

**ST WILLIAM & FRANCIS de SALES,
BARTON STREET, DARLINGTON DL1 2NL**

Parish Priest; Fr Greg Price. 01325 257681

(resides at St Teresa's Presbytery)

Part of the Cluster of Parishes in Darlington.

Hospital Chaplain. Rev Dc Jurgen Muller 743029

*Please ask Ward Sister to contact a Priest if needed in an emergency
in any Hospital you or your family are admitted to.*

6th December 2015

2nd Sunday of

ADVENT

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Please remember in your prayers, priests and religious of our Diocese, Fr Michael Corbett who is very poorly, and parishioners and family who are struggling with health problems at this time. These include, Kath White, Joan Haig, Anne McLoughlin, Terence Coleman, we remember those who look after them, and pray that those recovering from illness continue to improve.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter McGee, Maurice Dixon, Kathleen Williams (Blakeborough)
Michael Plumb, Nancy Young, Brian Sadler, Phoebe Hunter,
Frank Anderson, Teresa Cox, Dennis Hopkins, Dot Mulholland, Norman Liddle, Tommy Errington, Josie Coleman.

100 CLUB December money due next weekend 13th please
£15(23) J. Haig. £10 (25) B. Marshall. £5 (66) Brother Robert

Income last week; £168.30 Papers; £5.30
If anyone would like to join the gift aid scheme or consider paying your offertory donation by Direct Debit Please see Dave Lye for details.
Thank you to those who have offered to become counting teams. You will be called upon at some time.

At this time of the year there are many requests for your money, but please remember it is up to YOU which ones you support. You are not expected to give to all of them.

ADVENT ALMS will go to St Cuthbert's Care. Envelopes are available and the box on the wall as you leave church will also be for that. It helps support the 5p bus that distributes warm clothing, bedding, new toys and food parcels to hundreds of needy families throughout the Diocese.

There will be a collection for this next week.

Our Colourful **Carol Service** will be on Sunday 20th December at 4pm.

Our Annual **Boxing Day Quiz** will take place on Saturday 26th December at 7.30pm with a shared table.

CANDLES AT CHRISTMAS - There will be candles around church over Christmas. If you would like to 'sponsor' one for family or a loved one please write details on list provided and a box for donations to St Teresa's Hospice will be available nearer Christmas. Anne

DONATIONS for Christmas Flowers can be given to Maureen Johnston please. Thank you.

Kath White would like to thank all of you for your prayers, good wishes, cards and flowers during her recent illness. She is now on the slow road to recovery and hope it won't be long before she is back with you again.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Mini Vinnies who serenaded us with their special song last week. **WELL DONE**

Glory be to the Father - in whom we live and move and have our being.

Glory be to the Son whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples;

to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit - pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us.

Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to change and to move forward together in hope.

There are some prayer cards available on the table.

**Sunday
Monday**

**6th
7th**

**9am
9.30**

Kath White
The Parish

**Wednesday
Sunday
Monday**

**9th
13th
14th**

**4-5
9am
9.30**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
The Parish
Norman Liddle

Today

Reader; A.Gell
Offertory; Liturgy Children
Euch. Mins; D.Cooper, M.Blakeborough
Coffee; Martha / Maria
Counters; as arranged

December 13th

P. Henderson
Liturgy Children
R. Hogg, M. Chisman
Johnston Family
as arranged

Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent
Each week we light another candle. Advent is about waiting for the Messiah. Not wasting time, but expectant waiting.
Advent waiting is an invitation to grow, to ponder, to reflect and to be grateful. It's not instant. It's mellow. And it's rewarding.



*Penitential Service takes place on
15th December 7pm in Holy Family
Church. A good preparation for Christmas.*

The Cycle of Prayer

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions; Openness to the Word of God;
Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

Parish Secretary; The parish of St Wilfred and St Mary, Bishop Auckland requires a part-time secretary to support with parish administration. The post-holder will be experienced in general office and administration duties, and have excellent and up-to-date I.T. skills. 16hours per week. For more information and application form please contact Kathleen Nugent, 0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk
Closing date 9 Dec.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - tickets in books of 5 strips will be on sale @ £1 per strip. Please take a book from Margaret this week. Draw will take place at the Carol Service.

It is that time of the year again, when people seem to come in and do various jobs without us seeing them.

Thanks to all involved in getting the church ready for the Richardson Singers Concert, and to those who supported it..

And to those who have put up the tree and decorated it. **THANK YOU**



Joy of the Gospel - We can all become people of God's Word by taking it to heart, applying it in our daily lives and equipping ourselves to serve God by what He says through it.

If you are interested in joining together in a Bible Reading Programme, done at home, please contact Anne Albesson 01325 268468 Initial meeting is on December 3rd 7pm for 7.30pm at her house.

YEAR OF MERCY begins on December 8th - 20 November 2016

Bishop Seamus will launch the year with various events at St Mary's Cathedral. Please see poster for details.

OPENING THE DOOR OF MERCY

An Advent Morning of Reflection for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Led by Katherine Turner Head of Department of Spirituality.

Saturday 12th December 10am—1pm in St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre. (refreshments from 9.30am) For more information or to book please telephone 0191 243 3302 or email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk