



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.

11th Sunday of the Year. 14th June, 2026.

Saturday 13 th June	Vigil Mass	- Stella	5.00 p.m.	Urszula Antosik.
Sunday 14 th June	11 th of the Year	- St. Agnes' - Stella	9.00 a.m. *10.00 a.m.*	Phyllis & Norman Callender. Deceased Members McTaff & Price Family.
Monday 15 th	(St. William of York.)	- Stella	9.15 a.m.	The November Book.
Tuesday 16 th	(St. Richard.)	- Stella	9.15 a.m.	The Holy Souls.
Wednesday 17 th		- Stella	9.15 a.m.	Alice Phillipson.
Thursday 18 th		- Stella	9.15 a.m.	Dario di Carlo.
Friday 19 th	(St. Romuald.)	- Stella	9.15 a.m.	Our Lady's Intentions.
Saturday 20 th June	Vigil Mass	- Stella	5.00 p.m.	Dorothy Gunson.
Sunday 21 st June	12 th of the Year	- St. Agnes' - Stella	9.00 a.m. 10.15 a.m.	The November Book. Urszula Antosik.

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; 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 and all poorly at this time.

Offertory Procession. This week: Florence Rafferty & Family (Sat.); Noah Wightman & Family (Sunday);
Next week: Ella Reed & Family (Sat.); Jessica Bott & Family (Sunday).

200 Club Weekly Winner. This week's winner: R. Harrison, No. 104. Congratulations Rita!

Parish First Holy Communion Group 2025/26. Please keep the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend 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.



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 Strollers. The next adventure will be a circular walk on Saturday, 20th June, leaving Barmoor car park at 10.30. We look forward to sharing this and future walks with St. Agnes' parishioners. More details to follow!



Annual Blessed Sacrament Procession. The annual Blessed Sacrament Procession at Stella will be TODAY, Sunday, 14th June at **10.00 a.m.** Please note the timing of our procession. Our First Holy Communion children will be able to wear their finery once again!



St. Agnes' Summer Draw. Message from Norah: Tickets are available now from the back of church. Any prizes would be very welcome! Thank you in anticipation. Proceeds to parish funds.



STELLA SUMMER FAYRE! Sunday, 5th July at 2p.m. Enter this in your diaries. Items for the fayre? Do start bringing them along now – they can be left under the table at the back of church or taken down to the meeting room. 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.

Stella Parish 200 Club Envelopes. We have quite a few spare numbers. Would you like to join? Complete an application form from the back of the church. The new boxes and the envelopes for those who pay annually, are available now. The new numbering system begins with this Sunday's draw.



WHY THE CHURCH RINGS BELLS AT IMPORTANT MOMENTS DURING MASS.

There is a moment at Mass when everything changes. The church is calm. People are kneeling. The priest speaks softly. The bells are not there for tradition alone. They are not there for beauty. The Church rings bells at important times, when the exact moment bread and wine cease to exist and become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ: the Consecration. Here, Calvary returns, not symbolically, not imaginatively. Really. Mystically. Sacramentally. At that altar: the sacrifice of the Cross is made present. Christ stands again as Victim and Priest, and the victory over sin and death is renewed.

Why bells? In ancient times, bells were used for three serious reasons:- 1. To announce the presence of someone greater; 2. To warn of danger; 3. To call attention to what must not be missed. At the Consecration, all three happen at once. The bells announce: "THE LORD IS HERE." They warn: "THIS IS HOLY GROUND." They call your soul: "LOOK. BELIEVE. ADORE."

Who are the bells for? They are not for God. He is already present. They are not for the priest; he already knows. They are for you, because human beings are distracted, minds wander and hearts drift. The Church says, in effect: "Wake up. Heaven is touching earth now."

What is happening when the bells ring? As the bells sound:- angels surround the altar; Christ becomes truly present; the sacrifice of the Cross unfolds; grace pours out invisibly and the enemy cannot endure this moment.

The Eucharist is not only nourishment, it is Christ victorious. That is why saints knelt in tears and silence follows. After the bells ring, the church often falls into deep silence, because awe replaces noise, heaven has drawn near and words become insufficient. The bells speak once, then the soul listens.

When you hear the bell at Mass, do not rush the moment. Bow your head. Still your heart. Fix your eyes on the altar, because that instant becomes the most powerful moment for grace. The bells ring because Christ has won and heaven wants you to notice.

This week's chuckles!

An 8 year old girl went to the office with her father on 'Take your child to work day'.

As they walked round the office she started crying and getting cranky.

Her father asked what was wrong.

As the staff gathered round she sobbed loudly, "Daddy, where are all the clowns you said you worked with?"

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

I am trying to make friends outside Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

You wouldn't believe it, it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.