

ST WILLIAM & FRANCIS de SALES,
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 Parish Priest; Fr Greg Price. 01325 257681
 (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.*

20th December 2015

4th Sunday of

ADVENT

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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.

100 CLUB Draw for £50 will take place today.
 £15 (56) B. Gell £10 (47) K. White £5 (22) N. Thompson

Offertory; Loose plate; £98.70 Non Gift Aid Env. £26
 Gift Aid Env. £94 Advent Alms £52 Papers £14.30 100 Club £67
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.

Northern Catholic Calendars are on sale at £2.50 each. They are great to have in the house or car if you are on holiday in the Diocese and looking for a Church.

CANDLES AT CHRISTMAS -

Unfortunately we can't fit all the candles where you sit. We hope you understand. Please feel free to take the candles away after Christmas. Donations can be put in the box provided. All profit will go to St Teresa's Hospice.

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - tickets on sale @ £1 per strip. Please take a book from Margaret this week. Draw will take place this morning after Mass.

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.

Welcome to Fr Tony Chantry from Mill Hill Missions who is celebrating Mass with us today.

OUR MINI VINNIES will be singing Carols at St William's Convent Nursing Home on the First Sunday in January.

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

*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	20th	9am	Margaret & James Clitheroe
Monday	21st	9.30	Parish
Wednesday	23rd	4-5	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
FRIDAY	25th	9am	Robinson & Skinner Families
Sunday	27th	9am	Holy Souls
Monday	28th	9.30	Parish

Today	December 27th
Reader; R. Hogg	M. Lye
Offertory; Liturgy Children	Children
Euch. Mins; R. Rochester, D. Lye	B. Marshall, D. Cooper
Coffee; Lye Family	White Family
Counters; as arranged	as arranged

December 25th Christmas Day;
 Reader; Margaret Loughlin. Offertory; as arranged.
 Eucharistic Ministers; P. Henderson, J. Lye

January 3rd;
 Reader; J. Lye Offertory; Children
 Euch.Mins; P. Magurn, M. Blakeborough
 Coffee/Tea; Maureen Chisman

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent and light the last purple 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.

CREDIT UNION 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.

Our Colourful Carol Service TODAY at 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.
 We hope you will come and join us - a wonderful start to Christmas week.
 The children will take a collection and it will go to Family Help in Darlington.

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