

Third Sunday of Advent 11th December - 2016

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*Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?
Matthew 11:2-11*



MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS - 11th-18th December 2016

Date	Feast	Time	Intention
Sun 11th Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent	10.30am	ILM Joe & Mary Clark {E.C.}
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 12 th Dec	Our Lady of Guadeloupe	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tue 13 th Dec	St. Lucy	10.00am	Austin Flynn
Wed 14 th Dec	St. John of the Cross	12.30pm	Father Corbett
Thur 15 th Dec		10.00am	Anne Sheridan
Fri 16 th Dec		10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Sat 17 th Dec		10.00am	Dec. Members of Walsingham Group
Sun 18th Dec	4th Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Allan Thompson; Paddy & Peggy Conaty
		5.30pm	People of the Parish

Confessions after Saturday morning Mass {10.45am}

Children's Liturgy during Morning Mass on Sunday

Chapel Times of Adoration: Monday 9.00am-3.00pm; Tuesday 8.00am-3.00pm

Welcomers

11th Dec; Rose-Elaine; Elsie
18th Dec; Rose-Elaine; Ann

Mass Readers

11th Dec

10.30am Brian Conder

18th Dec

10.30am Michael Donnelly

Church Cleaners

Two weeks commence 4th Dec
Group {E}
Karen Clark; Elaine Clark;

Sanctuary Candle: 11th – 17th Dec

Church: Mary Cooper
ILM Jean Hood

Chapel:

Sanctuary Candle: 18th – 24th Dec

Church: Joan Stephenson
ILM Mark Watson

Chapel: Karen Clark

ILM Morris, Duckworth & Temple
Families

Communion Ministers

11th Dec

10.30am Pat Elliott; Kathleen Kelly;
Margaret Davidson;

5.30am Margaret Wright

18th Dec

10.30am Pat Thompson; Alan Archer;
Jack Ferrer;

5.30pm Charlie Rafferty;

200 Club Week Winner Wk 48 No 23/137

4th Dec. Offertory Coll'n £233.79

Next Sunday: 1st Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 1:1-7

Gospel from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:18-24

KEVIN BAYNE: It was with heavy hearts that we heard the news that Kevin had been taken to heaven. Our deep thoughts and prayers are with his grieving and distraught family at this very sad time. After the funeral we will have a special Mass for the repose of his soul on a date suitable for his family. RIP

LADIES' GUILD: 12th Dec. Closing night prior to Christmas; Bran Tub, etc.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate towards the Christmas Flowers, please see either Elsie or Debbie. Thank you.

HEATING IN HALL: If the hall requires heating for whatever reason, it would be greatly appreciated if those responsible double-check that the radiators have been turned off before leaving the building. Thank you for your co-operation.

PARISH/SCHOOLCHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: A joint Christmas Carol Service with St. Anne's school will take place on Monday 12th December at 6.00pm in St. Anne's Church. Please come along and bring your friends and family to support the children of our school and our parish.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES: Christmas Eve {24th December} **5.30pm:** Solemn Chief Christmas Mass; **Christmas Day** {25th December} **10.00am.** Please note carols will punctuate the Christmas Eve Mass at 5.30pm. **Please note there will be no Evening Mass on Christmas Day.**

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2017: The weekend of 5th-7th May is yet to be confirmed from Elmham House. There are only 37 places allocated to us. Anyone seriously wanting to go, there is a list at the back of Church. When confirmation is given from Walsingham, a deposit of £22.00 (**non-refundable**) will be required so we can proceed with the booking (this is an Elmham House stipulation. The approximate cost of the weekend will be £135.00. Pat Watson.

PRAYER GROUP will meet again this Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm in the Chapel. All who strive for deep prayer are welcome to come along. Have a laugh!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The children preparing for their First Holy Communion received the Sacrament of reconciliation for the first time last Saturday. Thank you all for your help. Please pray for the children and their families.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The next session for the young people preparing for the Sacrament of confirmation will be held this evening Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall, Low Fell. Please pray for the young people preparing for Confirmation and their families.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: Our Journey in Faith Programme will meet again after Christmas, on Wednesday 4th January in St. Anne's Church at 6.30pm. We would greatly appreciate more newcomers and once again we are appealing for two parish volunteers each Wednesday to assist us in providing light refreshments as there was a poor response to our initial plea. Please also continue to pray for all those taking part in the programme and for their families.

CHAPEL ADORATION: Please note the Chapel will close from Tuesday 13th December and will re-open for Adoration on January 9th 2017.

SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICES: St. Anne's School are holding Advent Services as follows: 9th December at 2.30pm; Years 2 & 3; 16th December at 9.30am; Whole School. These will be held in the School Hall. We hope that as many as possible will come along to support the children and the School.

DEANERY CONFESSION SERVICE: Father K. appreciates that Confession has gone off the radar of Catholic life. We are all the poorer as a result, as in sin, however small, weakens God's work and Church. No-one can really grow in God's love without confession and the Christian humility that is needed. So please consider attending the Sacrament of Confession for Christmas. Confessions are available every Saturday morning after 10.00am Mass. For Christmas there will be a Confessional Service at St. Augustine's Church, Leam Lane, on Wednesday 21st December at 7.00pm. We hope you will make a special effort to attend.

GATESHEAD FOOD BANK: Thank you to everyone for your wonderful generosity. A total of 135 kg (21 st) of food was donated from both the parish and the school plus £75 in cash donations. If you had forgotten your contribution last week, there is another chance to contribute to the collection today.

ADVENT ALMS APPEAL: St.Cuthbert Care's two Catholic nursing homes provide invaluable peace of mind often to older people with no family and minimal income. Combined efforts from parishes to date have raised just over £17,000 towards their Hardship Fund and your ongoing support is immensely appreciated. If you would like to find out more about their work or wish to volunteer, please contact Nicola Milne on 0191 242 48709 or email Nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk. For further details please see poster at back of church. Thank you for your generosity and support.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL: Very many thanks to the Social Committee and everyone who helped to make this night such a great success.

HALL BOOKINGS can be made by telephoning Margaret 0191 487 8504, 487 5241, 482 2044
CHOIR PRACTICE is at 7.00pm every Monday and new members are always made most welcome.
THE LADIES GUILD meet every Monday 8.00pm. New members are most welcome.
S.V.P. meet every Sunday morning before Mass (9.45am). New members are always made most welcome
THE LEGION OF MARY meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm in St. Oswald's.
SARDINES AND RICE COLLECTIONS on the first Sunday of each month, Thank you for your generosity.
HALL ACTIVITIES Mon 1.45pm 'Keep Fit'