

**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S
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&
ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS**

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23rd Sunday of Year B – 6th September 2015

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	6th	23rd Sun of Year B	St O	9.30am	Arthur Bland	<i>Is 35: 4-7, James 2: 1-5 Mark 7: 31-37</i>
			St M	11.00am	Steve & Wynn Shippen	
Mon	7 th	Weekday	St M	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Coloss 1:24-2: 3, Luke 6: 6-11</i>
Tue	8 th	B'day of Bless'd Virgin	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Micah 5: 1-4, Matt 1: 1-23</i>
Wed	9 th	St Peter Claver	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Coloss 3: 1-11, Luke 6: 2-26</i>
Thu	10 th	Weekday	St M	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Coloss 3: 12-17, Luke 6: 27-38</i>
Fri	11 th	Weekday	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>1 Tim 1: 1-14, Luke 6: 39-42</i>
Sat	12 th	Holy Name of Mary	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>1 Tim 1: 15-17, Luke 6: 43-49</i>
Sun	13th	24th Sun of Year B	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 50: 5-9, St James 2: 14-18 Mark 8: 27-35</i>
			St M	11.00am	Peter Headley	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Usually 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 September: Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Mary Wrightson, June Barnsley, Jim McAllister, Sonu Aby.

Anniversaries: Arthur Bland, Martha Coutts, Beatrice Swaddle, John Bradley, Anita Nott, Kenneth Briggs, Thomas Elliott, Jean Patterson, Mary Elliott, Lawrence Flynn.

Euthanasia Bill: **THIS Fri 11 Sept** the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. If you have not already done so, please consider writing to your MP, via website www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide.

Racial Justice – there will be a retiring collection **NEXT** Sunday 13 Sept.

Pie and Pea Supper & Quiz on Fri 18 Sept, 7pm. Tickets now sold. **Donations for the raffle still gratefully received!**

Tanzanian Cake Stall There will be a cake stall at St Mary's after 11am Mass, **Sun 13 Sept.** We look forward to your usual support for this worthy project, both in baking and buying! **Thank You!**

Interested in Becoming a Catholic? – The Parish/Cluster 'Journey in Faith Course'/ RCIA will begin on **Wed 7 Oct 7.30-8.30pm** at St Cuthbert's Church. This is a series of meetings and talks on the Catholic Church: *For further information please contact Fr Martin.*

Congratulations to
BERNADETTE CORMICAN and DAVID ATKINSON who were married on Friday 28th August at St Oswin's Church.

We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism
EDWARD JAMES GARBUTT
who was baptised at St Mary's Sunday 30th August.

First Holy Communions 2016: Parents of children in school Year 4 are invited to collect a form to enrol their children into this sacramental programme. (Monthly preparation meetings will be held for the children on Sundays 9.50-12noon here at St Mary's church). Forms are available at Sunday Mass from the catechists or priest.

APF-Mill Hill Red Boxes are now due to be collected for the September quarter.

Forward Together in Hope: 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.

WORLD WAR 1 AND THE SISTERS OF MERCY – ILLUSTRATED TALK - Wed Sept 16th 7pm – at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, North Shields. Speakers: Claire Childs & Jenny Smith. In 2014, to commemorate the Centenary of the start of the First World War, the Archivists of the Sisters of Mercy, created a standing exhibition as well as an illustrated talk to recall the experiences & involvement of the Sisters, Priests and schoolchildren during WW1. This is a story of real people living through war. *All welcome!*

Harvest Festival at St Oswin's on **Sun 27th Sept.** This year's proceeds will go to 'Walking With'. Fresh garden produce very welcome, also tinned tuna, chick peas and tinned tomatoes etc. During the offertory the children will carry up their own contributions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

The prophet urges the people to take courage, because God is coming to save his people.

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage!' Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

Response: **My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord who will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

Class distinction should have no place among Christians.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:31-37

Jesus cures a Gentile man who is deaf and has a speech impediment.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?