



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

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Sunday 22nd February – 1st Sunday in Lent, Year (A)

Saturday	21	4.00pm	Mass at Wolsingham Church	Canon Bob Spence (NBF)
Sunday	22	9.00am	Mass in Tow Law Church	James Hall
Sunday	22	10:30am	Mass in Crook Church	Lynda Paley & Tony Stephenson
Monday	23	6.00pm	Mass in Wolsingham Church	Sick & housebound of the Parishes
Tuesday	24	10.00am	Mass in Crook Church	Open Intentions
Tuesday	24	12.40pm	Funeral Service for Michael Smith	
Wednesday	25	NO SERVICE		
Thursday	26	NO SERVICE		
Friday	27	10.00am	Mass in Crook Church	Ann Bernadette Alderson (NBF)
Saturday	28	4.00pm	Mass at Wolsingham Church	People of the Parishes
Sunday	01	9.00am	Mass in Tow Law Church	Andrew Beardsmore
Sunday	01	10:30am	Mass in Crook Church	Joe Price

Exposition before Tow Law and Crook Masses next Sunday

CONFESSION DURING LENT: Confession will be available before Saturday Vigil Mass in Wolsingham & before Sunday morning Mass in Tow Law. In Crook it will be after Sunday Mass.

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS: Pat Aspinall, Grace Dewell, Marjorie Martin, Margaret Rejoiced, Peter Crawford, Nancy Hayton, Jean Taylor, Alberto delle Fratte, Kevin Bell, Senara Wilton, Michael Rowell, Maureen Smith, Marie Elliott, Ken Gowland.

ANNIVERSARIES Anne Peacock, John Joseph Hodgson, Eileen Ryder, Margaret Marsden, Robert Lewis, Dorothy Connelly, James Cyril McElwee

SAINTS FEAST DAYS

Monday 23 St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned

OPEN CHURCH: St. Cuthbert's Church is open on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.30am until 4.00pm. We invite everyone, families and young people to visit and spend some time with Our Lord in peace and reflection.

HALF-HOUR VIGIL FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE & AROUND THE WORLD: St Cuthbert's Church, 7.00pm on Thursdays.

LIVE STREAMING: Masses are streamed via [Church Services TV](http://ChurchServicesTV). We welcome all our parishioners and fellow worshipers who join us at Mass online. A Spiritual Communion Prayer will be read out by the 1st Reader of each Sunday.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Lenten Alms

The next special collection will be Family Fast Day (CAFOD) on 1st March

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Ministries for Sunday 1st March

Welcomers	Readers	Eucharistic Minister	Refreshments
Joan Tobin John Phelan	A Smith John Harnett	D. Reed (C) M Massagli-Gallagher	Edith & Pat
Flowers	Bidding prayers	Bulletin	Fatima Statue
	Anne & Kath	Belinda bulletinstcuthbert@gmail.com	T Metcalf

LENTEN ACTIVITIES:

- **CAFOD** invites you to join them as we seek to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent. Each day in their emails they will share a reflection on one of the readings of the day, stories of our global family, a prayer and a suggested action you might like to take as we prepare for Easter. To join this journey [sign up now](#) on the CAFOD website. Please encourage family and friends to sign up as well.
- **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY, 27 February 2026** invites parishes to respond through prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the needs of families facing floods and drought in places such as South Sudan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. Through support for CAFOD's Lent Appeal, parishes and schools can help families grow food and care for their communities in the face of the devastating impact of climate change. Collect a CAFOD envelope at the back of church and we ask that you encourage school communities to support CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal also. Scan the QR code for more information or visit cafod.org.uk/parish
- **CAFOD HOT CROSS BUNRAISER:** The J&P group will be holding their usual hot cross bun event in the Centre after Mass on Sunday, 8th March.
- **LENTEN REFLECTION RESOURCES** are available on [diocesan website](#). It includes ***We Dare to Ask*** featuring 5 sessions on the theme of our Baptismal Vocation. The booklet is available to view and download now.
- **SYCAMORE FOR LENT:** Join Mike Weetman on a short Sycamore course to explore how we might enter more deeply into prayer with 6 online sessions with lots of practical tips, wisdom from the bible, stories from the saints and advice about common difficulties we face when praying. The sessions will take place on Sundays during Lent from 22nd February – Sunday 29th March starting at 6pm till 7.15pm. You are all very welcome to attend as many sessions as you can, and why not invite a friend or two to join? More information can be found on the [diocesan website](#).
- **CHURCHES TOGETHER:** *Christ and the Chocolaterie* is a Christian Lent course designed for small groups or individuals based on the 2000 film *Chocolat* by Hilary Brand. It explores themes of change, gift-giving, and acceptance through film scenes, bible study and reflection. You are welcomed to join sessions held at St. Andrews at 2pm on 26th February, 12th March and 26th March.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CROOK CHURCH** will be led by Sr. Paschaline this evening at 7.00pm with the J&P group leading next Friday, 27th February. Volunteers are still needed so if you are willing to help, please contact Anne Berry who is organising the rota at anneberry@gmail.com or the church office on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.



SR. ASSUMPTA: The Requiem Mass for Sr. Assumpta will take place at 11.30am on Tuesday 3rd March in the Chapel at St. Anthony's Convent, Oaklea, Sunderland.

SELF EMPLOYED CLEANER URGENTLY REQUIRED for St Thomas's Centre, Rectory Lane, Wolsingham for one hour every week and for St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Rectory Lane, Wolsingham for 1.5 hours every two weeks. Please contact Catherine Ormerod on 01388 527998.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: It's still not too late to put forward a child in Year 4 & upwards from St. Cuthbert's or outside the school. Please get in touch with either Sr. Paschaline, the school or register your interest with the parish office on 01388 762724, email ourladyimmaculatestcuthbert.crook@diocesehn.org.uk

DIOCESAN VACANCY: Parish Finance Officer (Salary Scale: £43,000 to £45,000) St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Applicant Pack from Annie Leaver, Head of HR annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk Closing Date: Wednesday 4th March 2026 (we reserve the right to close the post early). Shortlisting Wednesday 11th March 2026 Interviews scheduled for Tuesday 17th March 2026.