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&  
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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year B – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year B	St O	9.30am	Paddy McNally	Wis 2:12-20, James 3: 16-4:3 Mark 9: 30-37
			St M	11.00am		
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Matthew, Apostle	St M	9.30am	Whole School Mass	Eph 4: 1-13, Matt 9: 9-13
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Ezra 6: 7-20, Luke 8: 19-21
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Padre Pio	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Ezra 9: 5-9, Luke 9: 1-6
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Walsingham	St M	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Haggai 1: 1-8, Luke 9: 7-9
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Hag 1: 15, 2: 9, Luke 9: 18-22
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	Ss Cosmas & Damien	St O	9.30am	Maurice Moore (AR)	Zech 2: 5-15, Luke 9: 43-45
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year B	St O	9.30am	Mary Cutter	Num 11: 25-29, James 5: 1-6
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Mark 9: 38-48

**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 September:** Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Mary Wrightson, June Barnsley, Jim McAllister, Sonu Aby, 12yr old Danita, Decia Morris, Helen Laughlan, Fred Stimpson, Sr Rosaleen, Tommy Gregson.

**Anniversaries:** Lydia McGregor, Kenneth Croft, Rosary McSwaine, Lawson Swallow, James McFarlane.

**Walking With Project** - on **6 Oct at 7pm** in St Mary's Hall, the Project Manager Carol Parkins, will give a talk and answer questions about the project. There will be a collection for 'Walking With' at the end. *All welcome.*

**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.*

**TODAY is Home Mission Sunday:** theme 'Proclaim God's Mercy' - retiring collection taken at Mass. Please take a card home with you and pray the 'Proclaim' Prayer.

**Children's Liturgy at St Oswin's** will be on the following dates: **27 Sep, 11 Oct, 8 Nov, 22 Nov and 6 Dec.** It is aimed at primary school age children, but if you'd like to know more or would like to join the team, please text Anne on 0744 3630 407.

**Tanzanian Cake Stall Challenge** held last Sunday raised **£257** which included a **£50** donation from the Sunday morning coffee group and other individual donations from parishioners. Many thanks to those who baked and bought produce.

**Gift Aid** – Please remember to pick up your 'Thank You' letters **TODAY** as you leave church, as you may need it for confirmation of your yearly amount for Tax Returns.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - **new** list is now available on the notice board of both churches.

**Forward Together in Hope: Part A of the questionnaire.** This will be available for comment and discussion at a **parish open meeting this Mon 21 Sept, 7.30-8.30pm in the church hall.** *Please make every effort to attend.*

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.

**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.

**Harvest Festival** at St Oswin's **NEXT Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.** This year's proceeds will go to 'Walking With'. Fresh garden produce very welcome, also rice, dried foods and tins gratefully received. **During the offertory the children will carry up their own contributions from home.** Contact Marcia on 258 2478.

**Dead Man Walking** - Sr. Helen Prejean, author of the book 'Dead Man Walking' which was turned into the Oscar winning film, tells the true life story of Sr. Helen's encounter with a man on Death Row who she accompanies to his execution. Sr Helen will be speaking at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Mon 5 Oct at 7pm.** She is a well-known advocate of the poor and the vulnerable and is engaging, inspiring and entertaining. The event is free and there is no need to book.

**Newman Association** - next talk **Weds 30 Sept.** *See poster for more details.*

## First Reading

Wisdom 2:12.17-20

*The godless plot to do away with the just one, because his blameless life is a reproach to them.*

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 53

Response: **The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
Listen to the words of my mouth.
2. For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.
3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good.

## Second Reading

James 3:16 - 4:3

*Jealousy, ambition, and self-seeking lead to disharmony and fighting. Gentleness, reasonableness, and mercy lead to peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

*Jesus tells his apostles that he will suffer bitter humiliation and death, and says that true greatness shows itself in service towards the weaker members of the community.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

### Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

**What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?**