



**TO OUR PARISHES OF**  
**ST. MARY & ST. THOMAS AQUINAS',**  
**STELLA**  
**& ST. AGNES', CRAWCROOK.**

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**Retired in residence at St. Agnes', Crawcrook: Rev. Fr. J. James.**

**Pentecost. 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.**

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Vigil Mass	- Stella	5.00 p.m.	John Sloan.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost.	- St. Agnes - Stella	9.00 a.m. 10.15 a.m.	Michael Moffitt. Urszula Antosik.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	(St. Bede.)	- Stella	9.15 a.m.	Deceased Members Robson Family.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	(St. Philip Neri.)	- Stella - St. Agnes'	9.15 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Dario di Carlo. The Mannion Family.
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	(St. Augustine)	- St. Agnes - Stella	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Clem Kelly. The Holy Souls.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	(Jesus, Eternal High Priest.)	- Stella - St. Agnes'	9.15 a.m. 10.00a.m.	The November Book. Priest's Intention.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	(St. Paul VI.)	- St. Agnes' - Stella	9.15 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	The November Book. Gerard Trodden.
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May		- Stella - Stella	10.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	Our Lady's Intentions. Wedding: Amy Huggin & Ian Sayers.
	Vigil Mass	- Stella	5.00 p.m.	Christine McCaughey.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	The Holy Trinity	- St. Agnes' - Stella	9.00 a.m. 10.15 a.m.	Hugh McHugh. Alice Phillipson.

**Safeguarding.** Our parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance, the CSSA and Diocesan policies at all times. Our Parish reps are:- Rachael Taylor (Stella) & Janet Dale (Crawcrook). The Diocesan Team can be contacted on (0191) 243 3305.

**Confessions:-** Daily after Masses. Confessions:- daily after Mass & Sat. 4.15 – 4.45pm. Exposition: Sat. 4.15 – 4.45.

**Please pray for: the sick:-** Mark Armstrong; Jenny, Kathleen & Simon Burns; D. C.; Chloe Cant; Tommy Carr; Valerie Coleman; Michael Hogan; Avril & Paul Kimmitt Joyce Madine; Margaret March; Annie O'Connor; Jessica Rich; Natasha Rose; Matthew Stewart; Fr. Alan MacKnight. **Recently deceased:-** Andy Walsh. Requiescat in pace.

**Offertory Procession. This week: Lucy Miller & Family (Sat.); First Communion Children (Sunday);**  
 Next week: Mia Pow & Family (Saturday); First Communion Children (Sunday).

**200 Club Weekly Winner.** This week's winner: A. Rea, No. 13. Congratulations Antonella!

**Parish First Holy Communion Group 2025/26.** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers:- Hope Abiye; Lola Beadling; Nieve Bell; Jessica Bott; Harry Burns; Oliver Dickinson; Lola Draper; Indie Fitzgerald; Lucy Harman; Amelia Henderson; Freya Jordan; Jonas Kenna; Amari McClelland; Nathan Maltman; Lucy Miller; Dylan Lennon; Fraser & Rory Loughran; Mia Pow; Florence Rafferty; Ella, Olivia & Sophia Reed; Filip Sikorski; Jessica Smith; Emily Spoons; Erin Spoons; Eliza Thew; Noah Wightman.



**Churches Together** The annual service of prayer for Christian Unity will be today, Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00 p.m. at Holy Cross in Ryton Village. Please do come along and join us



Stella Parish 200 Club Envelopes. We have quite a few spare numbers, if you would like to join! Just complete an application form from the back of the church. The new boxes / envelopes for those who pay annually, are available at the back of church.



**THANK YOU!** Many thanks for the donation of £150 recently received towards the cost of the roof renewal at Stella. The continuing generosity of parishioners ensures that we are able to address such capital projects as and when they arise.



**Stella Summer Raffle.** Tickets are on sale— just £1 a strip. Prizes include:- Laphroaig Quarter Cask 48% whisky; 1 lite Smirnoff Vodka; Whitney-Neil Hand Crafted 43% Gin; 1 litre Napoleon Brandy; Jameson’s Whiskey; 1 litre Baileys; Jose Cuervo Especial Tequila; Spiced 40% Rum; Graham’s Ruby Port; Limoncello; Presentation Pack of Wines; Kath Kidston of London Hand Care set.

**STELLA SUMMER FAYRE DATE! Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2p.m.** Enter this in your diaries. Items for the fayre? Bring them along now. Tombola prizes can be handed to Fr. Rose. If you wish to help with the stalls again this year, please do sign up on the sheet that’s on the table at the back of church.



**Congratulations!**

We warmly congratulate Amy Huggin and Ian Sayers who will be celebrating their wedding at Stella on Saturday. We wish them every joy and blessing on their wedding day and in their married lives together.

**Welcome!** We warmly welcome Reuben, George, Cale and Joey who have been baptized at Stella in the last couple of weeks. Pray too for the twenty-one children whose Baptisms will be celebrated at Stella in the coming few months. May the Lord continue to enfold them and their parents in His love.



**LINKS WITH OUR PARISHES’ PRIMARY SCHOOLS.** As we continue to discern how the Lord’s Mission may become our own, great progress is being made by our working party. The importance of good, strong family/school/parish links has been stressed by so many. Our primary schools now send out our parishes’ newsletter in conjunction with the weekly school communications and we are looking at making progress on the gardening link too. From September, there will be a weekly class celebration of Mass at St. Agnes’ School, mirroring the weekly Mass for the children at Stella. I wish to thank our head teachers, Mrs Wood and Mr Craig, together with their dedicated teams of staff, for their on-going support for our parishes and families, as well as our working party who are committing so much thought, time and effort in helping to discern a constructive way forward, as we work ever more closely together.

**First Holy Communion Info.** Rehearsal: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00 p.m. in church. Boys’ ties from Fr. Rose: £7. Blessed Sacrament Procession: Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at **10.00 a.m.** Please note the timing of our procession.

**St. Agnes’ Summer Draw.** Message from Norah: Tickets are available now and prizes would be very welcome! Thank you in anticipation. Proceeds to parish funds.

**CHRIST SPEAKS IN THE GOSPEL**

During the proclamation of the Gospel at Holy Mass, the Church believes that Jesus Christ speaks to His people. The Gospel is not merely a reading from the past... ..it is the living Word of Christ proclaimed here and now. The Gospel receives unique reverence in the liturgy because it contains:- the words of Christ; the deeds of Christ; the saving message of Christ. This is why the faithful:- stand during the Gospel; trace the cross on forehead, lips, and heart; respond: “Glory to You, O Lord;” listen with special attentiveness. Christ is present in His Word. The Church teaches that Christ is truly present:- in the Eucharist; in the priest; in the proclaimed Word of God. When the Gospel is read in the liturgy, Christ Himself addresses His Church. Before the Gospel, Catholics make small crosses on:- forehead — that God’s Word may be in our minds; lips — that we may proclaim it faithfully; heart — that we may love and live God’s Word. The Gospel is not simply information. It is an invitation to conversion and discipleship. Christ continues to teach, call, correct, and nourish His people through His Word. Reflect then, when the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass... ..do you hear only the voice of the priest or deacon, or do you strive to listen for the voice of Christ?

**Weekly chuckle!**

I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. 'This is the 21st century,' she said. 'We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad.' I can tell you this... ..that fly never knew what hit him!

My church welcomes all denominations... ..but the minister really prefers tens and twenties!