

## **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

**2nd Sunday of Advent** “A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.” Could you be like John the Baptist and help prepare the way for the Lord in the lives of the people of our Diocese? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: 01207 299 012 or vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk

### **THORNLEY**

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

### **BLACKHALL**

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

### **St. Joseph’s Primary School Christmas Nativities** –

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm in Church.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am in Church.

### **ALL**

**Candle lit Carol Service and festive refreshments:** at SS Peter and St. Paul’s, Hutton Henry – next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00p.m. Why not come and join us as we draw near to Christmas. Festive

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Room after the Service. All welcome!

**Christmas candles:** This weekend is the last chance to purchase a Christmas Candle. The candles will be labelled and placed as close as possible in alphabetical order. They will be arranged at the front of the Church, which was requested on the form, in time for the Christmas Services.

They will be lit throughout Christmas and you can take them away at the end of the Christmas period.

A lovely way to remember a loved one!

### **End of Term School Christmas Masses:**

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

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

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

## **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.

**Holy Island SVP Camp:** Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2024? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island. They’ll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts.

Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week’s all-inclusive holiday costs a donation of £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you’re interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at: <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

Applications open from 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Christmas Concert at Little Sisters, Newcastle:** The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph’s Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor here in St Joseph’s Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph’s Home

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

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**The Second Sunday of Advent.**

10th December 2023

**ST. JOSEPH'S, BLACKHALL.**

Sat. 9th Vigil	6.00pm	Joan & Jack Foster (R.I.P) & Kathleen Troughton (R.I.P) Michael Gibson (R.I.P) & Moya Wood (R.I.P) (82nd Birthday)
Mon. 11th( Private Mass)	9.15am	Elizabeth Appleton Leeming (R.I.P)
Thurs. 14th	9.15am	Harry Anderson (R.I.P) & Lvg. & Dcd. Laing & Anderson Fams.
Sat. 16th	9.15am	O'Connor & Flannery Fams.
Sat. Vigil	6.00pm	Mary Jordan (R.I.P) (L.D) Betty Bottomley (R.I.P) & People of the Parish

**ST. PETER & PAUL, HUTTON HENRY.**

Sun. 10th	8.30am	Leo Taylor (R.I.P) & Hughie Teasdale (R.I.P) & People of the Parish
Wed. 13th	10.00am	Peter Devine (R.I.P)
Fri. 15th	10.00am	Brian Devine (R.I.P)
Sun. 17th	8.30am	Bill & Margaret Carter (R.I.P)
	4.00pm	Candle Lit Carol Service with Festive refreshments.

**SACRED HEART & ENGLISH MARTYRS, THORNLEY**

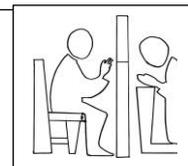
Sun. 10th	9.15am	Neil Murphy (R.I.P) ( <b>Latin Mass</b> )
	11.00am	John & Winifred Hart (R.I.P)
Tues. 12th	9.15am	Living & Dec. Ms. Scott Family
Wed. 13th	<b>10.00am</b>	George Coxon (R.I.P) (L.D) ( <b>Latin Mass</b> )
Thurs. 14th	6.30pm	Doreen Brown (R.I.P)
Sun. 17th	09.15am	Amanda Ashford's (Ints) ( <b>Latin Mass</b> )
	11.00am	Tom Robinson (R.I.P) & Anne Phillips (R.I.P) & Tom & Laura Vasy (R.I.P)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**Blackhall:** Saturdays at 10.00am.

**Hutton Henry:** Fridays before and after morning Mass.

**Thornley:** Thursdays at 6.00pm.



**Feasts of the Week.**

Wednesday: St. Lucy.

Thursday: St. John of The Cross.

**Next Sunday: Gaudete Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent—we rejoice as Christmas draws near.**

**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.**

...Advent never stands still; it rushes through the days not waiting for the unprepared. We are given this time to prepare, to make our hearts open, ready to hold the love of God and share it with all mankind. Do not delay, if you need to change do it now, for the time of the Lord is almost upon us.

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