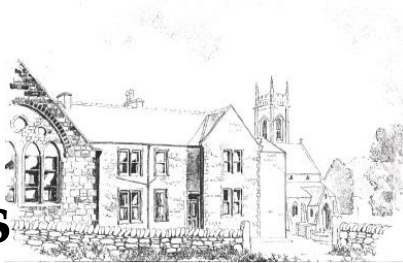


# Our Lady Immaculate St. Cuthbert's Crook



## Programme

### *Advent, Christmas and New Year*

*A great season of spirituality, entertainment and events for our community.*

- Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>                    **Advent Sunday Gaudete! Rejoice!!** The spiritual preparation for the great Festival of Christmas starts. We hear of **John the Baptist** preaching forgiveness and hope and - **Mary** receiving the message from the Angel. Let us deepen our faith during this special time.
- Dec 6<sup>th</sup>                    **Advent Mass St Cuthbert's School** in the school hall at 9.30am on the 6th December followed by refreshments
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup>                    **THE HAUNTED MAN - A DICKENS GHOST STORY.** The story is about Jonathan, who has recently moved into a care home. As his mind deteriorates, one unwanted memory of past love and betrayal stays strong until a phantom offers the gift of forgetting. The play is performed by Kindred Theatre's and is a blend of candlelight, shadows, puppetry, music and theatrical storytelling perfect for those winter evenings. For tickets tel 01388 205001 or pay on the door. Admission £7.50 adults £18.00 for a family.
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup>                    **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Our weekly Community Mass 10.30.a.m. Refreshments in the Centre after Mass
- Dec 10<sup>th</sup>                   **ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL Nativity Play** Foundation Stage 2pm in school hall.
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup>                    **ST CUTHBERT'S ANNUAL WREATHS FAIR.** Christmas Wreaths for sale and much more besides – a happy couple of hours **after Mass** with seasonal refreshments, cake stall, tombola and much more besides with the fire blazing and the frost and snow outside – you'd expect Bing Crosby to be there!! Come along and take part. Free selection box for all the children.
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup>                   **PRAYER, REFLECTION AND REFRESHMENT** in the Convent 2.00.p.m. An hour before the Lord in the beautiful convent chapel to take in the calm and peace of Advent. Followed by tea and biscuits
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup>                   **ESCOMB PARTNERSHIP Christmas Lunch** St John's School. Details in the bulletin
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup>                   **FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS**  
9.30.-12.00. Christmas Theme  
To join contact Kathryn on 07817192827

- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> **THE BEACON BAND** are returning by popular demand 7.30pm. Admission £5 available from 01388 762046 or pay on the door. Music will include a Christmas theme and many other songs. Licensed bar available.
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> **GUADETE SUNDAY** Our community Mass at 10.30.a.m. bringing us closer to the Lord. This Sunday marks the installation in our **Memory windows** with cyclamen plants remembering our loved ones.
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> **ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL** Nativity Play Key Stage 1 at 2pm in school hall.
- Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 10.30.a.m. Community Mass "The time draws near the birth of Christ". May we be prepared to welcome the Jesus, Mary and Joseph into our hearts and homes this Christmas.
- Dec 24/25<sup>th</sup> **THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS**  
Carols 5.30.p.m. Mass 6.00.p.m. **The first Mass of Christmas** This is what it is all about and why we are Christians. If not Crook, then visit Wolsingham, Willington, Tow Law or any of our local churches, to celebrate Christmas with the Lord.  
It's a time for new starts, taking up the generous offer of hope, peace & goodwill and sharing it with everyone we meet.
- January 5<sup>th</sup> **Twelfth Night** – our traditional get together to mark the Epiphany – the opening up of the Christ's message to all people. Good food – songs and poems and camaraderie for all.
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> **Theatre@St Cuthbert's Castle Players J B Priestley's WHEN WE ARE MARRIED** The Castle Players from Barnard Castle for a family afternoon of theatre. Admission £5.00 (Under 16 free)

## WEEKLY SERVICES AT OUR LADY AND ST CUTHBERTS

**SUNDAY** Mass 10.30.a.m. Refreshments afterwards

*Monday* Mass 10.00.a.m.

*Tuesday* Holy Communion Service. 10.00.a.m.

*Wednesday* Holy Communion Service 10.00.a.m.

*Thursday* Mass 10.00.a.m.

*Friday* Mass 10.00.a.m.

*Saturday* Convent Holy Communion Service 9.30.a.m.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO ANY OF THESE  
SERVICES YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME  
AND PARTICULARLY DURING  
THE JOYFUL SEASON OF ADVENT