

Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
A Parish of the Finchale Partnership



Parish Diary

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Week beginning 27th November 2021

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
Saturday 27th November	(Vigil) 1st Sunday of Advent	4-4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00pm Holy Mass Lena McAninly (nee Curran)
Sunday 28th November	1st Sunday of Advent	
Monday 29th November	Monday of 1st Week of Advent	
Tuesday 30th November	St Andrew, Apostle—Feast	
Wednesday 1st December	Wednesday of 1st Week of Advent	6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30pm Holy Mass Special Intention
Thursday 2nd December	Thursday of 1st Week of Advent	9:30am Holy Mass Arthur and Camilla Crooks
Friday 3rd December	St Francis Xavier, Priest—Memorial	First Friday 9:30am Mass Nancy and Wilf Embleton
Saturday 4th December	(Vigil) 2nd Sunday of Advent	4-4:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00pm Holy Mass Pat Harrison

Our Prayers

The sick of the Parish: Wilf Lavery; David Middleton; Margaret Pouton; Sylvia Kelly; Rose Crick; Thomas Taylorson and Madge McGough and Doreen Carroll. Through our prayers may the healing presence of Christ be with them at this time.

Recently Deceased: Lena McAninly (nee Curran) May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Please remember her brother Harry in your prayers

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Mary Patterson; Joan Moran; Arthur Crooks and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest, in peace and rise in Glory.

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Parish Surgery this Week

Friday 3rd December 4-5pm

Parish Life

Parish Pastoral Council
Chair—Greg Mearman

Finance Committee
Chair—Philip Solan
Treasurer—Carol Bainbridge

Safeguarding
Doreen Jackson

Bulletin Team

Items for the Bulletin should be submitted prior to 12noon on a Thursday by email: stpatricksparishbulletin@gmail.com

Weekly Collection 20th November

Loose Plate	£154	Standing Order	£9
Gift Aid Envelopes	£30	Gift Aid Standing Order	£108

Second Collection—Clergy Training Fund £107.10
Second Collection—Catholic Youth Service £15.30

**Thank you for your generosity in
contributing to the needs of our
Parish and the wider Church**

Latest News...

Parish Surgery: As it is very difficult to attend to the many requests on a Saturday evening after Mass, there will be a Parish Surgery. An allotted hour when Canon Paul will be available, in the Presbytery to attend to any enquiries that you might have.

Our Church Needs Your Help: We have a beautiful Church which needs to look it's best for Christmas. Please put your name on the list at the back of church and join us on **4th December** at 10am for the Christmas clean up. More people will mean the job will be done in an hour. Refreshments are provided when finished.

Liturgy Rota: **27th November** Anne Davies and Helen Riddles; **4th December** Maria Griffiths and Joanne Lidster.

Readers Rota: **27th November** Greg Mearman and Pauline Burnside; **4th December** Malcolm Wass and Stella Foody

Sunday Obligation: It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent. At their Plenary Meeting the Bishops' of England and Wales made a statement—Honouring Sunday—[Bishops' Statement: Honouring Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

Grand Xmas Raffle: St Patrick's Church is holding a Christmas Raffle this year, with all proceeds going to Parish Funds. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 11th December 2021 when we hope to hold a small event after Mass. Raffle tickets will go on sale from tonight and can be purchased from Carol Proudlock. Tickets are £1 per strip and will be available after Saturday evening masses. We would be most grateful for any prizes you may wish to donate. All Donations can be given to Carol or placed in the labelled box, which you will find in the Baptistry.



Christmas Baubles: Once again you can remember your loved ones and help the flower team, led by Tamsyn, to raise some much-needed money for the church flower fund. From this weekend the baubles will go on sale for £1 each and labels are provided for your messages. The baubles will be placed on the Sanctuary Christmas Tree for Christmas. Donations are always gratefully received through the wooden box at the back of church. Please help to decorate our beautiful church throughout the year. Thank You.

Christmas Mass Times:

24th December 5pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

25th December 10am Christmas Mass

26th December 1030am Sunday Mass - Feast of the Holy Family



Quote of the week:

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."
Desmond Tutu

Pope Francis' Mission Statement for December: We prayer that catechists who are called to proclaim God's Word, may be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be its courageous and creative witnesses.

" Catechists walk from and with Christ."

A.P.F. / St. Joseph's Mill Hill Missionaries:

Dec. Quarterly Contributions - Would our faithful contributors please empty the contents of your Red Mission Box into the Brown Envelope your collector gave you and return it in person to Marion Morris, or Michael or Stella Foody who will be at Mass. (One of us will always be there to receive your monetary gift for the Foreign Missions.) Many thanks.

Missio:

(a) During the Season of Advent each Friday, beginning on the 26th November @ 10.30 a.m. there will be Reflections for Advent. Go to [Missio.org.uk](#) to find out how to join the group.

(b) There are craft activities for children to do during Advent. (Peace paper chain, Joyful angels, Christmas Stocking, cards, wreathes etc) Go to mission [together.org.uk](#)

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Our Lady Immaculate & St Cuthbert, Crook - Cleaner – permanent, 6 hours per week

St Anne, Darlington - Cleaner – permanent, 3 hours per week.

Closing date for applications – 3 December. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website <https://diocesehn.org.uk> or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Diocesan Advent Sycamore Course: Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome. The first of these courses will take place on the four Sundays during Advent at 4 pm, starting on Sunday 28th November. [The online sessions will be:](#)

First Sunday of Advent - The Search for Happiness

Second Sunday of Advent - A God who speaks

Third Sunday of Advent - The Bible

Fourth Sunday of Advent - The Power of Prayer

To book please email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

Synod Parish Meeting: That we might gather our parish contribution to the Synod, a meeting will be held after evening mass on Monday 6th December 2021. A paper is available from the back of the Church to help prepare, in spirit of prayer, for the meeting. If you are unable to attend but wish to contribute please email your reflections to the parish office.

Prayer For The SYNOD. We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With you alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THIS SUNDAYS READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR C

First Reading

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David

Jeremiah 33:14-16 ©

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called:

The-Lord-our-integrity.’....

Responsorial Psalm: To you O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second Reading **May you be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 ©

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus....

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia! ...

Gospel Reading

That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap

Luke 21:25-28,34-36 ©

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

Gospel Reflection: The first Sunday gospel of the year (and the liturgical year begins in Advent) is also in a way the last gospel of the previous year. It comes at the end of Jesus’s ministry, when he is preparing his disciples for their own ministry - in succession to him. Jesus is speaking to them on the Mount of Olives, looking down on the white city of Jerusalem, glittering in the sunshine. The city is soon to be destroyed by the Romans, with dreadful horrors of famine, massacre, burnings and executions. This is seen as a foretaste of the end of the world when Jesus, the Son of Man, comes to save his people. We do not know when this will happen, and, more importantly, when it will happen for us, when we will meet the Son of Man and be judged and saved by him. But our Christian faith is a guarantee that it will be a moment of God’s mercy, whenever it occurs. We must look forward to it, and have it ever present before our mind. But we would be fooling ourselves if we think that there are no struggles and trials and hardships to be undergone on the way. Why is the passage appointed for the first Sunday of Advent, the turning-point between the years? Because the birth of Jesus at Christmas, for which we are beginning to prepare, is a significant move towards the fulfilment of the promises of salvation, the coming of Christ as a baby – with all the budding potential of a baby. **What does Jesus really mean by these prophecies of catastrophic turmoil in the universe? How does Jesus want us to face turmoil and troubles in life?**
Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB ...

School News

Collective Worship

This week, we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. We listened to the story describing how Pontius Pilate questioned Jesus about his kingship. Jesus explained that his kingdom was not of this world. We thought about the sacrifice Jesus made for us, and how he taught us how to belong to his kingdom in heaven, by sharing his love with others.

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week, pupils engaged in a variety of activities to mark Anti-Bullying Week. Our infant playground was covered with kind words, which the children had chalked throughout the day.

Kids Corner

Holy Island Vinnie Camp 2022: Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers and in order to go ahead successfully in 2022 we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff who would be able to carry out a cleaning role. The work is tiring but also fun (you would be joining an established and very welcoming team) and the young people benefit enormously from a traditional seaside type holiday. The commitment can be for as little as three days a year in Term Time or more if you are able to help on multiple weeks or through the Summer Holidays. All helpers will be required to obtain a free Diocesan DBS check and some training. If you are interested, please visit our website <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

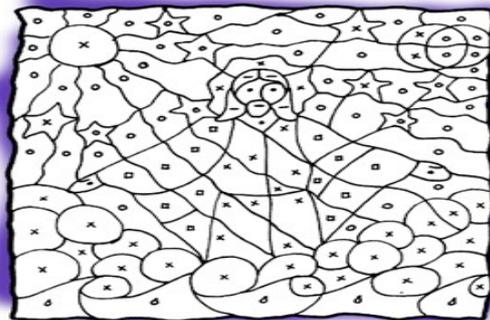


Answer to Immaculate Conception Word Find: HAIL MARY

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The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent
November 28th, 2021



Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

- × white
- black
- ◊ blue
- ◻ red
- skin colour
- brown

Saint Francis Xavier December 3

FRANCIS WAS BORN IN XAVIER CASTLE IN SPAIN IN 1506. HE HAD A HAPPY CHILDHOOD.

IGNATIUS PERSUADED HIM TO JOIN THE ORDER.

IN INDIA HE TAUGHT THE FAITH, ESPECIALLY TO THE CHILDREN. God loved us so much...

AFTER WORKING IN THE HOSPITALS, FRANCIS WAS SENT TO THE FAR EAST.

HE ALSO WORKED IN JAPAN, BUT JUST AS HE WAS MAKING A TRIP TO CHINA HE FELL ILL. HE WAS TAKEN ONTO AN ISLAND AND DIED THERE AT AGE 46.

ST. FRANCIS WOULD BAPTIZE PEOPLE UNTIL HE WAS EXHAUSTED AND COULDN'T EVEN HOLD UP HIS ARM!

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER ONLY WORKED AS A MISSIONARY FOR TEN YEARS, BUT HE BROUGHT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO THE FAITH! HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF MISSIONARIES. YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT FRANCIS THAT GOD WILL HELP BRING MANY PEOPLE TO THE CHURCH WITH YOUR HELP TOO!

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The Second Coming Word Puzzle

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Fill in the missing letters from today's first reading and copy them to finish the last line.

The days are c__ming (5), says __he (14)

Lo__d, (10) when I will f__llfill (9) the p__mise (6) I made to the __ouse (2) of Israel and Judah. In tho__e (13) days, in that tim__, (3) I will raise up for __avid (7) a just shoot; he shall d__ (8) what is right and jus__ (1) in the __and.(4) In those days __udah (11) shall be safe and Jer__salem (12) shall dw__ll (17) secure; th__s (15) is what they shall __all (16) her:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15 16 17

