



R.C. Parish of the Sacred Heart,  
North Gosforth.  
**Bulletin:**  
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**This Weekend: The 33rd Sunday of the Year**

Saturday 6.30 pm 50th Wedding Anniversary (M.C.)  
Sunday 10.00 am Deceased of Grace Family  
6.30 pm Parishioners

**Next Weekend: CHRIST THE KING**

Saturday 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving 50yrs (A.McK)  
Sunday 10.00 am Parishioners  
6.30 pm In Thanksgiving 50yrs (A.McK)

**Feasts & Mass Intentions during the Week**

|           |        |                                     |                 |  |
|-----------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Monday    | Nov 20 | <i>St Edmund</i>                    | 10.00 am        | Holy Souls   |
| Tuesday   | Nov 21 | Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary | 8.00 am         | Private Intention  |
| Wednesday | Nov 22 | St Cecilia                          | 10.00 am        | Birthday Memory (D.E.)                                       |
| Thursday  | Nov 23 | Weekday                             | 10.00 am        | Bob & Katie Miller   |
| Friday    | Nov 24 | Vietnamese Martyrs                  | <b>12.30 pm</b> | <b>REQUIEM: Lawrence Duffy (N0 10am Mass)</b>                |
| Saturday  | Nov 25 | <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>   | <b>9.30 am</b>  | Special Intention (U.B.) <i>(NB! Earlier time: NOT 10am)</i> |

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

Monday-Friday 11:00 - 2:00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - for specific times, see rota in porch.  
Thursday 10:30 - 11.30 am: *True Life in God* prayer group, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Saturday **5:45 - 6:25 pm: Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)**

| ROTAS   | READERS     |             |                        | EUCH<br>MIN | 10am CHILDREN'S LIT    | Angela + Adelaide                 |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>THIS WEEK</i>                                  | 1st READING | 2nd READING | PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL |             | 10am SERVERS' TEAM     | A: Millie,Leo,Thomas,Hannah, Ines |
| <b>6.30pm</b>                                     | D Lynn      | A McKeown   | C Brewis               | 1           | <b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> | M Clarke + E Hancock              |
| <b>10:00 am</b>                                   | F Nilsson   | I.Dowden    | Boyle Family           | 2           | <b>COUNT</b>           | J & J Donnelly                    |
| <b>6.30pm</b>                                     | C McGrady   | C Craig     | M Clifford             | 7           | <b>GREETERS</b>        | M Ramsay + A Cassar-Parnis        |
| COMPOSER OF THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: J-T Rivas |             |             |                        |             | <b>TEA ROTA</b>        | S Watson + P Lowery               |

| ROTAS  | READERS     |             |                        | EUCH<br>MIN | 10am CHILDREN'S LIT    | Liz + Ann                         |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>NEXT WEEK</i>                                   | 1st READING | 2nd READING | PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL |             | 10am SERVERS' TEAM     | B: Iris,Luke,Jessica,Ava,Jonathan |
| <b>6.30pm</b>                                      | A Rose      | M Taylor    | A Plant                | 1           | <b>CHURCH CLEANING</b> |                                   |
| <b>10:00 am</b>                                    | O.Dowden    | H McAree    | J Shepherd             | 3           | <b>COUNT</b>           | S Cunningham + J Turnbull         |
| <b>6:30 pm</b>                                     | A Haighton  | C Clifford  | Green Family           | 7           | <b>GREETERS</b>        | J Curry + M Jones                 |
| COMPOSER OF THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: G Shepherd |             |             |                        |             | <b>TEA ROTA</b>        | D Dowden + M Henman               |

**Please pray for the Dead:**

**Recently Dead:** Lawrence Duffy (100), of Woodlands Park. He died Nov. 5th. Requiem Mass will be here this Friday, 12.30 pm.

**Anniversaries:**  
Nicky Hyslop  
Stanislaw Wegrarz  
Katie Miller  
Joan Barnes  
Bob Ware  
Gerard Browne  
Sonja Deane

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

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

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Irene Farnel          | Michelle Wilkinson |
| Kathleen Larsen       | Frank Earl         |
| Pat White             | Marie McGinity     |
| Margaret Custis       | Dorothy Emmerson   |
| Fr. David Tanner      | Betty Alder        |
| Fr. Richard Harriott  | Reg James          |
| Terry Donnelly        | Joan Smith         |
| Nicola Gauld          | Julie Yoeart       |
| Karen McKeown         | Susan Hope         |
| Michael Bowers (Sen.) | Winifred Hope      |
| Albert                | Danielle Borrett   |
| Pauline McDonnell     | Roger Gray         |
| Hannah Nilsson        | Caroline Dixon     |
| Mattie Harvey         |                    |

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

**Congratulations!**

This weekend, there are no baptisms/weddings here.

**Thank You!**

Last weekend: parish cash collection = **£464.88**

*Thank you for your continuing generous support.*

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

Fr Jim writes:

**The spirituality network** (with 2 reps from all parishes + the clergy), met recently. Much was discussed, including the start of a mission statement to be adopted by the development group - about (a) what we want to achieve in this area, and (b) how we can make that happen in practice, given the nature of our parishes.

**Partnership Christmas Party: Friday Dec 8th, at the Benedictine Club, Cramlington...** for all ages: 7-9pm children's disco; 9-11pm: music from the '60's, '70's & '80's. From 9pm, there'll be a buffet from a shared table (so bring something to share). Ticket prices are deliberately low: Adults = £3; children = £1; from Kathryn Maggs (kjmagg40@gmail.com) or Jerry Laidler (jerry.laidler@sky.com).

### Partnership pilgrimage/holiday: Gozo (Malta), first week of September 2018.

At Manresa, a Jesuit retreat house.

Cost: €45/night for full board, plus flights.

If interested, please contact Deacon Rob Wareing - [rjwareing@btinternet.com](mailto:rjwareing@btinternet.com)

Details will be confirmed if there is sufficient interest from the Partnership. *Perhaps we'd like to try this as a group from Sacred Heart - at least it'll be warm!*

### POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO US...

God demands of us real courage, the courage to be moved more powerfully than evil, by loving everyone, even our enemies.

### FOOD COLLECTION

We are collecting food (tinned/packet/NOT fresh or perishable) for use in the west end of Newcastle. The need is getting worse. Many failed asylum-seekers come to the city; quite a lot of families can't cope, & use food banks. There is a large container in the sacristy near the day chapel for you to place any items inside. If you could remember this when out shopping, or ordering food online, many people will be grateful to you. Fr Jim.

**NEW COUNT-TEAM ROTAS NOW AVAILABLE - at the back of the church. Please take one.**

**DIOCESAN WEBSITE:** [news@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:news@rcdhn.org.uk).

Please see this for full info: much is happening!

**"WORLD DAY OF THE POOR":** This Sunday the Pope has asked for this special day, and he wants every 33rd Sunday of the Year (ie 2 weeks before Advent) from now on to be a day when RC churches & halls are open, especially for the poor & homeless. They are to be welcome, & offered hot food & drinks. Given the short notice about this, there isn't much we can do this year (especially with our out-of-town location), but we plan to offer something on 18.11.18. It's in the diary, and we'll work towards it. Fr Jim.

**St Cuthbert's Hi' School Christmas Extravaganza**  
This seasonal event takes place at the school on Sat Nov. 25th, 11am-2pm. There are the usual stalls, events and fun for this time of the year. If you'd like to run a table yourself (£12), please phone Ms Linda Forster, Head of Oswald House, & PTA treasurer, via the office no: 0191-274-4510.

**A PRAYER FOR THE NEW PARTNERSHIPS:**  
God of all Creation, you have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our diocese, and kindled here a light, which has spread throughout the world. Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself, to learn from you and to model their lives on you. Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world. Come upon us, Holy Spirit, deepen the faith you invite us to share, and inspire us to become faithful witnesses. As we begin to develop our partnerships, help each one of us... to use the gifts you give us; to nurture one another; to serve the world; and to live in harmony with the whole of Creation. All of this we ask, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Fr.Nov 24: St Oswald's Year 5 Mass, 9am.**

**Sat.Nov 25: 1st Communion session(3): hall, 10.30**

**Sun.Dec 10: St Oswald's Christmas Fayre, 11am, church hall.** This is their PTA's fund-raising event.

**Thu.Dec 14: Confirmations, 7pm, in our church.**

**Sat.Dec 16: Mass for the Sick, 11am, & hall lunch**

**Mon.Dec 18: Candlelit Carol Service, 7pm here**

**Tue.Dec 19: 'Blue Christmas' service, Blyth, 7pm.** (This is for those who dread the usual Christmas 'festivities', due to bereavement, loneliness, illness & other personal reasons.)

**Wed.Dec 20: St Oswald's Schl Xmas Prod'n, 7pm**

**Fr.Dec 22: St Oswald's term-end Mass, 9am.**

**Christmas Masses: On Sunday 24th: usual Vigils:**

**at 6pm** (folk group) **& at 8pm** (traditional music);

**On Monday 25th: Morning Mass at 10am.**

### CONFIRMATIONS

Preparation sessions start on Sunday afternoon 4pm-6:15pm. Open to all in Year 9 or above. Please meet in the hall.

### FIRST COMMUNIONS 2018

Fr Jim writes: The next session for the children will be next Sat. (25th), 10.30-11.45am. The Sunday 10am Mass (on the 26th) will have a special liturgy for the first Communion children, as well as the usual provision for the others. Then a break till Feb.

**1st Confessions: Thursday, March 15th, 7pm;**

**1st Communion: Saturday, June 16th, 10am.**

### CHARITY CLOTHING COLLECTIONS

Fr Jim writes: The collections in the side-door porch are in operation: Ged Downey is asking for all types of girls' clothing for families in the west end that are being helped by an Anglican priest and his family. Please leave them in labelled plastic bags. Please note: this is not toys/adult clothing.

### EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: LIVERPOOL, SEP 2018.

The event will be a weekend: Friday 7th - Sunday 9th, with talks, devotions & processions. Our partnership has been allocated 17 places. As it's a special event, I feel that either parish or partnership should subsidise those wishing to go. For more information about the event & timetable, go on line: [catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018](http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018). Anyone interested? Please see me. Fr Jim.

### PETITION IN SUPPORT OF POPE FRANCIS

A group of 100 German speaking theologians and bishops have started a petition in support of Pope Francis following accusations that he is allowing the spread of heresy. The latest petition, however, praises his "courageous and theologically sound papal leadership". If you would like to sign the petition in support of Pope Francis go to <https://www.pro-popefrancis.com/site/english>

### TRADECRAFT STALL

Sat/Sun 25th/26th November

There will be a range of products including favourite chocolates and cookies, Vegan products: chutney and cocoa bars. Palestinian dates, after dinner mints and, for that difficult Christmas gift, Elephant note books.

### CONCERT

VoiceMale choir returns with another Christmas Concert of songs, carols and Northumbrian Pipes music on Friday 15th Dec at 7:30 in the Church, followed by seasonal refreshments in the hall.

All tickets £5 (under 16 with family are free) Available from Michael Ratliff [michael.ratliff@gmail.com](mailto:michael.ratliff@gmail.com), 01912857243, 07905515613

### FR JIM'S TAILPIECE

The crowded plane was about to take off. A mum couldn't control her 5-year-old son, who was in a tantrum. He screamed, spat, kicked and stamped his feet in anger. The passengers & crew were fed up; the mother was at her wits' end. Then an elderly, kind-looking gentleman, wearing an RAF senior uniform, came to the boy. He leaned over the lad, showed the medals on his chest, and the various symbols of his rank. He whispered in the boy's ear for a minute. The boy was transformed. He cuddled into his mother, put the seatbelt on, and sat quietly. The passengers and crew broke into applause for the old gentleman. When the flight was in progress, an attendant went to the old man, to ask how he had calmed the boy. He replied: "I showed him my pilot's wings & war medals, and just said: *These allow me to throw one person off the plane once we're airborne...*

**"GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH": adult ed:**  
Flo Nilsson writes: Our "Gift" group resumes on Thursday, Nov 30th at 7pm in the presbytery. Our theme is "Be Prepared" - a diocesan series of reflections on the Advent readings for year B, which start on December 3rd. All are welcome. Refreshments available.

**GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS: Monday, 7pm**  
Taking a break till Monday 27th November..

### HEXHAM TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION, December 8th.

There is a poster in the porch about this: Fr Chris Warren organizes each year this procession through the streets of Hexham in honour of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. They meet at 7pm at the bandstand near the Abbey, for Rosary, then process to St Mary's RC Church, for Sermon and Benediction. Refreshments afterwards in the parish hall. I'm intending to go; I'll offer lifts to others. Anyone else aiming to go (& offer lifts?) Please put names on notice-board. Thanks. Fr Jim.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS IN THE HOSPITALS

Fr Andrew Shaw (main hospital chaplain) writes: When people are in hospital, they appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a Sunday. We are lucky to have two teams of committed volunteers. Sadly, recently some of them have had to stand down, through illness. If YOU are a Eucharistic Minister, would you like to join a rota to take Communion to those in hospital? Without such generosity, it will be something that people would sadly miss. If you'd care to help, please phone me on 0191-232-1892, or email [newcastle.standrew@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:newcastle.standrew@rcdhn.org.uk). Full training will be provided. Many thanks & God bless.

**"LEAD KINDLY LIGHT": our annual bereavement service**  
This will take place **this Monday at 7pm.** It's a very quiet, reflective service which lasts around 45 minutes - a good chance for us to remember our deceased friends and relatives. It uses music, silence, readings & prayers. All are welcome. Those who've lost relatives in the last year have been invited personally by letter by Fr Jim.

### RED MISSION BOX COLLECTION....

...will be at all Masses next weekend:- November 25th/26th.

### WE CELEBRATE YOUTH SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Fr Jim writes: Next weekend, the Church Year ends with Christ the King. It's also the day when all parishes try to get their young people more involved. Here, we are lucky: many high school (and older primary school) people already read & serve at Mass. Next weekend, the readings (+ a special statement) will be read out by them. In addition, all the churches in our Seaton Delaval Partnership will have young parishioners leading the appeal for food donations to the various food-banks and asylum-seekers' centres in the region. (Many other religious & charity groups try to help those in desperate need as winter comes.) Our young parishioners will lead the collection next weekend, and during Advent. In this parish, linked with this will be our annual "toy" appeal, which offers toys, clothes, hygiene & washing materials to those in emergency refuges & hostels over Christmas.

### LITTLE SISTERS' CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St Joseph's Home, Saturday 25th November, 1-4pm  
Tombola, bottles, cakes and much more!

### YCW + FSA past & present

In thanks giving for 80 years of YCW in the UK Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's High West St, Gateshead on Sat 2nd December at 3.30pm. After Mass there will be time to meet old friends over tea and biscuits. (Fred Elliott & Tricia Charlton)

### PARISH WEBSITE

After many years the current webmaster would like to retire. We're very grateful for all the work which she has done to establish & run the website. If there is anyone who would be interested in maintaining the parish website, please contact Fr. Jim