

St Theresa's, St Thomas Aquinas, St Mary, Holy Family, St Anne

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St Augustine, SS William & Francis De Sales, St Osmund



ST TERESA'S CHURCH

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December 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent & Feast of the Holy Family - Year B

Brother Robert and myself are celebrating daily Mass, we remember you all, as we always do. Post Intentions to Fr Greg at the above address, or hand to him on Sunday. Let us keep praying for one another. **Love and God bless. Fr. Greg.**

- Saturday** 19th Mass Hogg & Vasey families St (A)
- Sunday** 20th Mass 10-30am Margaret, Ann, Kathleen & Wilf Thompson and deceased family (St W) Kath Ryder (St T)
- Monday** 21st Mass Minogue Family
- Tuesday** 22nd Mass Peter Parkes
- Wednesday** 23rd Mass Murchu Family
- Thursday** 24th **Christmas Vigil 7pm** Margaret & Neville Patterson (St T)
7.30pm Deceased members of the Ellis & Metcalfe Families (St A)
- Friday** 25th **The Nativity of The Lord 9am** Kathleen Williams
- Saturday** 26th **10.30am** David Cory (St T)
- Sunday** 27th **Feast of the Holy Family Vigil** Hogg & Vasey Families (St A)
9am Pat Harpin(Askew) (St W)
10.30am David Gale (StT)

Anniversaries: December 25th - 31st Mildred Barr, Lilian Bramley, John Guthrie, Nancy Pickles, Elizabeth Burnside, Elizabeth Campbell, Patricia Lord, Margaret Moran, Carole Taylor, Margaret Oliver, Witold Szturo, Hilda Dalkin, Arthur Lee, Peter Carlisle, Richard Hall, Pamela Legg, Joseph Roddy, John Simon, John Applegarth, Catherine Baker, Lucy Barker, Martha Moore, Gladys Strangeway, Leo Catterick, Wilhelmina Hawly, Francis Smith. **May they Rest in Peace.**

Feast and Memorial Days. Saturday: St Stephen First Martyr.

CRIB COLLECTION

Once again we shall be supporting the Pope's Charity, Missio under the auspices of Mission Together. This is a special part of Missio which has the slogan 'Children Helping Children' so it is apposite that the Child Jesus in the Crib reaches out to children in need. But He can only do this with your help, so once again I ask you to be generous with your donations to the Crib Collection which will be open as soon as the Crib goes up. You will see the basket in there. This will stay open until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. **Many thanks, and God bless you and your family. Fr. Greg Price, Diocesan Director of Missio.**

Please remember in your prayers

Priests and religious of the diocese, all the sick in our Partnership, and those who lovingly care for them. Also all the people who are sick with Covid 19, and those who have died, their families and friends.

Prayer Requests

*Michael Cox. *David and his Family
*Kurt and his wife Karen

Front Line Workers. Let's also remember all the health service staff who will be working over Christmas, in our hospitals and Care Homes, in the community, caring for the sick and saving lives. The police, fire service, social workers, armed forces, religious, prison and probation. There are many more, too many to mention. But we know who they are, and let's keep them all in our prayers.

Today 20th is a special day of prayer for expectant Mothers.

Standing Orders November £904.50
Thank you all for your continued support

Standing order mandate forms are available on the table as you come out of church after mass. Just complete one with your instructions and take it or post it to your bank.

Apostleship of the Sea. Collection for this (Sea Sunday,) was deferred from July. **It will now take place today.**

Christmas Candles. As usual every year we have offertory envelopes for these candles, to light up our church over the festive Season. These can be collected from the porch today as you leave church. The donation is the same as usual £10.

Pope Francis has declared 2021 the year of St Joseph to mark the 150th Anniversary the declaration of St Joseph Patron of the Universal Church.



His name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

~Isaiah 9:6

Dedicated counsellors and listeners at the Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and on the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16

Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.’

Nathan said to the king, ‘Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.’

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

‘Go and tell my servant David, “Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.”’

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29

The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation**Lk1:38****Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 1:26-38** [©](#)**'I am the handmaid of the Lord'**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.

And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.