

## MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS

<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	(Alston) The Parish
<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	10.00am	Joe McArdle & Annie Maguire
<b>23rd December</b>	11.00am	<b>Baptism</b> John Edward Finney
	4.30 pm	Betty Carruthers
<b>Monday</b>	12.10pm	Gerard & Peggy Rawson
<b>Carols &amp; Midnight Mass</b>	<u>6.30pm</u>	(Alston) The Parish
	11.30pm	Ian White
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10.00am	George & Mary Brown
	5.30pm	<b>Polish Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15am	(St Gab) No Mass
<b>St Stephen</b>	12.10pm	Vera Finlinson
<b>Thursday</b>	12.10pm	Raymond & Veronica Forster
<b>St John</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	12.10pm	Graham & Boyle Families
<b>Holy Innocents</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	12.10pm	Donnelly & Graham Families
	6.00pm	(Alston) The Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Living & Deceased Styles Family
<b>Holy Family</b>	4.30pm	John McGeever
<b>Monday</b>	12.10pm	Alfred & Agnes English
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY 2008</b>
<b>Mary, Mother of God</b>	12.10pm	Anthony Styles
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15am	(St Gab) No Mass
	12.10pm	Teresa Motroni
<b>Thursday</b>	12.10pm	Connie Donnelly
<b>Friday</b>	12.10pm	Alma Ridley
<b>Saturday</b>	12.10pm	Dorothy McCarthy
	6.00am	(Alston) The Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00am	Mildred Matthews
<b>The Epiphany</b>	<u>5.00pm</u>	<b>Anglo Polish Mass</b> Thanksgiving
<b>6th January</b>		

## OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH'S

*also serving St Wulstan's in Alston*

Unto us a  
Child is  
Born



Wishing you  
all a very  
Happy & Holy  
Christmas

from  
Fr Gregory Turner  
Fr Peter Verity  
Deacon Kevin Hickey  
Deacon Gib Harrison  
Deacon John Constable



Peace on Earth  
and Goodwill  
to all

## COMING HOME

We all want to come home for Christmas. Families gather round for the celebrations, married sons and daughters come home to Mum and Dad. We renew our love and devotion for each other, and take the opportunity to meet old friends and acquaintances. We remember, with a tinge of sadness, those who for one reason or another are unable to be home for Christmas.

Our churches and parish communities are families. You may be reading this after having been away for some time. We would want to assure you that you are always welcome to be here with us. If you have drifted away from our family we would like you to know that we miss you. Our family is incomplete without you, and we are saddened when you can't be with us.

'Homecomings' is a parish initiative to help those who feel they have grown away from the Church. There are leaflets in the church benches offering understanding and a sympathetic ear from a small group of parishioners who next meet on Wednesday January 9th at 7.30 in the Rectory.

Can we welcome you back this Christmas? Our parish community is not the same without you. Come home for Christmas!

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**ANGLO POLISH MASS** on Sunday January 6th at 5.0 pm (please note change of time from the usual Sunday evening Mass). This will be the main Sunday Mass of the day and there will be wine and mince pies afterwards.

**CONFESSIONS** this week after the 12.10 Mass as usual and from 6.0 to 7.0 on Christmas Eve.

**THE SVP** would like to thank all those involved in the *Christmas Capers* evening last week. £657.30 was raised for the SVP's Christmas Charities. There's a list of raffle winners on the church noticeboard.

**THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP** are also grateful to those who supported the *Brick in the Wall* raffle last Sunday. This raised £202 for CAFOD. Pat Blackshaw won the hamper, Elaine Dias the wine, and Kathleen Gallagher the box of biscuits.

**ST AIDAN'S** parishioners invite us to Carols by Candlelight at 3.30 on Sunday December 30th

**A PETITION** at the back of church for those who say 'no' to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill soon to be introduced to Parliament. The Bill will extend the kind of experiments to which human embryos can be subjected, including the creation of human-animal hybrid embryos.

**OUR CHRISTMAS TREE** this year was kindly given by Dean Little, Tree Surgeons, of Wigton.

**2008 DIRECTORIES** for the diocese. £2.50, back of church

**Please pray for the sick;** George Gracey, Bernadette Osman, Winnie Horseman, Ann Schrubba, Altea Johnston, Christine Dale, Patrick Foley, Winnie Poland, Geraldine Pattinson, Celia Gonnella and Susan McArdle. **And those with Anniversaries about now;** Ian White, Jim Fehrenbach, Agnes Fell, Dorothy McCarthy, Connie Donnelly, and Alma Ridley.

### **MUSIC FOR CHRISTMASTIDE**

**4th of Advent Dec 23:-** Entry: *112 O Come, O Come (vv1-4)*. Offertory: *113 The Angel Gabriel*. Communion *Blessed is He who Cometh (Choir)*. Recessional: *112 O Come, O Come (vv5-7)*.

**Holy Family Dec 30:-** Entry: *152 Unto us is Born a Son*. Gloria: *130 Angels we have Heard*. Offertory: *137 Away in a Manger*. Communion: *In the Bleak Midwinter (Choir)*. Recessional: *159 O Come all ye Faithful*.

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