

**Our Lady Immaculate & St Cuthbert, Crook
St Thomas of Canterbury, Wolsingham
St Joseph, Tow Law**

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**11 MARCH 2018 – 4th SUNDAY OF LENT (B)
LAETARE SUNDAY**

SICK: Shaun Aspinall, Hilda Bills, Grace Dewell, Marjorie Martin, John McConville, Eileen Mooney, Margaret Peacock, Mary Halladay (Patterdale Close), John Lally, Bridget Burke, John Williams, Sr. Loreto, Peter Crawford.

ANNIVERSARIES

William Wraith, Carmel Venus, Patrick McElwee, Kevin Jackson

SAINTS FEAST DAYS

Saturday 17 St Patrick, Bishop, patron saint of Ireland.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

.ST JOSEPH'S, TOW LAW

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION on request

CHOIR continues a Thursday evening 7.15-8.15pm. New members are always welcome.

EASTER RAFFLE: any donations of prizes for the Easter Raffle would be greatly appreciated.

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, WOLSINGHAM

MINISTRIES FOR SATURDAY 17 MARCH

Eucharistic Ministers: S Campbell, K Dickson, C Wilson
Readers: C Hardy
Welcomer: A Hardy
Bidding Prayers: Sr Assumpta

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION before 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday

EASTER COFFEE MORNING Saturday 24 March 10.00am–12.30pm at Julie Dawson's Home, 1 The Green, Frosterley. Easter Egg Raffle, Tombola, Cake stall. All proceeds to St Thomas Church, Wolsingham. All Welcome - in memory of Margaret Pearson. Please give any eggs and tombola prizes to St Thomas's church before 21 March. Cakes (please price them) to be taken either on 23rd or morning of 24th.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST. CUTHBERT'S, CROOK

Ministries for Sunday 18th March

Eucharistic Ministers: W Laws, Sr Paschaline, P Rowell, M Rowell, L Swinhoe
Readers: V Bowden, E Brady
Bidding Prayers: R Kelly
Welcomers: Sr Paschaline, Lucy Maguire
Children's Liturgy: Maria
Refreshments: Roger & Janette
Fatima statue: Mrs C Ringwood (week beg. 11th)
Cleaning: School Group (week beg. 11th)
Bulletin: Anne B., bulletinstcuthbert@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – on request

RED MISSION BOXES The donations collected in our parish last year amounted to £1121.52. A big thank you to all concerned.

COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS will take place on Sunday 18 March. Thank you.

LENT: 'Let us focus on God this Lent' some simple ideas to help us focus during Lent are on the table in front of the Blessed Sacrament altar. Please take a Scripture reading or a prayer card for your pocket – a handy reminder – or wear a purple ribbon in your lapel. Take as many as you wish and give them to family and friends.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CENTRE TEA ROTA The Centre is looking for Volunteers to put their names on a Rota to assist with the service of tea and refreshments in the Centre when it is used for a Funeral. If anyone wants further information or is ready and willing to help with this please speak to Janette Kelly.

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT 26 FEB – 11 MARCH Apologies for cancellation of the stall last weekend. Weather permitting, the Fair Trade stall will take place this Sunday (11 March) after Mass in St Cuthbert's Centre

SVP RAFFLE this Sunday 11 March – the SVP will be selling raffle tickets for the annual raffle. £1 a ticket £5 a book. Prizes of £3,000, £2,000 and £1,000, + 10 prizes of £100 and 10 prizes of £50

RE:GENERATE is a group of Christians who pray and work together in the name of Jesus Christ and the power of the Spirit for spiritual, social and economic regeneration of this area. A time to worship, encounter and experience New Life at The Valley Methodist Church, Coundon Grange Sat 17 March at 7–9pm.

USHAW COLLEGE opens again to the public on 21 March. Please see poster at the back of church for more details.

GENERAL NOTICES

Happy Mother's Day! To all mother's in our parishes.

ESCOMB PARTNERSHIP MISSION WEEK AT ST JOHN'S - As this is our partnership mission, everyone is encouraged to attend the events. Please refer to the Mission booklet and decide which events across the next week you can attend at St John's School.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2018/19 will be available to pick up next weekend in all churches to start to use on Easter Vigil / Easter Sunday. Please look for your envelope. **Please do not use them before that date.** If anyone would like a box of envelopes, please see Bill or Ann in Crook, Michael Barnes in Wolsingham or Agnes in Tow Law.

DVD OF PASSION PLAY will be shown at St. Mary's Church, Bishop Auckland on Monday 12th March at 7.0pm. Entry free

CHURCHES TOGETHER: the Bishop of Durham has been coming to the Stanhope Deanery on Wednesday evenings in Lent to give talks on our care for widows, orphans, refugees etc. The final meeting will be at 7pm on 14th March at Tow Law Parish Church. Please do come along, as this is a very relevant topic.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT CELEBRATION:THE BEACON BAND will be playing a wide mixture of music in St Cuthbert's Centre on Friday 16th March at 7.30pm. Music includes folk, North East & Irish traditional songs &, country & rock. Tickets cost £5 and there will be a licensed bar.

A RESTFUL, RELAXING AND REFLECTIVE DAY FOR WOMEN, entitled 'Touching The Heart Space', on Saturday's 10.30am-3.30pm, 17 March – St Hilda's, Sunderland or 12 May – St Mary's, Hexham. Cost £15 which includes lunch. To book, please contact adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

VACANCIES: Walking With in North Tyneside has a full-time vacancy for a Project Manager to work with refugees and asylum seekers. Full-time initial 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date for applications: 23 March.

The parish of the Durham Martyrs are looking to appoint a Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. Full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date for applications: 23 March. For further information and details of how to apply, please visit the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301), email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON "PRESUMED CONSENT" TO ORGAN DONATION. It is proposed that instead of obtaining consent before using a person's organs for transplant after death a dead person will be presumed to have given consent unless they have actually opted out. Please pray that all ethical considerations will be given proper weight before a decision is reached. If you wish to read the consultation document see www.bit.ly/organconsult To respond to the consultation online go to www.bit.ly/organresponse