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ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS**

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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Year B – 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Sun of Year B	St O	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	Josh 24: 1-18, Ephs 5: 21-32 John 6: 60-69
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup>	St Bartholomew. Apostle	St M	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	Apoc 21:9-14, John 1: 45-51
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	St Louis	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	1 Thes 2:1-8, Matt 23: 23-26
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	St Ninian	St O	9.30am	Maurice Moore (VA)	1 Thes 2:9-13, Matt 23: 27-32
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup>	St Monica	St M	9.30am	Fiona Bennet recently decd	1 Thes 3: 7-13, Matt 24:42-51
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine of Hippo	St O	9.30am	Winifred Hall	1 Thess 4: 1-8, Matt 25: 1-13
			St O	1.00pm	Nuptial Mass: Bernadette Cormican & David Atkinson	
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	Passion of John the Baptist	St O	9.30am	Maurice Moore (AR)	1 Thes 4: 9-11, Matt 25:4-30
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Year B	St O	9.30am	Eleanor & George Gilbert	Deut 4: 1-8, James 1: 17-27
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Mark 7: 1-23

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's - and available on request  
(Rosary at St Oswin (St O) – Fri after Mass: St Mary's (St M) Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm)

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in August:** Lynn Johnson, Danita, Decia Morris, Helen Lauchlan, Mary Wrightson, Kate Gascoine, Sr Rosaleen, Fred Stimpson, June Barnsley, Cynthia Chicken, Jim McAllister, Rebecca McCabe.

**Anniversaries:** William Burbridge, Eileen Whitfield, Kathleen Burr, Iris McKenna, Sarah McGee, Eleanor Gilbert, Jeremy Kennedy, Carole Wall, Ina McDermott, Bridget Matthews, Anne O'Kane, Esther King.

**Euthanasia Bill:** on Fri 11 Sept the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please take the postcard provided as you leave church and address it to Alan Campbell, MP, urging him to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can alternatively send an e-mail to your MP via website ([www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide)).

**Next Parish Social Event** is a Pie and Pea Supper on **Fri 18 Sept** in St Mary's Hall. Cost £6. Only a few tickets left. **Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received!**

**Living the Joy of the Gospel** - Christians around the North East are invited to join together to celebrate our common call to proclaim and live the Gospel with joy and hope: **Durham Cathedral Sun Sept 6th 3.30pm**

*We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism  
**JOSHUA JOSEPH CROSSLING**  
who was baptised at St Mary's on 16 August 2015*

**Forward Together in Hope:** As agreed at the parish AGM, a small team are currently completing Part A of the questionnaire. This will be available for comment and discussion at a parish open meeting on **Mon 21 Sept, 7.30-8.30pm** in the church hall. A final summary version will then be available for all with the newsletter on Sun 27 Sept. Between 4 Oct and 8 Nov parishioners will be invited to submit their written responses to 2 reflective questions from Part B of the questionnaire each week. These will be assessed at parish open meetings on **Thurs 22 Oct 6.45-8.00pm** and **Thurs 19 Nov 6.45-8.00pm**. These are important meetings. So I encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend.

**The Forward in Hope Team** are keen to get responses from anyone, including those who do not attend church regularly, in order to learn as much as possible from their perspectives. Please use the following link to access the survey. <https://forwardtogether.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/hope> or see diocesan website.

**Priory Walking Group** is now well established and starts from the Haven car park every Thursday 10.15 for 10.30 start. See poster on noticeboard for contact details.

**St Aidan's Wallsend** are holding an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia celebrating 150 years of parish life on the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August from 1pm – 4pm. Photographs supplied by parishioners and their families will tell the story of St Aidan's school, class groups, football and netball teams, the drama group, parish trips as well as including family stories spanning 100 years. If you or your family have any connection with St Aidan's we know you will enjoy a visit.

*Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision – to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 33

*Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

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| 1. I will bless the Lord at all times,<br>his praise always on my lips;<br>in the Lord my soul shall make its boast<br>The humble shall hear and be glad.                  | 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked<br>to destroy their remembrance from the earth.<br>The Lord turns his eyes to the just<br>and his ears to their appeal.    |
| 3. They call and the Lord hears<br>and rescues them in all their distress.<br>The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;<br>those whose spirit is crushed he will save.      | 4. Many are the trials of the just man<br>but from them all the Lord will rescue him.<br>He will keep guard over all his bones,<br>not one of his bones shall be broken. |
| 5. Evil brings death to the wicked;<br>those who hate the good are doomed.<br>The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.<br>Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. |  |

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:21-32

*St Paul uses the image of marriage to express the bond that exists between Christ and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

John 6:60-69

*The disciples of Jesus are faced with a vital decision to stay with Jesus or to leave him.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**How does the Sunday celebration help you to renew your faith?**