



R.C. Parish of the Sacred Heart,  
North Gosforth.  
Bulletin:  
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**This Weekend: The 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Saturday 6.30 pm Dot Dowd  
Sunday 10.00 am Mike & Margaret Foley (S.P.)  
6.30 pm Parishioners

**Next Weekend: The 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Saturday 6.30 pm Lawrence Duffy  
Sunday 10.00 am Parishioners  
6.30 pm Caroline Downey

**Feasts & Mass Intentions during the Week**

Monday	Dec 10	Weekday of Advent	10.00 am	Coughlan, McKiernan & Boyd Families
Tuesday	Dec 11	<i>St Damasus</i>	10.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	Dec 12	<i>Our Lady of Guadeloupe</i>	10.00 am	Eileen Waters (Sick Person) D.E.
Thursday	Dec 13	St Lucy	10.00 am	Private Intention (J.R.)
Friday	Dec 14	St John of the Cross	10.00 am	Dot Dowd (M.R.)
Saturday	Dec 15	Weekday of Advent	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Mass for the Sick &amp; Housebound</b>

**Spiritual Programme** (These events take place in the day chapel.)

Monday - Friday: 10.30 am - 2.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (when there are ministers around to allow this).  
Thursday: 10.30 am - 11.30 am: "True Life in God" prayer group, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Saturday: 5:45 pm - 6:25 pm: **Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation).**

ROTAS	READERS			EUCH MIN	10am CHILDREN'S LIT	Rebecca + Melanie
THIS WEEK	1st READING	2nd READING	PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL		10am SERVERS' TEAM	Eva, Caitlin, Leo, Euan
6.30pm	P Talbot	M Taylor	J Turley	1	CHURCH CLEANING	
10:00 am	L Barton	H McAree	McTernan Family	2	COUNT	J Donnelly + P Hedley
6.30pm	D Newton	Alice Haighton	M Clifford	7	GREETERS	L Jackson + M Miller
Composer of the Prayer of the Faithful: J-T Rivas					TEA ROTA	L Turnbull + A Grey

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6.30pm	M Weston	D White	M Ramsay	1	CHURCH CLEANING	T Bannister / I Broady
10:00 am	M Gray	O.Dowden	A Pritchard	3	COUNT	P Wright + C Weddell
6:30 pm	C Craig	G Downey	K Gosling	7	GREETERS	P Fenning + M Young
Composer of the Prayer of the Faithful: J Shepherd					TEA ROTA	P Welch + A McNair

Please pray for those who are ill, and their carers:

**Please pray for the Dead:**  
**Recently Dead:**  
**Anniversaries:**  
Father Joe Travers Andrew Shields  
Dot Dowd David Bainbridge  
Dennis Welsh Letty Sanders  
Michael O'Hara  
  
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Irene Farnel	Jim
Fr Jim Doherty	Helen Causier
Michelle Wilkinson	Mark Bennett
Pat White	Natasha Rose
Margaret Custis	Marie McGinity
Fr. David Tanner	Dorothy Emmerson
Fr. Richard Harriott	Betty Alder
Terry Donnelly	Reg James
Nicola Gauld	Joan Smith
Michael Bowers (Sen)	Julie Yoeart
Susan Hope	Winifred Hope
Albert	Roger Gray
Danielle Borrett	Caroline Dixon
John Nilsson	Jayden Eccles
Daniel	David Llewellyn

**Congratulations!**  
Last weekend, we baptized into the Catholic Church  
**Eva Johnson**, of the Great Park. (Apologies: this  
note was omitted in error last week.)

**Thank You!**  
Last weekend: parish cash collection = £543.33.  
Thank you for your continuing generous support.

Lord, pour out the Spirit of your love on them.

NORTHUMBERLAND VICARIATE ;  
SEATON DELAVAL PARTNERSHIP:  
the parishes of Annitsford, Blyth, Cowpen,  
Cramlington, New Hartley, & North Gosforth.

**No Need to be alone on Christmas Day....**  
"Social Connections North East" are providing  
free 3-course traditional Christmas lunches, 12.00  
to 3pm, at the following North Tyneside venues:  
John Willie Sams Centre, Dudley;  
Wallsend Memorial Hall (town centre);  
St Aidan's Church Hall, North Shields;  
Oxford Street Church, Whitley Bay.  
Transport could be available. Phone Nicola Price  
for more info, on 07342-800269, or email:  
socialconnectionsnortheast@gmail.com.  
Also, lunch will be at Craghall in Jesmond, but  
booking is needed: 0191-284-6077, or email:  
craghall@wellbeingcare.co.uk.

**1st COMMUNION PREPARATIONS:  
IMPORTANT: CHANGE OF DATE -**

The next session was scheduled for Saturday  
February 2nd, 2019. Unfortunately, this clashes  
with the use of the hall already arranged by  
'POSH' for their pantomime. Instead, the session  
will be in the hall at 10.30am on Sat. Feb. 9th.

**FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER  
SPONSORS**

Thank you to our existing and new prayer  
sponsors. If you are on email you will have  
received a message from me with the name of the  
child that you are asked to pray for. For the  
technically challenged sponsors, there is a letter at  
the back of church with the name of the child you  
are going to pray for.

Thanks to all who are supporting our young  
parishioners with their prayers. *Ged Downey*

**"GIFT" : Growing In Faith Together**

Our Monday evening adult education group has  
now switched attention to Advent. We're using  
the diocesan meditation & prayer sheets to  
prepare for the following Sunday's liturgy. All  
welcome: **Presbytery, 7pm.**

**TALK + TEA - avoiding dark nights**

*Deacon John writes:* for those who prefer not to  
come out on the dark nights in winter, why not  
join us during an afternoon of tea/coffee and  
biscuits, with a chat about the Creed.

We are meeting in the church hall from  
Tuesday 11th December at 1.45 - 3.15.

If you want to know more, please contact me  
07469731784

**ADORATION**

Please consider taking a slot in the adoration rota which  
is at the back of the church.

**PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

The minutes of the last meeting are now on the website.  
Hard copies are available at the back of church.

**A PRAYER FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP:**

Risen Christ, from your abundant  
grace, pour out afresh your Holy Spirit  
upon our Diocese.

As we build on the deep foundations of  
faith, laid by the countless saints of  
our Northern lands - by Oswald, Aidan,  
Hilda, Cuthbert, Wilfrid and Bede,  
may our Seaton Delaval Partnership  
continue its mission to build your  
Kingdom on Earth. May we give living  
witness to the love, compassion and  
hope you offer to our world.

We pray in trustful confidence that  
your power, working in us, can do  
infinitely more than we can ask or  
imagine. Through Christ our Lord.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

**Sun, Dec 16: "Blue Christmas" service, St Paul's  
Cramlington at 4pm.** It's the story of Jesus' birth  
minus the "Xmas hype" - for those who can't face  
the razzamataz of Santas/sleighs/tinsel/etc.

**Mon, Dec 17: Candle-lit carols, etc, church, 7pm**

**Wed, Dec 19: St Oswald's Christmas production,**  
by Years 5 & 6, in the church at 7pm.

**Fri, Dec 21: St Oswald's whole-school Mass, 9am**

**Mon, Dec 24: Christmas Vigil Masses: 6pm+8pm.**

**Tue, Dec 25: Christmas Morning Mass: 10am.**

**DIOCESAN 'FAITH IN ACTION' AWARD**

**Recognising young people's contribution**

*Fr Jim writes:* The award's aim is to celebrate the  
contribution young people aged 10 - 16 make, in the  
religious life of a school, or in a parish. St Oswald's  
Year 6 have made a great start - with several children  
involved. I know that Sacred Heart High School also  
started their programme after half term for year 7  
upwards. We already have many in that age-range  
who read and serve (especially at 10am Mass) and  
I'll be happy to see that work recognised formally.

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO US...**

The security of faith does not make us motionless or  
close us off, but sends us forth to bear witness and  
dialogue with all people.

**CHURCH HEATING: UPDATE**

**(1) The overhead infra-red heaters.** These are  
about to be replaced by new ones, which will be as  
similar to the present ones as possible. Not cheap,  
but essential in a building of this size. **(2) The gas-  
fired hot-water radiators have been replaced, and  
we hope to have them working this weekend.** The  
firm came last Monday, and worked very well during  
the week. We were constrained by the listed building  
status of the church: the historic churches committee  
would not let us remove the wooden shelves along  
each wall of the church, and that forced us to use like  
-for-like heaters, whereas much taller ones would  
have been preferable. That said, the new ones should  
be more efficient. I'd like to thank Gerard Shepherd  
and Dave Lyn for their overseeing of this project.

**ANNUAL 'TOY' APPEAL**

John Donnelly recently mentioned this. We ask for  
new toys/clothes/books/toiletries/etc that would suit  
children of all ages. Also, cash donations that allow  
Joan Donnelly & Pat Hedley to buy stuff themselves.  
Everything is handed to the social services of the 3  
local authorities in our area. Most goes to women &  
children in emergency refuges over Christmas. Some  
goes to destitute families living at home. Every year,  
the parish receives grateful thanks from social work-  
ers who care for some of the most destitute people in  
our region. Thanking you in advance. *Fr Jim.*

**MASS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

This twice-yearly event takes place **next Saturday  
at 11am.** It's followed by the fish+chip lunch in the  
hall for those who can't get out, & for their drivers.

**CAPTAIN HOOK IN SPACE**

It's that time of year again! The  
POSH PANTO will be held in the  
church hall from 31st Jan-2nd Feb.  
Tickets adults £5 children £3, price  
includes a glass of wine. The show begins at 7pm on  
the Thursday and Friday evenings, 2pm and 7:30pm  
on Saturday 2nd. Tickets will be available soon.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

*Fr Jim writes:* We are collecting food (tinned/packet/NOT fresh  
or perishable) for use in Newcastle. Please place items in the  
large container in the sacristy. If you could remember this  
when shopping/ordering on-line, many will be helped.  
**They're desperate for sugar!**

**DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER**

See website; [communications@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:communications@rcdhn.org.uk)

**UNWANTED ROSARY BEADS**

The Sunderland branch of The Apostleship of the Sea are collecting old/  
unwanted rosary beads. These will be given to the seafarers who come  
into port. Eileen Bolton will collect them from the porch every Saturday

**SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

*Jo Shepherd writes:* Updated details of the parish safeguarding  
procedures can be seen on the parish website. There, you can  
also find a link to a short leaflet which outlines basic safety rules  
for working with children. Paper copies of the leaflet are also  
available at the back of church. More info? - Please contact me  
on 0191-285-8894, or at: [jo.a.shepherd@googlemail.com](mailto:jo.a.shepherd@googlemail.com).

**CHILDRENS LITURGY**



Following the  
recent meeting  
with Adelaide  
Emmerson, we  
have five more  
adult volunteers. If

you'd like to join them, contact either me, or Adelaide  
(07790-369843).

We welcome all ages, and the commitment will not be  
great - with so many helpers. Plenty of support will be  
available, if needed, from current members of the group.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS+CATHOLIC DIARIES**

...are on sale in the sacristy at the back of church. Each  
item is individually priced. Please leave the cash in the  
box marked 'piety stall items'. Thanks

**PARTNERSHIP ADVENT BULLETIN**

*Fr Jim writes:* this is available (free) at the back of  
church. Please take a copy per household. It has some  
excellent material about Advent, plus details of the  
Christmas services of all the churches in the partnership.

**LAST SUNDAY'S SCHOOL FAYRE**

*Fr Jim writes:* This took place in the parish hall, after  
the 10am Mass last Sunday. It went very well, and the  
PTA made about £1,000+ through the event. The  
money is much needed! Unfortunately, I couldn't go to  
it: I was suffering from the vomiting-bug that has  
affected many in this area. I managed to get through the  
10am Mass with a bit of difficulty (including an  
emergency rush to the sacristy during the readings...) and  
had to retire to the house straight afterwards.  
Thanks go:- to the PTA, who worked so hard, to those  
who gave materials for the stalls, & to those who went  
in and spent. A good time was had by all. *Fr Jim.*

**THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR (£3)**

...is on sale at the back of the church. Our diocesan  
yearbook, it's quite thick - with details of the parishes,  
churches, clergy, schools, etc - everything about the  
diocese you might need/want to know! Very good value

**DIOCESAN VACANCY**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following  
vacancy: Senior Administrator, Department for Safeguarding,  
based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. The successful  
candidate will be experienced in office management and general  
administration and will manage the full Disclosure and Barring  
Service (DBS) checking process. Closing date: 10 December.  
For further information and details of how to apply please visit  
our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301

**FR JIM'S TAILPIECE**

(1) An elderly man phoned his local hospital, to ask: "How is Mr Ratliffe on Ward 35?" After a delay, the operator put him through the staff-nurse on Ward 35. She said: "The test results were fine and the doctors are please with his progress. May I ask who's calling?" The man answered "Mr Ratliffe on Ward 35. No-one tells me anything." (2) A librarian was asleep, when her phone went. She answered it to an old man, who asked: "What time does the library open?" She replied: "Nine o'clock. And why are you phoning me at 3am?" The man sounded depressed: "Not till 9 o'clock?" The librarian, exasperated, said: "No, not till 9 o'clock. Why you want to be in before then?" The old man said: "I don't want to be in. I want to get out..."