

Mass Times & Intentions this week

Vigil	St Bede	5.00 pm	Fred Merrifield (A)
	Sacred Heart	6.30 pm	Holy Mass
Sun	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
6 Dec	St Bede	9.30 am	Kathy & Bill Downs
	St Gregory	9.30 am	Holy Mass
	Ss Peter & Paul	10.30 am	Bridget Turner (nee Gilleece)
Mon	Eve of Feast of The Immaculate Conception		
7 Dec	St Bede	12.00 pm	Derek Aynsley (A)
Tues	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
8 Dec			
Wed	Weekday of Advent		
9 Dec	Sacred Heart	10.00 am	Holy Mass
	Ss Peter & Paul	10.00 am	People of the Parish
	St Bede	12.00 pm	Brendan Lee RIP
Thu	Weekday of Advent		
10 Dec	St Gregory	10.00 am	Holy Mass
Fri	Weekday of Advent		
11 Dec	St Bede	12.00 pm	Kate & Len Merrifield
Sat	Weekday of Advent		
12 Dec			
Vigil	St Bede	5.00 pm	Jane Currell RIP
	Sacred Heart	6.30 pm	Holy Mass
Sun	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
13 Dec	St Bede	9.30 am	Cecilia Allen (nee Taylor)
	St Gregory	9.30 am	Holy Mass
	Ss Peter & Paul	10.30 am	Russell Little

'Friends of The Holy Land' - Christmas Appeal

The impact of Covid on Christians in the Holy Land is devastating as around 80% rely on income from pilgrimages and tourists. Many have remained unemployed since March without any government support and face a bleak Christmas. 'Friends of The Holy Land' has launched a Christmas Appeal to raise funds to get Christian families in the Holy Land through Christmas time without tourism and through the next six months by which time it is hoped that they will return. Please support this initiative through your parish Christmas crib collection or in envelope marked 'Holy Land'

COVID UPDATE

As our churches begin to re-open after lockdown, may we remind everyone that they must continue with the controls that we have in place in our churches. It is only in this way that they can remain COVID secure and can continue to be a safe place for our congregations. May we also take this opportunity to recognise that the churches only remain safe because of the hard work of all of our cleaners and stewards.



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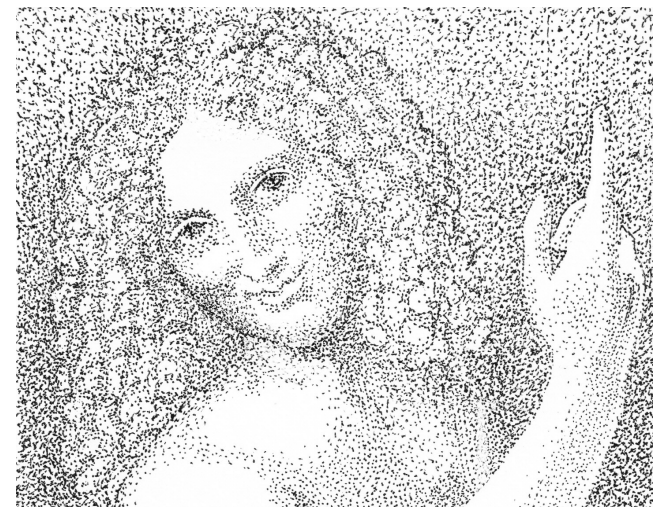
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Catholic Parishes of South Shields, Whitburn & Boldon

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6 DECEMBER 2020



The attraction of John the Baptist is mysterious. People flocked to him, not to be flattered but to be told the truth. They listened because they saw a man of minimal needs who was indifferent to the world's prizes, who could not be bought by comforts, pleasures or money, passionate about God. They recognised holiness.

In Advent scripture invites us to journey into the wilderness, not an empty, barren, desolate image but a place of life and hope, a place of finding ourselves when we open up to receive the gift of God's forgiveness. Comfort awaits us in the desert when we believe God's promises to find us in our wandering and to renew us making us whole again. Like the prophets who came before us, may we become brave voices in hard places, preparing the way of the Lord with lives of care, compassion, love and joy.



Cluster Parishes



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Sick & Housebound

Please pray for those who are sick:

St Bede's: Michael Dawson, Carol Dawson, Michelle Greatrex, Robert Scott, Terry Wales, Vivienne Scott, Marian Sykes, Poppy Cox, Christopher Phillips, Ruth Lynch, Sharon Hutchinson, Catherine Evans, Joyce Robinson, Michael Henderson, Martin Romero, Greta Howe, Janice Ballintyne, Eileen Leask, Christopher Brown & Joanne Wright.

Sacred Heart: Fr John Gibbons, Leo Hardy, Margaret Davison, Kurt Patterson, Carol Hannen, Patricia McKeag, John Wood, Caroline Bennet, Ian Smith, Vanessa Green, Bill Paxton, Ron Callaghan, Jan Phelps, Paul Green and June Green.

St Oswald's: Leo Hardy, Rosemary Cox, Richard Cook, Audrey Sutcliffe, Harrison Clark, Peter Hanratty & Teresa Featherstone.

Ss Peter & Paul: Denis Wray, Alison Hannay, Bill Murtagh, Kathleen Potter, Anne Gray, Lorraine Steel, Margaret McLoughlin, & Margaret Davidson.

St Gregory's: Gordon DeLooze, Joan Stewart, Betty Devine, Joan Robson, Rona Bojke, Rose Scott, Norman Scott, Len & Evelyn Gardner, Brian Marley, Alison Thompson, Gerry Graham, Eileen Kelly, Gordon McCloud, Anne Scott, Nicola Bonner, Sonya Sultman, Claire Maddison, Clare Ward, Margaret Prince.

RIP

Pray for Fr Derek Peel, Veronica Sampson, Alan Potter, Fr Gerard Martin, all the Faithful Departed and for our Clergy:

6 Dec	Rev James Thompson	1978
7 Dec	Rev Daniel Costar	1973
8 Dec	Rev Bernard Smith	1993
9 Dec	Rev Robert Thornton	1970
	Rev Michael Corbett	2015
10 Dec	Rev Joseph Travers	2013
11 Dec	Rev Edward Marron	2005
12 Dec	Rev Francis Dunne	1961

*Lord bring the departed faithful
to the peace of your eternal home
Amen*

Advent Alms

St Cuthbert's Care.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Thu 24 Dec

St Bede	4.00pm
Ss Peter & Paul	5.00pm
St Bede	6.00pm
Sacred Heart	6.00pm
St Gregory	7.00pm

Christmas Day Fri 25 Dec

St Bede	9.30am
St Gregory	9.30am
Sacred Heart	9.30am

St Bede

COVID: consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday, this will ease the pressure off Sunday celebrations
Face Coverings are mandatory in church
To maintain a safe environment Stewards will guide you to planned route around building

Capacity: approx 100 (Every other pew, 2 in short pews, 3 in long pews, except if from same household or social bubble.

Communion: Communion is given in the hand only, wait in pew until instructed to move forward, approach priest with arms at 'full stretch' and hands extended as flatly as possible, then return to pew in an orderly manner.

Sanitise: hands on entering & leaving church.

Offertory Envelopes: can be placed in Offertory basket on Sunday or posted through the presbytery letterbox

Baptisms: All baptisms are suspended until advised otherwise.

Alternative Advent Calendar: Give daily gift for needy (soap, tooth paste or Christmas item) box in church porch 2 Dec until 16 Dec.

Feast: of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Mon 7 Dec at 12.00noon.

RIP: Funeral of Alan Potter Tue 8 Dec 11.15am also Funeral of Veronica Sampson Wed 9 Dec 1.15pm both services at Crematorium.

Silent Nights in Bethlehem: *Friends of the Holy Land* - Christmas Appeal -this year the hotels are empty and the streets are silent. Help is needed to support the Church in Bethlehem. Candle monies at crib and donations support this appeal.
Christmas Cards: cannot be sold or left at back of church due to covid. Many this year are not sending cards and instead supporting above appeal or others.

Christmas Masses: you will need to book a seat for the Mass you wish to attend. Please fill in booking form note 4pm Mass is now full, 6pm is filling, if you cancel your booking to go elsewhere, inform us ASAP
Holy Family: Mass Times: Sat 26 Dec Vigil 12.00noon not 5.00pm Sun 27 Dec 9.30am as usual.

New Year's Day Fri 1 Jan 2021 Feast of Mary the Mother of God, Mass 12.00pm

St Gregory

Names & contact numbers are needed for track and trace, other directions listed above in St Bede's COVID notices.

Capacity approx. 60.

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Christmas Masses: Book a seat for the Mass you wish to attend. Please call the office on Mondays between 9am - 11am.

St Oswald's

Re-opening: Watch this space for more details, possibly for Christmas.

Collection: ring Catherine Tel: 5369248

Ss Peter & Paul

Names & contact numbers are needed as social distancing is only 1 metre. Other directions listed in St Bede's COVID notices. Capacity: approx 60.

Christmas Masses: Book a seat for the Christmas Mass.

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Sacred Heart

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Christmas Masses: Book a seat for the Mass you wish to attend.

Offertory Envelopes: can be placed in Offertory basket on Sunday or posted through the presbytery letterbox.

Food Parcels: donations can be left at church.

Cystic Fibrosis: your used postage stamps are needed and please remember to leave a margin of envelope. - please give them to Kate Kilner.

Spiritual Communion

For those occasions when we cannot be in our churches, an act of '*Spiritual Communion*' can help us keep Christ at the centre of our lives as we worship and pray at home.

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen."

Happy at Home

Due to present crisis have cancelled all meetings and moved to Telephone support. They are also providing a Shopping Service where necessary

Tel: 07760262706

more info see website:

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Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Online programme Tuesdays at 6.30pm to register:

adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

Newsletter

online:www.cpsswb.weebly.com also available in church porch on leaving. If you pick up a newsletter take it home do not return to table.