

Mass Times, Intentions & Services this Week			
Date	Time	Venue	Mass Intentions & Services
Sat 23 Dec <i>Vigil 4th Sun of Advent</i>	5.00pm 6.30pm	St. Charles Sacred Heart	<i>Dorothy & Ronald Hughes (A)</i> <i>Nathan Bell (RIP)</i>
Sun 24 Dec <i>Vigils Christmas Eve</i>	4.00pm 6.30pm	St Charles Sacred Heart	<i>Maria & Kazimierz Włodarczyk (A)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon 25 Dec <i>Christmas Day</i>	9.00am 10.30am	St Charles Sacred Heart	<i>Chitra Sebastian +</i> <i>Deceased Clergy & Parishioners</i>
Tue 26 Dec <i>St Stephen Martyr</i>			
Wed 27 Dec <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	9.30am 10.00am	St Charles St Charles	<i>John Parker</i> <i>Café</i>
Thu 28 Dec <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.30am	Sacred Heart	<i>Rev Joseph Watson, Provost</i>
Fri 29 Dec <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	9.30am	St Charles	<i>Dec'd Hunter & Mahon Families</i>
Sat 30 Dec Vigils of The Holy Family	5.00pm 6.30pm	St Charles Sacred Heart	<i>Winifred & James Halcrow (A)</i> <i>Dot Dowd (RIP)</i>
Sun 31 Dec <i>The Holy Family</i>	9.00am 10.30am	St Charles Sacred Heart	<i>Jorge Monjardino</i> <i>Joseph Walton Pearson</i>

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

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GOSFORTH CATHOLIC PARISHES

Sacred Heart - North

St. Charles Borromeo - Central & South



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CHRISTMAS EVE

24 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, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Monica Mary Tobias, Den Foreman, Selina Wendy Richardson, Gerald McGilgan, Colin Ashton, Jose Santos, Charles King, Merica Goodall, Edith Campbell, Winifred & James Halcrow, Dorothy & Ronald Hughes, Maria & Kazimierz Włodarczyk

May they rest in peace
Amen.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Collection:	St. Charles £552.93	Sacred Heart £362.60
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Thank you for your generosity.



Notices for the Week

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, Carols 3.30pm Mass 4.00pm.

Sacred Heart, Carols 6.00pm Mass 6.30pm.

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

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.

'Hear Angels Cry' - rises to declare Hope in *Bethlehem*

This song, endorsed by *Pope Francis*, resonates with the belief that hope for a better future, remains resilient in the face of aggression. Watch on YouTube

<https://bit.ly/418x61F>

CAFOD—Emergency Appeal

We watch with hope and apprehension the unfolding crisis in the Holy Land.

Please continue to support our Israeli– Palestinian Crisis Appeal.

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.

Reception

Maxwell Alexander Graziani will be received into Full Communion during Mass at St Charles on Fri 29 Dec. Welcome to the parish and best wishes to Max and his family.

Vocations - Feast of the Holy Family

Like Abraham, we might not know where we are going, but God always has a plan. Is God calling you to discern a path to priesthood? Speak to your priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: Tel: 01207 299012.

Sacred Heart Livestream

Apologies but there is a fault on the sound. Unfortunately Church Services TV have no technicians available until after Christmas.

St Oswald's Primary Christmas Fair

Raised £1715 for the school.. Many thanks to all who supported it.

Voicemale Concert at Sacred Heart

Raised £670. Donations were made to St. Oswald's Hospice, Hazlerigg Food Bank and our parish toy appeal. Many thanks to all who supported it.

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 £12 per year requested by 15.01.24. Price unchanged £12 per year. New subscribers welcome, monthly cash prizes. Results by email and on SVP noticeboard.

2024

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mon 1 Jan Mass at *St Charles* 10.00am. Join us as we ask God's blessing on the Year ahead.

World Day For Peace Mon 1 Jan.

a message from Pope Francis will be read at Mass on that day, First Day of 2024.

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of Epiphany this year falls on the weekend of 6/7 Jan. The Masses are the usual weekend times.

The Baptism of the Lord

This Feast is on Mon 8 Jan, as there is no Mass that day, the Feast will be transferred to Tue 9 Jan Mass is 9.30am at Sacred Heart.

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.

White Flower Appeal

SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy.

An appeal will be made at the weekend Masses *13/14 Jan* and a *Special Collection* taken to support the work of **SPUC** - the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children*

Proud Catholics Next meeting *Tue 16 Jan* 7.30 St Andrew's, Worswick St.

Newcastle Contact Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com

Holiday

Fr Michael will be away on holiday from *15-25 Jan*.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

This annual eight days of prayer for the unity of all Christians takes place from *Thu 18 Jan* to the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul *Thu 25 Jan*.

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.

YMT led 'Confirmation Retreat' at Emmaus Village 26-28 Jan.

There are still places for anyone receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, to join other candidates across the Diocese, exploring our faith, the Church, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There will be time for fun, faith and food during these days of retreat. Please contact nsalked@ymt.org before *19 Jan*.

Sacrament of Confirmation at *St Charles* on **Tue 9 July**. Details to Follow.

Quote of the Week

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.
Wright Mabie

