleen Wright (89) who sadly died last Monday. May she rest in peace. We remember her family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: Service at Durham Crematorium this coming Friday 4th December at 2.30pm

Advent Reflections: 'The Sisters have produced a Prayer/Reflection sheet for each of the Sundays in Advent to encourage us to take time each week to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. As before the music can be found on Youtube.' Sheet is attached to newsletter.

St. Cuthbert's Care: This year, due to the very trying ongoing circumstances, St Cuthbert's Care has been invited to deliver an online Advent Appeal via the diocesan website. If you would like to support our charity's work, the diocesan link can be accessed through www.rcdhn.org.uk. I am mindful of the financial pressures the pandemic has placed on many, so please, only support us should you feel able to do so. Thank you. Moira Ashman Chief Executive St Cuthbert's Care

Wanted!: Currency, Military Medals, Broken or Unwanted Gold & Silver Used Postage Stamps. To raise funds for The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's Home, Newcastle. Please contact David or Theresa: Tel. No. 0191 2645771 - email: david-oneill3@sky.com. Thank you for your support.

St. Joseph's School, Blackhall:

1. **Required Immediately, Lunchtime Supervisor** at St Joseph's RC Primary School, please contact the school on **0191 5864308** for more information.

2. St Joseph's RC Primary School are **accepting applications** for September 2021 intake, please contact the school who will be happy to discuss what our lovely school has to offer for both Reception children (children who were born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017) and Nursery provision for children aged 3 years +



Feeding Families: This is the last weekend to support Feeding Families as the Community Centre have to parcel up and the goods will be collected for distribution. Please take non-perishable food items to **Blackhall Community Centre** or **Wingate Holy Trinity Church (Food bank)**. If you would like to give but are housebound please ring **Susan (07575021903)** or **Janine (07737051153)** and arrange pick up. Please do not leave contributions at Churches. Any questions call **Pam 07483318764**. A list of food items you may wish to contribute for a Christmas Hamper for those less fortunate than ourselves:

Shower gel Shampoo Hand wash Pasta Cooking sauce Part baked bread. Tinned veg (e.g. sweetcorn, carrots) Soup Baked beans/tinned spaghetti Tinned tuna/meat Jam, marmalade, choc spread or peanut butter Breakfast cereal Chocolate biscuits Squash, UHT fruit juice or fizzy non-alcoholic drink, Tea Coffee Savoury snacks (e.g. crisps, nuts etc.) Mince pies Chocolates or sweets Cake (Christmas, choc log, choc rolls etc.) Custard / white sauce Sponge or Christmas pudding Gravy granules Selection of fresh veg Fresh meat (e.g. turkey, chicken, gammon etc.)

This week Please call 01915864319 on Wednesday 2nd December between 10am & 12pm to book in for Mass on Thursday 3rd December & Saturday 5th December & Thursday 10th December. You will need to give your name, contact number & number of people for track & trace.

St. Joseph's, St. Peter & St. Paul's, Sacred Heart & English Martyrs
With Pastoral responsibility for Our Lady of Lourdes.



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The First Sunday of Advent.

29th November 2020

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL. Non – Public MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED IN PRIVATE

Sat 28th Vigil	6.00 pm	Lvg. Dcd. Ms. Richardson (Fam) & People of the Parish
Mon 30th	9.15am	Ken & Nan Leeming (R.I.P) & Muriel & Terry Howe (R.I.P)
Tues. 1st	11.00am	Requiem Mass: Rita Luke (85)
Thurs. 3rd (Public Mass)	9.15am	Bridget & Noel Fox (R.I.P.)
Sat. 5th	10.15am	Richard Crane (R.I.P) & Ted Hilton (R.I.P)
Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00pm	Lvg. & Dcd. Ms. Laing, Anderson & Baxter fams. & People of the Parish

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun.29th	8.30am	Geraldine Douglas (R.I.P) & John Murphy (R.I.P)
Wed. 2nd	10.00am	Felix Slack (R.I.P) & John Snee (R.I.P)
Fri. 4th	10.00am	Peter Devine (R.I.P)
Sun. 6th	8.30am	Leo Taylor (R.I.P)

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

Sun. 29th	11.00am	John & Norman Atkin (R.I.P)
Tue. 1st	6.30pm	Duncan Monaghan (R.I.P) & A Private Intention (R&M)
Thurs.3rd	6.30pm	Marie Richardson (R.I.P)
Sun. 6th	11.00am	Brian & Jean English (R.I.P)

Feasts of the Week: **Today** Monday: St. Andrew – Apostle – Patron of Scotland

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday of Advent

Mass by phone service: If you would like to access, the telephone number to call is 01642 130120.

Christmas Candles: To purchase a Christmas Candle for someone please complete the form and place £5 per candle in an envelope and send back to St. Joseph's Blackhall or drop into the White Presbytery porch.

Last date for candles is Friday 11th December!

Clergy Training Fund. Collection for Diocesan Annual Appeal for the Clergy Training Fund can be placed in an envelope marked "P.T.F" and returned to Church. **The fund closes this weekend 29th November.**

Many thanks for your continued generosity!!

Piety goods: Please contact

Joan Crozier on 0191 5864173 (Blackhall) or

Anne Magee 01429 836443 (Hutton Henry) or

Joan Regan on 07717826758 (Thornley) with your orders!

The Piety shop is not open, but orders can be taken by phone and pick up or delivery arranged! While stock lasts!

Mass Offerings: Please note if using the envelopes please complete all the details. If placing a note in an envelope please write clearly and remember to write date on which you want Mass to be said. If no date on the offering it will be offered on the first available date, thank you.

