

**ST WILLIAM & FRANCIS de SALES,
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(resides at St Teresa's Presbytery)

Part of the Cluster of Parishes in Darlington.

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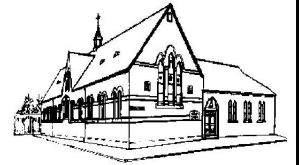
*Please ask Ward Sister to contact a Priest if needed in an emergency
in any Hospital you or your family are admitted to.*

13th December 2015

3rd Sunday of

ADVENT

Year C



Please remember in your prayers, priests and religious of our Diocese, Parishioners and family who are struggling with health problems at this time. These include, Kath White, Joan Haig, Anne McLoughlin, Terence Coleman, we also 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.
RIP Fr Michael Corbett who died peacefully on Wednesday.

100 CLUB December money due today please

An extra draw of £50 will take place on Sunday 20th Dec.
£15 (38)B.Shields £10 (12)K.Turner £5 (79) J. Miles
Income last week; Offertory £194.26. YMT £45
Papers £17.30 Piety £232.10

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 today.

THIS TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER

There is a Penitential Service 7pm in Holy Family Church.
This is a good preparation for the Christmas.

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.

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

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.

Celebration of first reconciliation for St Bede's children who are preparing for their 1st Communion will be on Thursday 4th February 2016 6pm in St Thomas' Church.

Please keep checking the notice boards for events going on in the Diocese. Holy Island SVP Camp are looking for helpers in their Kitchens for next year. Events at the Cathedral are also mentioned - often too many to put on the bulletin.

Parish is well represented in the December copy of the Northern Cross.

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**

**13th
14th**

**9am
9.30**

The Parish
Norman Liddle

**Wednesday
Sunday
Monday**

**16th
20th
21st**

**4-5
9am
9.30**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Margaret & James Clitheroe
Parish

Today

Reader; P. Henderson
Offertory; Liturgy Children
Euch. Mins; R. Hogg, M. Chisman
Coffee; Johnston Family
Counters; as arranged

December 20th

**R. Hogg
Liturgy Children
R. Rochester, D. Lye
Lye Family
as arranged**

**Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of
Advent and light the pink 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.



December 25th Christmas Day;

Reader; Margaret Loughlin. Offertory; as arranged.
Eucharistic Ministers; P. Henderson, J. Lye

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.

CREDIT UNION I will collect today but no collection 20th and 27th December. If you do want to make a payment or withdrawal you can call in their office on the corner near TKMax. Thank you for your cooperation, Anne

The Healing Mercy of God.

**A Service of Inner Healing with Bishop Seamus on
Wednesday January 27th 7pm in St Mary's Cathedral.**

Are you, or do you know someone who is alone at Christmas, St William's Care Home has partnered with Charity Community Christmas and inviting you to join them on Christmas Day for a meal. Please contact them on 776551

Our Colourful Carol Service will be next Sunday 4pm
Our Musicians playing the music and our Liturgy children telling us the story of Christmas along with our colourful theme thanks to Chris, Paul and Josh who again will give us the use of equipment and time for free. (Thank you)
We hope you will come and join us - a wonderful start to Christmas week.

Our Annual Boxing Day Quiz will take place on Saturday 26th December at 7.30pm with a shared table. Let Anne or Margaret if you are coming along. It doesn't matter if there is one two or more, we can sort tables out. It really is a lovely family atmosphere and full of fun.

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for St Bede's School 2017-18

Where changes to admission criteria are intended, all schools are required to consult about their proposed admission arrangements before these are determined and published. A copy of the document showing proposed changes to admission 2017-18 can be found on the school website www.stbedesrc.co.uk. Copies also available from school. Consultation response form available from school office. All comments will be considered before the Governing Body determine the arrangements.. St Bede's website is also on our website.

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