

Please remember especially in your prayers: Thomas Gallagher (71) who sadly died 24th November - May he rest in peace. We remember Philomena and all the family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: Funeral Service this coming Friday 18th December at 10am – St. Joseph's, Blackhall, followed by Burial in Horden.

All Churches:

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. Fr Ian **hopes** and **intends** to open Hutton Henry and Thornley Churches for Christmas. This in mind he has sought the approval of the Bishop for the reopening of St. Peter & Paul's and Sacred Heart & English Martyrs. He apologises for the short notice of Christmas Masses but this is outside of his control. In this past week we have had an industrial clean carried out at Thornley and we have volunteers enlisted to carryout duties at both Thornley and Hutton Henry. We will need a visit from Michael McElroy, the Diocesan Health & Safety Adviser, who will carry out a full inspection at both properties and issue instructions.

You will be able to ring and book Christmas Masses conditionally. We will publish confirmations of expected opening times next weekend. With this in mind...

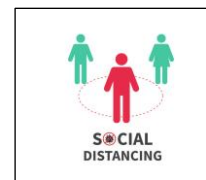
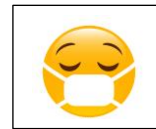
Christmas Masses times will hopefully be :

BLACKHALL 6PM VIGIL – THORNLEY 7.30PM VIGIL – HUTTON HENRY 8.30AM CHRISTMAS DAY.

There will be Carols playing on entry, however, no congregational singing. No collection taken, however a box will be provided at the rear of Churches for offerings. For those already doing so please continue to post your weekly contributions through the Presbytery letterbox at Blackhall or Thornley. If anyone wishes to sign up to bank payment for their weekly offertory, please contact Pam 07483318764 to arrange payment to appropriate Church.

Please follow instructions:

- ❖ Wear face mask unless you are exempt
- ❖ Keep social distancing rules
- ❖ You will be guided out for Communion please fully extend your arms to receive the Blessed Sacrament.
- ❖ When Mass is over please leave Church and the grounds as guided
- ❖ There will be no refreshments after Mass. You must leave as soon as possible to allow cleaning to take place.
- ❖ If you do not already receive a bulletin, please take one away with you or you can contact Pam who will arrange for you to receive one. 07483318764.



St. Cuthbert's Care: This Advent, I would be deeply grateful for any contribution you are able to offer. I am mindful of the financial pressures we are all facing, so please, only support us should you feel able to do so. My colleague, Nicola Milne will be happy to help with any queries you may have. You can contact Nicola directly on 0191 242 4809 or email her at Nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and trust that you and your families are keeping safe. Please remember our charity's work in your prayers. Thank you.

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
Parish Priest— Fr. J. Jackson -**

- With Pastoral responsibility for Our Lady of Lourdes.



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“Gaudete Sunday” - The Third Sunday of Advent.

13th December 2020

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

Sat 12th Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00 pm	Dcd. Ms. Bottomley & Dowling (Fams.) & People of the Parish & Michael Gibson (R.I.P)
Mon 14th	9.15am	Lvg. & dcd. Ms. of the O'Connor Family
Thurs. 17 th (Public Mass)	9.15am	Ken & Josie Averde (R.I.P)
Fri. 18th	10.00am	Funeral Service: Thomas Gallagher (R.I.P)
Sat. 19th	10.15am	Fred Gooch (R.I.P)(L.D)
Vigil (Public Mass)	6.00pm	Lvg. & Dcd. Ms. Hogan & Carr Fams. & People of the Parish

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun. 13th	8.30am	Fr. Stephen Johnson, Fr. Gerard Martin & Fr. Derek Peel (L.D.) (R.I.P)
Wed. 16th	10.00am	Jim Wilkinson (R.I.P)
Fri. 18th	12noon	Michael & Helen Durkan (R.I.P)
Sun. 20th	8.30am	Harry Jackson (R.I.P) (1 st Ann.)

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

Sun. 13th	11.00am	Lvg. & Dcd. Ms. Morley Family
Tue. 15th	9.15am	Mary Regan (R.I.P) & Anne Blair (R.I.P)
Thurs. 17th	6.30pm	Marie Richardson (R.I.P) & Frank Waller (R.I.P)
Sun. 20th	11.00am	Alf, Neil, Terry & John Purvis (R.I.P) (L.D)& Sheila Purvis (Ints.)

Feasts of the Week: Today we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent – “Gaudete Sunday” we rejoice as Christmas draws near Monday: St. John of the Cross.

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

Booking Christmas Masses : (For times of Masses please see over page.)

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

For **Hutton Henry** call **07483318764** on Monday 14th December between 9am & 11am or text, to book place for Mass Christmas Day & Sunday 27th December.

Thornley call **07483318764** on Tuesday 15th December between 9am & 11am or text, to book a place for Mass Christmas Eve, 27th December & 31st December.

Blackhall Call **0191 5864319** on Wednesday 16th December between 10am & 12pm to book a place for Mass on Christmas Eve, Saturday 26th December or Thursday 31st December.



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

