

Mass Times, Intentions & Services this Week			
Date	Time	Venue	Mass Intentions & Services
Sat 16 Dec <i>Vigil</i>	5.00pm 6.30pm	St. Charles Sacred Heart	Isabella & Harold Charlton (RIP) Caroline Downey (Birthday)
Sun 17 Dec <i>3rd Sun of Advent</i>	9.00am 10.30am	St Charles Sacred Heart	Jim Mangan (A) & Margaret Ramsey (A) Thanksgiving (Anna Mabel Mae)
Mon 18 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.30am	St Charles	Eucharistic Service
Tue 19 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.30am	Sacred Heart	May & Norman Willcock (RIP)
Wed 20 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	9.30am 10.00am	St Charles St Charles	Paddy O'Neill (A) Café
Thu 21 Dec <i>Weekday Of Advent</i>	9.30am	Sacred Heart	Judith Reid
Fri 22 Dec <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	10.00am	St Charles	Requiem - George Russell Starford
Sat 23 Dec <i>4th Sun of Advent Vigils</i>	5.00pm 6.30pm	St Charles Sacred Heart	Dorothy & Ronald Hughes (A) Nathan Bell (RIP)
Sun 24 Dec <i>Christmas Eve Vigils</i>	4.00pm 6.30pm	St Charles Sacred Heart	Maria & Kazimierz Włodarczyk (A) People of the Parish

St Charles

Eucharistic Adoration
8.45-9.15am
when weekday
Service
is at 9.30am

Wishing You all
Peace & Blessings
at Christmas



The New Year
Fr Michael & Deacon John

Sacred Heart

Eucharistic Adoration
8.45- 9.15am
when weekday
Service
is at 9.30am



GOSFORTH CATHOLIC PARISHES

Sacred Heart - North

St. Charles Borromeo - Central & South



Clergy: Fr Michael Weymes Parish Priest email: pp@rcgosforth.net
Rev John Hawthorne Deacon email: johnhawthorne080@gmail.com
Telephone: 0191 285 1370
Parish email: office@rcgosforth.net newsletter@rcgosforth.net

St. Charles Borromeo Church

Church Road
Gosforth
NE3 1TX

https://stcharlesgosforth.org.uk
St Charles Hall bookings:
ring Parish Office 0191 2851370

Sacred Heart Church

Great North Road
North Gosforth
NE3 5EB

https://www.sacredheartng.org.uk
Sacred Heart Hall bookings:
Joan Donnelly 0191 2365588

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17 Dec 2023

Please remember in your prayers:

those who are sick or housebound and their carers:

Layth Abdulla, Anna Atkinson, Dorothy Barrow, Mark Bennett, Caroline Cassidy, Freda Dakers, Caroline Dixon, Terry Donnelly, Bedelia Douglass, Mary Farrar, Graham Firth, Daniel Garton, Nicola Gauld, Roger Gray, Maureen Keddy, Margaret Matthews, Ann McKeown, Karen McKeown, Anton McGowan, Nick McKeown, Terry O'Malley, Joseph Poland, Lisa Robinson Tilley, Natasha Rose, Jo Sutton, Michelle Wilkinson, Cliff Woodball, Julie Yoeart, David Garnish, Liz Sasse, Charles Stringfellow, Kathleen Murphy, Louise Chavannes, Rebecca Brockbank **those who have died recently:** Joan Browne, Michael Tomms,



and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gerry Anderson, James Jones, Jack Anderson, Billy Scott, James Mangan, Margaret Ramsey, Patrick O'Neill, Veronica Mossom, Helen Bobill, Pat Gray, Merle Clasper, Sally Edmondson, Connie Purvis, Mary Dixon, Margaret Murray-Parkins, Vincent McAlone, Agnes Murphy, Mary Davies, George Clasper, Sidney McKenna.

May they rest in peace

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Collection:	St. Charles £474.29	Sacred Heart £346.44
---------------------------	------------------------	-------------------------

Thank you for your generosity.



Notices for the Week

Advent Penitential & Mass

Vigil 16 Dec 5.00pm St Charles. 6.30pm Sacred Heart

Sun 17 Dec 9.00am St Charles. 10.30am Sacred Heart

Bambinelli - 'Baby Jesus' Sunday'- 3rd Sun of Advent figures of the *Baby Jesus* will be blessed at morning Masses. The Knitting group have made '*Bambinelli*' and will be available from 9 Dec, no charge but all donations to *St Oswald's Hospice*.

Vocations - Third Week of Advent

"*The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me.*" Like Isaiah in today's first reading, could you be anointed to serve as a priest? Speak to your priest or contact Vocations Director Tel: 01207 299012

Sweet Mince Pies and Mulled Wine Sun 17 Dec after Mass at Sacred Heart in the Parish hall. Come and join us.

Baptism *Maggie Amelia Peel* will be baptised this weekend at Sacred Heart.

Welcome to the parish and best wishes to her parents, *Daniel & Jessica*.

Candlelit Carol Service Sacred Heart Mon 18 Dec 7.00pm followed by refreshments in the Hall; children from St Oswald's school will help to lead us in this Service

Proud Catholics Next meeting Tue 19 Dec 7.30 St Andrew's, Worswick St. Newcastle Contact Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com

Safeguarding

The diocesan Action Plan in response to the review by the Safeguarding Standards Agency can be found on the Diocesan website or contact Jo Shepherd..

Christmas Café

On Wed 20 Dec at 10.00am we are having our *Christmas Themed Café*. All are welcome to join us for *Mince Pies & Carols*

Christmas Afternoon Tea for Parishes - St Mary's School, Benton Park Road. Invitation to all parishioners. Tea, Cakes, Carols & Chance to meet. We'd love to see you. *Thu 21 Dec 1.30-3pm*. No cost, there will be stalls to raise funds. Interested: Tel: 2153260 by *Mon 18 Dec*.

RIP

Joan Browne Burial at Hollywood Cemetery *Thu 21 Dec* 2.00pm.

George Starford Requiem Mass St Charles *Fri 22 Dec* 10.00am.

Christmas Weekend

4th Sun of Advent Vigils *Sat 23 Dec* - St Charles 5.00pm. Sacred Heart 6.30pm.

Please note: (*Sun 24 Dec* No morning Masses)

Christmas Eve Vigils *Sun 24 Dec* - St Charles 4.00pm. Sacred Heart 6.30pm.

(*Carols precede both Masses 3.30pm & 6.00pm*)

Christmas Day *Mon 25 Dec* - St Charles 9.00am. Sacred Heart 10.30am.

Red Mission Boxes

Please bring your Boxes to church any weekend in December to be emptied.

Christmas Tree Festival

Many thanks to those who helped with this; our tree looked great. We've left it at St Columba's decorated with some of the hearts. Others will be placed on our tree at Sacred Heart on at the carol service on Monday.

Advent Alms

Please don't forget to support St Cuthbert's Care, during December. Advent & Lent are their main means to fund their care work.

Friends of the Holy Land

While we celebrate the Nativity, Bethlehem is closed. Many are too fearful to travel, there are shortages of food and fuel. The Inns & Hotels are empty again, all Christmas bookings have been cancelled, Offerings left at Crib to support the Church in Palestine.

CAFOD—Emergency Appeal

We watch with hope and apprehension the unfolding crisis in the Holy Land. As the conflict enters its 10th week please continue to support our Israeli– Palestinian Crisis Appeal.

(SVP) Christmas Cards for sale at Sacred Heart. Please put the money into an envelope marked SVP. If you know anyone who is struggling with the cost of living : Tel: 0207 703 3030 Email: info@svp.org.uk

SVP 200 Club St Charles SVP 200 club entries fall for renewal on 01.01.2024. To renew for 2024 please contact John Doyle asap. **0793 3005840** or e mail jdoyle67@btinternet.com. Payment requested by 15.01.24. Price unchanged £12 per year. New subscribers welcome, monthly cash prizes. Results by email and on SVP noticeboard.

2024

St Charles SVP 200 Club subscribers please note entries due for renewal 01.01.24, £12 p.a. requested by 15.01; please phone or text John Doyle 07933 005 840 or email jdoyle@btinternet.com; new subscribers welcome.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This is a course for those wishing to join the Church, or deepen their knowledge of the Faith. Next session is *Wed 10 Jan* at 7.00pm in St Charles Hall.

The Book Club 11 Jan 7.00pm in *St Charles Presbytery* discussing "*The Rocking Chair Prophet*" by Matthew Kelly.

'*Pilgrims of Hope*' - David Wells

Sat 20 Jan 10.30-4.00pm (including Vigil Mass) St Mary's School, Benton Park Rd. Bring packed Lunch, no charge- a collection will be taken.



Quote of the Week

The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved, loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves. Victor Hugo