

HORDEN:

Please remember especially in your prayers: Peter Hunt (79) who sadly died on the 27th of December. May he rest in peace. We remember Madeline and Margaret and all the family especially in our prayers at this sad & difficult time.

Funeral arrangements: Fr. Ian will celebrate Peter's Requiem Mass on Friday 26th January at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Horden at 10.15am followed by Cremation in Sunderland at 11.30am.

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life: The Epiphany "The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage." The Wise Men followed the star to fall on their knees and do Jesus homage. Might God be calling you to do Jesus homage by serving him as a priest? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: 01207 299 012 or vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk

St. Joseph's Parish Coffee Evening: This coming Monday 8th January at 7pm-9pm in the Parish Rooms. Why not come and join us? All welcome!!

White Flower Appeal: Second Collection **Next Weekend** – to support the Society for the Protection of unborn children (SPUC). Many thanks for your continued generosity!!

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date: 16 January

HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date 16 January

Cleaner, St Anne, Darlington – part-time. Closing date 11 January

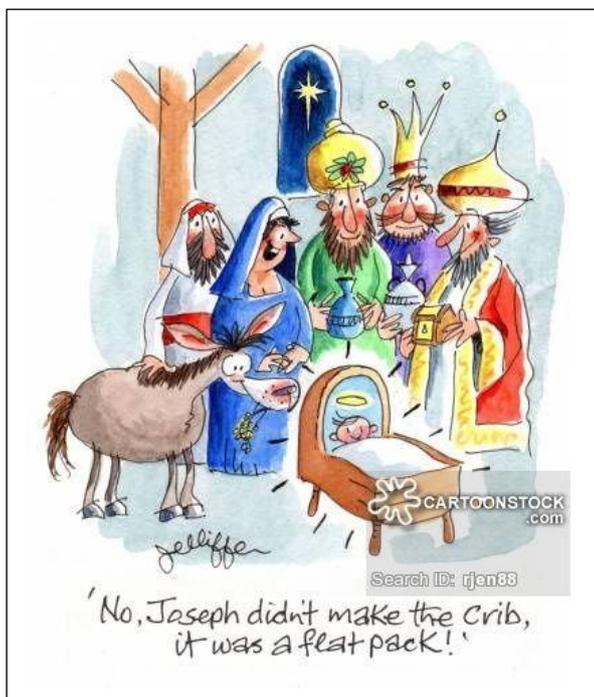
Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham – part-time. Closing date 18 January

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

HUTTON HENRY

Hutton Henry Red Mission Boxes- the recent collection from the Boxes raised £262.00. This has been banked. Thank you for your continued support Julie.

Reflection on readings: ...In our first reading Isaiah contrasts the darkness of sin and the light of Christ. He foresees a time when God will visit His people and bring the light of the glory of the Lord to shine upon them, the people who live in darkness. Isaiah's words are not just for the Jews but to the nations, the gentiles, pagans who have lived without the light of understanding but who will be brought into the family of God through the birth and sacrifice of Christ. He speaks of an assembly, coming to find the Christ, bringing with them Gold and Incense and singing the praise of the Lord.



Paul, who had a great understanding of the scriptures, speaks of a mystery that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit to the prophets and the apostles. This revelation is that Jesus came for all humanity, that we are all His body, and we inherit the same promise of eternal life.

The visit of the wise men to the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and the infant Jesus has great significance for us as, in spirit, the wise men represent all humanity and therefore this is our introduction, as gentiles, to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In Luke the shepherds represent the poor and downtrodden, the first to visit the babe, now it is our turn as we come to worship Christ. We must now carry the love and blessing of the birth of Christ into our future as we seek to serve the Lord of All. David Frank.

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The Epiphany of the Lord.

7th January 2024

ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL.

Sat. 6th Vigil	6.00pm	Norma Sargeant (R.I.P) & People of the Parish
Mon. 8th Jan (Private Mass)	9.15am	Fr. Michael Chambers (R.I.P)
Thurs. 11th	9.15am	Bridget & Noel Fox (R.I.P)
Sat. 13th	9.15am	Joan & Jack Collins (Ints.)
Sat. Vigil	6.00pm	Peter Brown (R.I.P) (1 st Anniv.) & Ann Murphy (R.I.P) (L.D)

ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.

Sun. 7th	8.30am	Charles & Sarah Magee (R.I.P) & Living & Dcd. Ms. Emerson Family & Anne Dolan (R.I.P)
Wed. 10th	10.00am	Arthur Vokes (R.I.P.)
Fri. 12th	10.00am	Special Intention (R.M.)
Sun. 14th	8.30am	William Smith (R.I.P) & People of the Parish

SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY

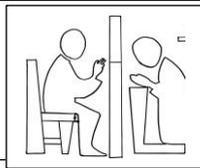
Sun. 7th	9.15am	Angela Morley & John Williams (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Jack & Betty Waller (R.I.P) & Dcd. Waller Family.
Tues. 9th	09.15am	Jean Scott (R.I.P) (L.D)
Wed. 10th	10.00am	Doreen Brown (R.I.P) (Latin Mass)
Thurs. 11th	6.30pm	Eileen Waller (R.I.P)
Sun. 14th	9.15am	Ruth Morse (R.I.P) (L.D.) (Latin Mass)
	11.00am	Jane Ann & Arthur Scott (R.I.P) & Thursa Smith (R.I.P)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Blackhall: Saturdays at 10.00am.

Hutton Henry: Fridays before & after morning Mass.

Thornley: Thursdays at 6.00pm.



Feasts of the Week.

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord - Which marks the end of the Christmas season.

Friday: St. Benet Biscop.

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday of the Year.

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.**

What is your New Year Resolution? There is still time to make yours. Pick up a good habit. Not something which is so enormous that it can only end in a feeling of disappointment and guilt, nor something that is not useful. Plus remember we are Catholic so beginning again is a core part of our lives. If you miss a day begin again



Epiphany Worship