

**St Patrick's  
Roman Catholic Church**  
Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle  
A Parish of the Finchale Partnership



Tonight's bulletin has covered the parish diary for two weeks over **Christmas and New Year**. There will be **no bulletin** for the Epiphany, week commencing 4 Jan, and no mid week masses. **The next newsletter will be for vigil mass 11 Jan 2025. Wishing you all a joyful and holy Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025.**

Parish Diary

Week beginning 21 Dec 2024

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
Sat 21 Dec	Vigil mass: 4th Sunday of Advent	5:00pm Holy Mass: <i>Kathleen Caisley RIP and family</i>
Sun 22 Dec	4th Sunday of Advent	10:00am Syro-Malabar Qurbana (Mass)
Mon 23 Dec		No mass
Tues 24 Dec	Christmas Eve - Carol Service and holy mass	4:30pm <b>Carol Service</b> . 5:00pm Holy Mass (vigil) <b>the Nativity: Living and deceased members of the Canavan and Foody families.</b> 8:00pm Syro-Malabar Qurbana (Mass)
Wed 25 Dec	Christmas day - The Nativity of the Lord	10:00am Holy Mass: <i>Kathleen Caisley RIP</i>
Thurs 26 Dec		10:00am Holy Mass: <i>Henrietta Taylor</i> <b>Mass is in church</b>
Fri 27 Dec		No mass

Parish Diary

Week beginning 28 Dec 2024

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
Sat 28 Dec	Vigil mass: the Holy Family.	5:00pm Holy Mass: <i>Bryan Cheesy RIP</i>
Sun 29 Dec	The Feast of the Holy Family	10:00am Syro-Malabar Qurbana (Mass )
Mon 30 Dec		No mass
Tues 31 Dec		No mass
Wed 1 Jan 2025	Mary Mother of God	10:00am Holy Mass: <i>Henrietta Taylor RIP</i> <b>Mass is in church</b>
Thurs 2 Jan 2025		10:00am Holy Mass: <i>Priests Intention</i> <b>Mass is in church</b>
Fri 3 Jan		No mass
Sat 4 Jan	The Epiphany (vigil)	5:00pm Holy Mass <i>Marjorie and Patrick Farrell RIP</i>

Parish Diary

Week beginning 4 Jan 2025

Date		Mass Intention
Sun 5 Jan 2025	The Epiphany	10:00am Syro-Malabar Qurbana (Mass )
From 6 Jan	To 10 Jan 2025	No weekday Masses in this period

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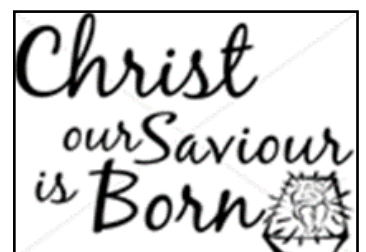
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If you would like to receive the bulletin electronically, please contact Clare on the parish email . Also the most **recent bulletin** can be found on the 'bulletin tab' on the **parish website:**

[St. Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor \(stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk\)](http://St.Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor (stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk))

**Mass Intention Requests** - Please complete a mass intention envelope (found in the church porch), with details and your donation. **Thank you.**



## Parish - Thank you !

### Our Parish Prayers

**For the sick of the Parish:** Sylvia Kelly; Ann Booth, Ann Canavan, John Walton and Ethel Condron. May the healing presence of Christ be with them and all our sick parishioners at Christmas. Please pray for all the sick, the lonely and the housebound in our parish and all who care for them.

**Anniversaries:** Please pray for Kenneth Margerison; Eva King; Betty Allison; Maureen Price; Margaret Joan Storey; Joan Sewell; Gus Booth; Bill Williamson and Winifred Barnes and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**Weekly Parish Collections—December collections will be reported in January.** Thank you for your continued generosity. The next second collection, supporting the Diocese Special collections will be on **4 Jan 2025**

### Latest Church and Diocese News.....

#### Church Ministry Rotas (vigil mass)

##### Welcomers:

**Tonight 21 Dec:** Pat Middleton and Halina Holman

**28 Dec:** Paul Kelly and Ann Kelly

**4 January 2024:** Greg Mearman and Tricia Whitfield

##### Readers:

**Tonight 21 Dec:** Freya Storey and Mary Everett .

**28 Dec:** Malcolm Wass and Talia Chakanyuka

**4 January 2025:** Freya Storey and Stella Foody.

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

**Tonight 21 Dec:** Carol Proudlock and Pauline Burnside

**28 Dec:** Malcolm Wass and Jane Smith

**4 January 2025** Teresa Wass and Irene Carey

**Children's Liturgy - None till School returns in 2025.**

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#### Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Ministry:

*arranged as a separate rota.*

#### Readings for next vigil masses:

##### 28th December - the Holy Family

**First reading, 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28.**

**Second reading, 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24.**

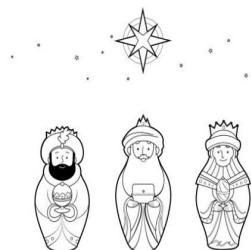
**Gospel Luke 2:41-52.**



##### 4th January : the Epiphany

**First reading, Isaiah 60:1-6.**

**Second reading, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Gospel Matthew 2:1-12**



*May the celebrations of Christmas bring blessings from the Lord for you and your loved ones. Amen*

## Church Flowers Fund

Thank you for supporting the Christmas baubles fund. The tree is beautiful and full of precious memories of loved ones . All proceeds going to fund church flowers.



**Thank you to all our wonderful parish volunteers** who have prepared the church for Advent and the feast of Christmas and also those who have served us faithfully over the year and caring for St Patrick's church and its parishioners.



#### St Patrick's Church Grand Christmas Raffle -Thank You!

The raffle was drawn after mass on



Saturday by Fr Andrew Downie. Many thanks to those who donated an amazing 27 prizes. A list of winners can be found on the Parish notice board. We are delighted to say that just over £200 was raised. Some of the proceeds was used to provide refreshments , with the remaining proceeds, an amazing £150, going to Cafod World Gifts. A **special thank you** to Maria and the children of St Patricks School Choir who entertained us so beautifully.

#### Dates for diary in January 2025

Church Cleaning - 1st Saturday of the month -**January 4th** (unless otherwise arranged).

**St Patrick's School** - Wishing the children a happy restful Christmas with lots of fun. They return to school on **Monday 6 January 2024.**

**Northern Catholic Calendar: 2025** - will be available for sale from the beginning of January.

**Parish Secretary** - Clare will be away until **Monday 6 Jan 2025.** The next bulletin will be for vigil mass **11 Jan 2025;** **Baptism of the Lord. 1st reading, Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. 2nd reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

#### Diocese News

##### Cycle of Prayer during Advent and Christmastide

We are asked to pray for these intentions : Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers. Expectant Mothers especially on **4th Sunday of Advent.**

**Jubilee Year 2025** - "Pilgrims of Hope" Bishop Stephen will be celebrating Mass **Sun29th Dec** at St. Mary's Cathedral, **11.30am** and at **St. Joseph's Hartlepool** at **4.00pm.** Everyone is welcome. See website: <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>



**THIS SUNDAYS READING -  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

**First Reading**

**Micah 5:2-5a**

Thus says the Lord: You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*

**Second reading**

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book."'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the Law), then he added, 'Behold, I have come to do your will'. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord;  
let it be to me according to your word. Alleluia.

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:39-45**

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

## Advent Prayer and reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

We listen to your word as it whispers in our hearts 'do not be afraid.

**Come, Lord, prince of peace.**

Be with all who suffer because of conflict and violence and strengthen those who seek peace.

**Come, Lord, prince of peace.**

Lead us in your ways, as together we make a change and share your peace with all.



### Advent—4th Sunday Reflection

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a teenage girl to inform her that she would be the mother of God, Jesus. This well-known account is acted out in primary schools across the United Kingdom. I have fond memories, as a very proud father, watching my daughter singing this announcement when she was only six years old! But let us not be fooled by the romantic imagery of a children's nativity play. This "Fiat" of Mary was the biggest "yes" ever made by a human. God asked her to carry God in her womb so that the redemption of the world could take place. She risked being rejected by Joseph and/or being stoned to death. Her "yes" went against all logical thinking; she moved against the stream of humanity so that God could have His will and save the world from the darkness that humans had created. Her "yes" brought God's light into the world once again. As we start to look at the next jubilee year, "Pilgrims of Hope", let us consider our "yes" to God. We, too, need to help bring into the world the light of Christ. We can do this by listening to the word that God is giving to us individually and then responding with our "yes". This could be going against the modern world's thinking, going against the tide. Mary overcame her fear and said "yes" to the angel Gabriel. Do we have the courage and strength to listen to God and stand up for what is right for the world? Are we ready to go against the tide and follow God's will? Mary was a young teenager, but her "yes" transformed the world. Let us open up our minds and actions so that we, too, can be tools for God's plans. Let us listen to Him and be "Pilgrims of Hope" in this needy world.

**Reflection written by:** Gerry Connor, St Augustine's, Darlington

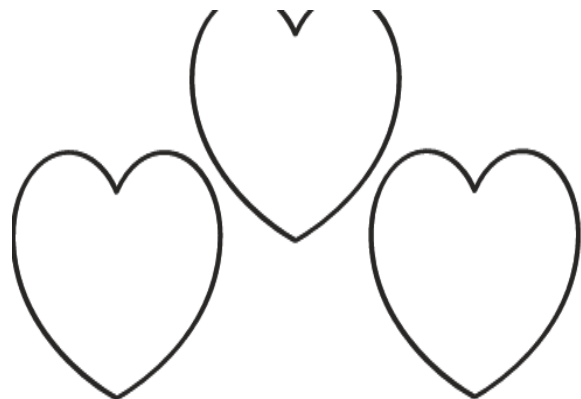
## Children's Corner: Gospel reflections prayers and activities

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)**

*Luke 1:39-45*



'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!



Just as Mary showed her love for her cousin Elizabeth by going to visit her, we can show our love for other people this Advent.

How we can show love?