

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life: 3rd Sunday of Advent “The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me.” Like Isaiah in today’s first reading, could you be anointed to serve as a priest of God? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: 01207 299 012 or vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk

THORNLEY

Please remember in your prayers: Anne Vincent who sadly died last Saturday – May she rest in peace. We remember her family especially in our prayers at this sad & difficult time.

Funeral arrangements to follow.

Also HORDEN:

Please remember especially in your prayers: Peggy Smith (83) who sadly died last Monday. May she rest in peace. We remember her family especially in our prayers at this sad & difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: Requiem Mass at St. Joseph’s, Blackhall on Thursday 4th January at 10.00am followed by Burial in Horden.

End of Term School Christmas Masses:

St. Godric’s, Thornley: Tuesday 19th December at 1.30pm in School.

St. Mary’s, Wingate: Thursday 21st December at 2pm in School.

St. Joseph’s, Blackhall, Thursday 21st December at 9.15am in Church.

Candle lit Carol Service and festive refreshments: at SS Peter and St. Paul’s, Hutton Henry – this Sunday at 4.00p.m. All welcome!



BLACKHALL

Christmas Spirit Draw: Tickets cost £1 per strip and will be drawn near Christmas. Good luck!!

THORNLEY

Christmas Hamper Draw: Tickets cost £1 per strip – and will be drawn near Christmas. Good luck!!

Christmas Mass Times in our family of Parishes:

Christmas Eve:

St. Joseph’s, Blackhall. 5.30pm Christmas Carols followed by the First Mass of Christmas at 6.00pm.

Sacred Heart & English Martyrs: Thornley. 7.30pm Christmas Carols followed by the first Mass of Christmas at 8.00pm.

Christmas Morning:

St. Peter & St. Paul’s, Hutton Henry. 8.30am Christmas Morning Mass.

Sacred Heart & English Martyrs: Thornley. 9.15am Latin Mass.

St. Joseph’s Monthly Coffee Evenings:

Many thanks to all who support our Parish monthly coffee evenings. During 2023 – the coffee evenings have raised:

Jan. £225.50
Feb. £204.70
Mar. £212.20
Apr. £210.00
May £191.30
Jun. £215.00
July £226.50
Aug. 255.00
Sep. £200.00
Oct. £215.00
Nov. £229.50
Dec. £230.20
Total £2614.90



St. Mary’s school, Wingate: Thank you very much for all of the support for St Mary’s School Christmas Fayre. We raised £755. Thank you for all of the donations of raffle and tombola prizes and for all the raffle tickets that were purchased. There were several winners from church: Pink 26-30; Pink 181-185 and Pink 151-155 Prizes can be collected from Michael at Mass on Sunday and at the Carol Service on Sunday afternoon. Please see notice board for prize-winners.

...Paul ends his first letter to the Thessalonians with advice and a blessing. He speaks of rejoicing, of being happy at all times, he reminds us to pray for ourselves and for others constantly. He urges us to think before acting and hold on to everything that is good, to avoid evil. What a difference following Paul’s words would make in our troubled world if everyone would take this to heart and build a kingdom of love on earth. He ends with a very special blessing and a reminder to each of us, “God has called you and he will not fail you.” D. Frank

Our next Parish coffee evening is on Monday 8th January at 7pm-9pm in the Parish Rooms. Look forward to seeing you there!

**St. Joseph's, St. Peter & St. Paul's, Sacred Heart & English Martyrs
Parish Priest- Fr. Ian Jackson**

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Gaudete Sunday: The Third Sunday of Advent.

17th Dec. 2023

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL.

Sat. 16th Vigil	6.00pm	Mary Jordan (R.I.P) (L.D) Betty Bottomley (R.I.P) & People of the Parish
Mon. 18th (Private Mass)	9.15am	Ken Maughn & Mike Duffy (R.I.P)
Thurs. 21st	9.15am	Christine McMullen's (Ints.)
Sat. 23rd		No Morning Mass today.
Sat. Vigil	6.00pm	Paul Foster (R.I.P) & Mary Hird (R.I.P) & People of the Parish

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun. 17th	8.30am	Bill & Margaret Carter (R.I.P)
	4.00pm	Candle Lit Carol Service with Festive refreshments.
Wed. 20th	10.00am	Harry Jackson (R.I.P)
Fri. 22nd	10.00am	Alby Dougherty (Sick)
Sun. 24th	8.30am	William Smith (R.I.P)

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

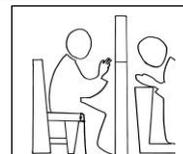
Sun. 17th	9.15am	Amanda Ashford's (Ints) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Tom Robinson (R.I.P) & Anne Phillips (R.I.P) & Tom & Laura Vasy (R.I.P)
Tues. 19th	9.15am	Doreen Brown (R.I.P)
Wed. 20th	10.00am	Hayley & Stephen Cooper & Fam. (Ints.) (Latin Mass)
Thurs. 21st	6.30pm	Frank & Eileen Waller (R.I.P) & Tom Bradley & Dcd. Fam. Ms.
Sun. 24th	09.15am	Joe & Tess (Ints.) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Kitty, Matt & Stephen O'Brien (R.I.P)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Blackhall: Saturdays at 10.00am. (**No Confessions Saturday 23rd**)

Hutton Henry: Fridays before and after morning Mass.

Thornley: Thursdays at 6.00pm.



Feasts of the Week.

Today we celebrate "Gaudete Sunday" – We rejoice as Christmas Draws near.

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Please note: Hospital chaplain: Fr Paul Tully, tel. 01388 818544/ 0191 3332183 - Please telephone the chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit. If you phone the hospital, please make sure they know the message is for the RC chaplain.

Today is Gaudete Sunday, it is a time of joy, a day to relax in the midst of this busy Advent season and to reflect on the Journey so far. If you have planned the journey well, the cards have all been written, distribution has begun, the presents are almost complete and the plan for Christmas Day has been agreed. Now is the time to prepare yourself for the coming of Christ; let earthly things fade, let the season take you on the sacred journey to Bethlehem and pray that all will be well, and all manner of things will be well. D. Frank