



## St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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**Sunday 29th November 2020**

We are entering the season of Advent. Advent is a time of waking from darkness to light, from hopelessness to hope, and from hatred to love. In the Gospel Jesus says, "Be Vigilant at all times and stay awake, because you do not know the day when your Master is coming." How can we be vigilant, stay awake, and be prepared? This is possible only through our prayers and penance and by sharing our blessings with others. Our every act of kindness and love and every act of self-sacrifice for others is a small step in welcoming Jesus into our midst.

If we use the days of Advent as an opportunity to reconcile with those who have hurt us, if we use Christmas as an opportunity to share our time with the less fortunate, if we look for ways to be more loving to others, especially those within our own homes and communities, then we will "be vigilant and stay awake" to welcome Jesus in our hearts and homes.

*We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation, let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again. More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen.*



This weekend is the first Sunday of Advent, reminding us that preparation should begin for Christmas. We pray that our preparation be a spiritual one and that our real joy is in celebrating the coming of Christ, our Saviour.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

As we come to the end of November, we pray that the Lord be merciful to all our departed and that He brings healing and consolation to their grieving loved ones.

**Lord, hear our prayer**


We pray for the nurses and doctors, surgeons and all who work in hospitals. We pray that your love, care and healing power may flow through them bringing health, new life, comfort and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**From Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December Masses will resume with a congregation.**

Please note that the Sacrament of Confession is available after Mass on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Church will be open for private prayer on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 9.15 – 10.00am and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 7.00pm – 7.45pm

<b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
29	Sunday		People of the Parishes
30	Monday <b>St Andrew</b>		Robert Parkinson <b>Mass with no congregation</b>
1	Tuesday		
2	Wednesday		
3	Thursday <b>St Francis Xavier</b>		
4	Friday	9.15am	Special Intention
5	Saturday	9.15am	John & Mollie Cawood Confessions after Mass
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
6	Sunday	9.00am	Sheila Walker
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		James Arthur Garbutt, Bob Stothard, Julie McAndrew <b>May they rest in peace. Amen</b>	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Agnes Borg, Malcolm Hall, John Butler, Joseph Hargan, Chris Marwood, Fred Davison,	
		Riska Okninski Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd. Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick	



**As we light the first candle we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by being open to seeing the light of Christ in others. Amen.**

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 3:16-17, 64:1, 3-8**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 13:33-37**



*Lord God, as you sent your Son, Jesus, into our world to be a light that shines in the darkness, give our Parish's Advent Wreath the power of everlasting light. May all people who look upon this symbol of Advent be encouraged to prepare their hearts for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let this holy season lead each of us to be Jesus' light in the midst of darkness. Amen*

**Father Nick Jennings is going to have a Prolife Holy Hour on Sunday 13th December at 4.30pm from Crook.** Please join in to pray for the unborn and respect for life. To see visit the Diocesan Website Live streaming Crook, on Facebook or Youtube.

**November is the month when we especially remember in our prayers those who have died.** It expresses our hope in the Resurrection and reminds us of our own need to grow in our love for Christ, in our faith in his Death and Resurrection for us and in our own hope of eternal life.

**This Sunday Deacon Mick will visit Durham Road Cemetery to bless the graves and pray the Rosary for all those buried there.**

Parishioners are invited to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary at home on Sunday for all friends and loved ones who have gone before us.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



## **ADVENT – Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Resources**

**Advent is when the Church re-sets the calendar of our remembering and celebrating the saving work of Christ. This Advent is more challenging due to the pandemic.** A set of resources have been created by Clergy and Laity from across the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese and are offered as a life-buoy, remedy and prayer book for the days ahead. Included in the resources are:

- ✚ **Daily video prayer reflections** compiled by the Youth Ministry Team and entitled 'Wait a minute it's Advent'. This resource is aimed at young people but I am sure will also appeal to a wider audience.
- ✚ **Weekly Advent packs** designed for those with and without the internet. With the hope that those with emails and internet might print them out and deliver them to their neighbours in paper form. These weekly packs include daily reflections on the readings alongside themed quotes from the Bible and Saints and an element of creativity for people stuck indoors. They will run through Advent and the Christmas Octave.
- ✚ **Weekly Advent videos** entitled "Advent in a Pandemic!" These four short Advent reflections are written with this year of disruption and fatigue in mind. They are aimed at parish volunteers, catechists and people looking for light in a darkened sky. (Available from Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November.)

**Additional Advent resources:** A document that signposts people to the many rich resources that are available online for Advent this year. These resources are available: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/prayeradventresources.php> or visit the Diocesan website: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

Also coming soon is an offering from the Diocesan Church Music Association. Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Advent.

**Mgr. Andrew Faley and the Faith & Mission team.**



**Advent Procession with Carols - This Saturday 28th November at 6.00pm . .** Durham Cathedral heralds the beginning of Advent with a service of lessons and carols, looking forward to celebrating both the birth of Jesus at Christmas and the coming of God's Kingdom.

This pre-recorded service will be broadcast on Durham Cathedral's Youtube and Facebook pages. There will be no public service in church at that time. During this processional service Choir and Clergy move eastwards through the cathedral, from darkness into light, proclaiming a message of hope echoed by the readings and liturgy.



**Come along with us on our 'Journey to the Manger' . . .** Do you remember back in July, when over one thousand from as far as Australia, 'walked' with us on our virtual pilgrimage to Holy Island? The virtual pilgrimage was one of the most humbling moments from our year at CAFOD here in the North East. We felt strength and solidarity knowing there were so many of you alongside us in prayer and reflection each day.



We would love for you to join us on another journey: our '**Journey to the Manger.**' **From 29th November** join us live every Sunday for some simple and peaceful prayer and reflection as we share our Advent journey together. We will gather around a candle and be gently led in a time of prayer. Everyone is welcome to join for a moment of calm at an increasingly busy time of year. No need for a computer camera or microphone or worrying about what to say. Just once you have registered you can come back to the link every Sunday of Advent and on Epiphany (Wednesday 6th January). **The prayer will start at 6pm and run for less than half an hour.**

**To register please visit** [cafodhexamnewcastle](https://www.cafodhexamnewcastle.org) and then scroll down the page.

**Pat Kennedy MPS has shared a Reflection:** '*Advent – A New Life*', which you can read on the Diocesan website.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November: Artificial Intelligence**  
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



**NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE:** We pray for all those who have died. May He who destroyed death and who wipes away every tear lead them into the radiance of His glorious resurrection.

## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

**Fr. Michael Hussey**  
**The Malone Family**  
**The Samuel and Hodgson Families.**  
**Hilda & Len Wheldon**  
**Frederick Brett Hardy**  
**Baby Sophia Hardy**  
**Olive and John D'Ambrosio**  
**May and Gerry Crolla**  
**Peter Flounders**  
**Leo & Irene Mulholland**  
**Bernadette Mulholland**  
**Harry & Elizabeth Joynes**  
**Jim Joynes**  
**Josie Willis**  
**Ellen Wood**  
**Maureen & Dora McWilliams**  
**Maureen Mills**  
**Clare & James McVeigh**  
**John & Audrey Gooding**  
**Edward & Eileen Lyons**  
**Richard Lyons**

**Sheila Walker**  
**Denis & Edith Casey**  
**Charlie & Mary Boyle**  
**Cath Rossinelli**  
**Alan Smith**  
**McGuinness Family**  
**Michael Flynn**  
**Maureen & Tom Mitchell**  
**Ian Mitchell**  
**Lydia & Bernard Garside**  
**Pam & Allen Currah**  
**Betty & Leon Glinkowski**  
**Douglas Thompson**  
**John Hughes**  
**Maurice & Ena Edwards**  
**Maureen Lucey**  
**Alan Taylor**  
**Margaret Bentley**  
**Kathleen Lumsden**  
**Christine Heal**  
**Geoff Fletcher**

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



## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

**Ann Harbron  
Stanley Emanuel Harbron  
James Patrick Burke  
Elsie Burke  
Harold Norris  
Ivy Povey  
Albert & Patricia Boyce  
Vivienne Boyce  
Clarice & Paul McCloskey  
Pam Walker  
Harold & Jeanie Wood  
George & Margaret Leishman  
Pearl Steward  
Archie Easton  
Poole Family  
Chapman Family  
Stephens Family  
Speight Family  
Josie Murphy  
Denise Ball  
Keane Family  
Wrigley Family  
McKenna Family  
Robert Love  
Mary & Ken Bolton  
Hanley Family  
Frederick Davis  
Margaret, Albert & Louisa Farnes  
Davis & Sweeney Family**

**Harvey Family  
Sankey Family  
McGee Family  
Wesson Family  
Wilson Family  
Jim Faley  
Edward & Isabella Welsh & Family  
All Welsh Family & Partners  
Geoffrey Moore & Friend Bernard  
Thomas & Rita Cooper  
Rev Fr Denis Kennedy  
Rev Fr James Hughes  
Rev Fr Lawrence Thompson  
Norman & Mabel Brown  
Desmond Stephenson  
Guy, Bella & Brian Million  
George Williams  
Ron Bailey  
David Murray Forster  
John & Mollie Cawood  
Florence Brannen  
Members of Dorian Singers  
John & Maureen Dowd  
Lindo Family  
Carter Family  
Michael Nertney  
Dave Mazey  
Christine Everett  
Mary Rumack**

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John Brydon  
Sr. Lucy Brydon  
Brydon Family  
McAllister Family  
Wright Family  
Joan Kent  
Anthony Ward  
Ward Family  
Wicks Family  
Bird Family  
Love Family  
Mary Igoe  
Burke Family  
Machin Family  
Moir Mitchell  
Barbara Jones  
Carolyn & Barry Hughes  
Peter Shaw  
John Robinson  
John & Jane Gibbins  
Eddie & Joan Southgate  
Joe & Edna Nugent  
Jim & Ann Foy  
Fred & Ann Yale  
Sabina Lynchehaun

Jack & Fay Buglass  
Colin & Monica Cole  
Joe Gallagher  
Maud & George Porter  
Kenneth Smith  
Win & Len Caustin  
Mott Family  
Doris & Fred Matthews  
Kathleen Callaghan  
Mary Gallnor  
Fenwick Family  
Wrigley Family  
Ken Sykes  
Mary Sykes  
Barrington Stephens  
Daisy Love  
George Love  
Thomas O'Connell  
John & Winifred Early  
Bill & Eva Hall  
Mary Dudley  
Alan Hall  
Amy & Joe Shaw  
Ken & Jean Stokes  
Purvis Family

**We remember those who have died and have  
nobody to pray for them**

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**THANK YOU** to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

**Please forward any prayers**, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and I will include them on the bulletin. Thank you.

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