

The Diocese: Please remember especially in your prayers three of our Diocesan Priests who have died recently: Fr. Stephen Johnson, Fr Gerard Martin and Fr. Derek Peel. May they rest in peace. We remember their families especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Also Wheatley Hill: John Purvis who sadly died recently - May he rest in peace. We remember Sheila and all the family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: Funeral Service this coming Tuesday 8th December at Our Lady of Lourdes, Shotton Colliery at 1pm followed by Burial in Wheatley Hill.

Blackhall: APF Mission Boxes: Mary and Brian write: Red Mission Boxes are due to be emptied so can you please bring them to Church on a Wednesday between 1pm and 2pm. As we cannot collect them due to Covid 19. Many thanks, Mary and Brian.

Feeding Families: Thank you to all who contributed to Feeding Families. The food has all been shipped up to Durham to be made into Christmas Hampers for those families in need. Your contributions were gratefully accepted. God bless!



Be on you guard, stay awake I am sure I had more money than that in my account. Take out the standard payments What are you spending your money upon. We all like to think we are in control Do you pay an extra 20% on the credit card Do you have a wardrobe full of stuff you will never wear Do you buy it because you want it, but do not need it Then lie to yourself Do you appreciate the food you eat Or in your wealth waste Be on your guard, stay awake How do you spend your time Be on your guard, stay awake In this strange never-never land of corvid How many hours do you sit before a TV screen letting others live your life What time do you get out of bed Then how do you spend the time when you are wakening and entering the day Do you have rituals or do you just drift away What time do you go to bed Does your body or mind decide How much time to you share with those you love And how much time are you simply alone in their company Do you give time to anything that matters What is it Think pray Be on your guard, stay awake In the strange patterns of isolation imposed by corvid Be on your guard, stay awake How much are you eating, when are you eating, and what are you eating. Worse still how much do you actually drink a week Add it up this week What form of exercise do you consciously take You don't need a dog to walk You don't need a job to get out of the house How are you exercising your brain What puzzles, what books what conversations Now there is a lack of clear daily timetable It is all too easy to slip into one long day of doing nothing Yet we still need to be active to be healthy Be on you guard, stay awake Of all the things I have said today Answer at least one question Of your money Of your time Of your health As we approach the birth of he who gave all life What are you doing with yours? Be on your guard, stay awake

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart,
and to radiate the light of Christ,
every day, in every way,
in all that we do and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.

By Howard Thurman.

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 +

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 Second Sunday of Advent.

6th December 2020

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

Sat 5th Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00 pm	Lvg. & Dcd. Ms. Laing, Anderson & Baxter fams. & People of the Parish
Mon 7th	9.15am	Joan & Jack Foster (R.I.P) & Tom Cowie (R.I.P) (L.D)
Thurs. 10th (Public)	9.15am	Ted Atherton (R.I.P.) & Rita & Jim Luke (R.I.P)
Sat. 12th	10.15am	Elizabeth Leeming (R.I.P) & Mary Lincoln (R.I.P)
Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00pm	Dcd. Ms. Bottomley & Dowling (Fams.) & People of the Parish

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun.6th	8.30am	Leo Taylor (R.I.P) & Hugh Collins (R.I.P)
Wed. 9th	10.00am	Kathleen Scanlan & Derek Hopper (R.I.P) & Dcd. Scanlan Family
Fri. 11th	10.00am	Richard Crane (R.I.P)
Sun. 13th	8.30am	Fr. Stephen Johnson, Fr. Gerard Martin & Fr. Derek Peel (L.D) (R.I.P)

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

Sun. 6th	11.00am	Brian & Jean English (R.I.P)
Tue. 8th	6.30pm	John Purvis (R.I.P) (L.D)
Thurs.10th	6.30pm	Patrick & Mary Smyth & Dcd. Fam. Ms.
Sun. 13th	11.00am	Lvg. & Dcd. Ms. Morley Family

Feasts of the Week: Monday: St. Ambrose
 Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary.
Next Sunday: Gaudete Sunday – The Third Sunday of Advent.
 We Rejoice as Christmas draws near.

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. **The last date to ask for Christmas candles is this Friday 11th December.** Have you placed your order?

Piety goods: Any orders please contact **Joan Crozier on 0191 5864173 (Blackhall)** or **Anne Magee 01429 836443 (Hutton Henry)** or **Joan Regan on 07717826758 (Thornley)** The Piety shop remains closed due to Covid restrictions, but orders can be taken by phone and pick up or delivery arranged!

Mass bookings:

This week Please call 01915864319 on **Wednesday 9th December** between 10am & 12pm to book in for Mass on **Saturday 12th December & Thursday 17th December.**

You will need to give your name, contact number & number of people for track & trace.

Advent Reflections: Please find attached to the newsletter the second of our Advent reflections to encourage us to take time each week to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas. As before the music can be found on You tube.'

