

BLACKHALL.

Please remember especially in your prayers: Grace Marie Forbes (87) who sadly died last Saturday. May she rest in peace. We remember her family especially in our prayers at this sad and difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: Funeral Service this coming Friday 6th December at 11.30am in St. Joseph's followed by Burial in Blackhall.

St. Joseph's Parish Coffee Evening: This coming Monday 2nd December 7pm-9pm in the Parish Rooms. Why not come along and join us. All welcome!!

John Lyons Talk No. 2: Looking at the Portrait of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. This coming Tuesday 3rd December 7-8pm in St. Joseph's Parish Rooms. All welcome!!

Red Mission Boxes are due to be emptied so please bring them to Church. Thank you. Mary and Brian.

St. Joseph's School Fayre Fri. 6th 2pm, any donations will be gratefully received. All welcome!!

THORNLEY:

Advent Reflection: This coming Friday 6th December in the Sisters house 1.30pm to 2.10pm
The theme is "The God who speaks through the prophets". All welcome!! Led by Sr. Mary.

HUTTON HENRY



Christmas Raffle Tickets on Sale next week, £1 per strip. Raffle will be drawn after Mass on Sunday 14th December, donations of prizes welcome.

Candlelight Carol Service will be at 4.00p.m. on Sunday 14th December, followed by festive refreshments: All welcome!!



ALL PARISHES

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.

St. Cuthbert's Care - Advent Appeal 2019: This Advent, we ask that you consider supporting our Red Van. Over the last two years, our Red Van has delivered thousands of food parcels, good quality clothing and toys to some of the most needy families and individuals in our Diocese. Your Advent Alms will help us to keep this essential service on the road. Thank you.

December Edition of the Northern Cross: Now on sale at the back of Church £1. Good way of keeping up with Diocesan news.

First Holy Communion children and parents: Our initial meeting for all three schools this coming Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 5pm in St. Joseph's Parish Rooms, Blackhall, to look at our First Holy Communion Programme for 2020. Look forward to seeing you there!!



Christmas Candles Campaign! Up to 14th/15th December Candles can be purchased at the back of Church for £5 to be lit in Church over the Christmas period for a loved one. Please make sure you write clearly the name you wish to be placed on the label.

The Year of the Word: "The God Who Speaks" will launch on Sunday 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. This year is devoted to raising the profile of Scripture amongst Catholics in England and Wales. For info about what has been planned so far please visit the special page on our Diocesan Website: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/yow%20god%20who%20speaks/godwhospeakscontacts.php>
The year begins with a celebration of Vespers on Sunday 1st December. Five venues have been chosen and Evening Prayer will be celebrated at 4.30 pm in each place so that there is a real sense of praying together as a diocese. The five places are: St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, St Ninian's, Wooler, St Mary's, Hexham, Ushaw College, Durham, English Martyrs & SS Peter and Paul, Stockton

The Partnership Parish of St. Mary the Virgin.



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The First Sunday of Advent

1.12.19

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL.

Sat. 30th Vigil	6.00 pm	Bridget & Noel Fox (R.I.P) & Denis Winn (R.I.P)
Mon 2nd	9.15am	Sarah Parker (R.I.P) (L.D.) (T.G)
Tues. 3rd	9.15am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs. 5th	9.15am	Michael McDonnel (R.I.P)
Fri. 6th	11.30am	Funeral Service: Grace Marie Forbes (R.I.P)
Sat. 7th	10.15am	Jim Clark (R.I.P) (L.D)
Vigil	6.00pm	Dcd. Ms. Foster & Hoole Fams. & Ted Atherton (R.I.P) & People of the Parish

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun. 1st	8.30am	John Snee (R.I.P) Dcd. Ms. Snee Family & People of the Parish
Wed.4th	10am	Dcd. Ms. Devine Fam.
Fri. 6th	9.15am	Advent Mass in St. Mary's School, offered for: Hugh Collins (R.I.P)
Sun. 8th	8.30am	Leo Taylor (R.I.P) (1 st Anniv.) & Spellman fam. & Norman Harrison (R.I.P)

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

Sun. 1st	9.15am	Mary Phimister Rogers (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Mary Regan (R.I.P) & Stephen O'Brien (R.I.P) & Bella Niles (R.I.P)
Tues. 3rd	9.15am	William, Nellie & Elizabeth Richardson (R.I.P)
Thurs. 5th	2pm	Advent Mass in St. Godrics School offered for: Sheila Purvis (Ints.)
	6.30pm	Tom Bradley (R.I.P)
Fri. 6th	1.30pm	Advent Reflection – In the Sisters House.
Sun. 8th	9.15am	Nancy & Eric Alderson (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Joseph Quinn (R.I.P) (L.D) & Margaret Maddison (R.I.P)

Feasts of the Week: Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier

Saturday: St. Ambrose

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday of Advent



Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Joseph's Saturdays Confessions Saturday 9.30-10am

SS. Peter & Paul Wednesday & Friday after Mass or before Mass Sunday

Sacred Heart & English Martyrs each Thursday evening 6.00-6.25pm

DATE	CHURCH	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MUSIC MINISTRY
23/11/19	St. Joseph's	Dee	Pamela A., Joan	Alan (Organ)
24/11/19	St. Peter & Paul	Margaret	Ernie	Maria
24/11/19	Sacred Heart & English Martyrs	Tess	John, Larry	Joan

Finance	St. Joseph's	St. Peter & Paul	Sacred Heart & English Martyrs
24/11/19	£458.44 Att. 104	£431.75 Att.78	£453.42 Att. 121
Clergy Training Fund	£300.20	£365.75	£243.02
Youth Sunday	£124.17	£148.90	£153.56