

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

## Westgarth Partnership

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



### ST TERESA'S CHURCH

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### November 2021 Third Sunday of Advent Year B

If you would like a Mass intention for someone, intention envelopes are on the stand where the cards are. Or see father Greg.

Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	17.00	Bob & Bidy O'Brien [St A]
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	09.00	Mary, Billy & Jimmy Coleman [StW]
		Mass	10.30	Parish George Leslie Parkes [StT]
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Mass		Susan & Barry Melville 12.15 Funeral Service for Betty Hilton - [StW]
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Mass		Marley Family
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mass		John & Catherine Miller
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mass		Derek Wade
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mass		Anna Welsh
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	17.00	Deceased Members - Westgarth & Giacinto Families
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mass	09.00	AID
		Mass	10.30	Kath Ryder

**Feast and Memorial Days** Monday St Lucy Tuesday St John of the Cross.

**Anniversaries: December 16<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** Teresa Carbert, John McDonnell, Bertha Smith, Claire Wilkinson, Mary Bolam, John Ferguson, Edith Harwood, James Belmore, Robert Hagan, Matthew Watson, Kathleen James, William Marshall, Annie Middleton, John Carlisle, Frances Haslin, Jimmy Howard, Mary McDonnell, John O'Leary, Margaret O'Neill, Daniel Godfrey, Michael Kane, Mary McNicholas, Helen Ward, Wilfred Cooper, William Holdsworth, Minnie Morris, John Reilly, George Leslie Parkes, John Curry. **May they Rest in Peace.**

### Remembered in our 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, those who have died, their families and friends, those experiencing symptoms of long Covid, and those with financial hardship. RIP Father Peter Smith - Newcastle.

### Advent Alms 2021

This Advent, we ask you to consider supporting St Cuthbert's Care. Our charity provides frontline registered care services for people with complex disabilities, residential homes and fostering for young people and two Catholic nursing homes for older people. All Advent donations will help to purchase gifts for all our residents in our care this Christmas, along with new electronic devices to help our older residents keep pace with our digitised world. Your support is precious to us and helps us to continue to provide outstanding care and peace of mind to families. Thank you so much. **Moira Ashman CEO, St Cuthbert's Care.**

**There will be a retiring collection for Advent Alms today.**

### Christmas Candles

At this time of year we remember loved ones who are no longer with us. You can remember them in a special way by dedicating a Christmas candle to them. The candles will be displayed in front of the lovely stained glass windows around the church. **Envelopes to buy a candle are on the piety stall.**

### The Cycle of Prayer for Advent -Christmas

Migrants, Refugees and Expectant Mothers.

**Offertory - 5.12.21** £162.65. Clergy Training Fund £10. Candles £25.38

### Times of Christmas Masses

**24<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass St Teresa's 7.00pm**

**24<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass St Anne's 7.30pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> Mass St Williams 9.00am**

### Walk With Me

The Advent booklet is available on the piety stall £1 each. The booklet is a journey of prayer, and a period of anticipation, of warm memories and rich traditions. All of which create within us a sense that this is a special and blessed time of year, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Saviour.

### Third Sunday of Advent.

The four Sundays preceding Christmas, is when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolise **hope, love, joy and peace**. The candles are lit in that order, beginning today.



**The third Sunday of Advent** is Gaudete Sunday. It's meant to remind us of **the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus**, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

*'And He will be the one of peace'*

~ Michal 5:5

## Diocesan Covid Controls

**Hand sanitiser** - use of hand sanitiser on entering and leaving church and before liturgies should continue.

**Face coverings** - **all those attending church are recommended to wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so.**

**Social Distancing and Capacity of Churches** - reduced church capacities based on a minimum of 1M spacing between households should continue.

**Cleaning** a) Cleaning high frequency touch points in buildings after each act of worship b) Thoroughly cleaning the church once a week

**Congregational Singing** The use of cantor groups and other choirs is now permitted. It is recommended that singing should be phased in gently and that face coverings should be worn by members of the congregation whilst singing together, until infection levels reduce.”

**Hymn books and Mass cards** – can be reintroduced

**Test, Track and Trace** - NHS Test, Track and Trace system is no longer in operation and Mass booking systems will only continue where numbers wishing to attend are likely to exceed the COVID secure capacity of the church.

**Sign of Peace will remain suspended.**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive  
You sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already  
there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from  
You. Amen.