

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

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27th Sunday of Year B – 4th October 2015

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	4 th	27 th Sun of Year B	St O	9.30am	Maurice Moore (TR)	Gen 2: 18-24, Heb 2: 9-11 Mark 10: 2-16
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	5 th	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Patricia Stempczyk	Jonah 1:1-2:1-11, Luke 10:25-37
Tue	6 th	St Bruno	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Jonah 3: 1-10, Luke 10: 38-42
Wed	7 th	Our Lady of the Rosary	St O	9.30am	Nancy Firth	Jonah 4: 1-11, Luke 11: 1-4
Thu	8 th	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Class Mass–Year 5 : Katie & John Clarke	
Fri	9 th	John Henry Newman	St O	9.30am	Margaret Gow	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2, Luke 11:15-26
Sat	10 th	St Paulinus of York	St O	9.30am	Vocations (Catenians)	Is 52: 7-10, Matt 28: 16-20
Sun	11 th	28 th Sun of Year B	St O	9.30am	Lawrence Flynn	Wis 7: 7-11, Heb 4: 12-13
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Mark 10: 17-30

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 October: New list available. Previous entries will need to be re-signed.

Anniversaries: Clare Bradley, James Shields, Sylvia Cambridge, Patricia Stempczyk, Maureen Hunt, Mary Anne Campbell, Peggy Corrigan, Ellie Gavin, Joan Harrison.

Safe Families for Children: Today we welcome John Hinton who will speak at the end of Mass about this organization which supports families in crisis.

Walking With Project - on **Tues 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.*

Walking With – Refugees and Asylum Seekers would like to thank all those who helped towards the beautiful harvest produce we received from the Parish and the £50 collected from the sale of the flowers.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic? – The Parish/Cluster 'Journey in Faith Course' RCIA begins this **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.*

First Holy Communions: Parents have a meeting this coming **Thurs 8 Oct 7-8pm** in the church hall. The children will meet with the catechists **next Sun, 10-12pm** at St Mary's.

Woollie Appeal: Spare wool wanted to help our local AgeUK Big Knit 2015! Wool can be left in the box provided at the back of church where it will be collected by Pat Scott one of the Big Knitters! See Pat for full details of this fundraising scheme.

Congratulations to St Oswin's Gardening Team for winning first prize in the 'North Tyneside in Bloom' competition. *Well done!*

Forward Together in Hope: Each week you are invited to submit a written response to two reflective questions which accompany this newsletter. These can be placed in the box available at the back of church. Responses to the first six questions will be assessed at a parish open meeting on **Thurs 22 Oct 6.45-8.00pm.** A further open meeting will be held on **Thurs 19 Nov 6.45-8.00pm** to assess the responses to the second set of questions. I encourage all to be part of this. The full version of the parish response to Section A of the questionnaire is available for viewing on the cluster website.

Youth Sunday Preparation An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St Robert's School, Washington on **Sun 11 Oct 3pm-5.15pm.** This year's theme is 'Love Undeserved'. Variety of resources will be available. All adults and young people (Year 9 and above) are invited – please see Fr Martin if you would like to go. More details available from YMT on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

Advanced Notice for Parish Christmas Dinner/Social. Final details not yet confirmed but will be held in Tynemouth Golf Club around end of Nov, early Dec. Cost around £20. At this stage we would like to know what interest there is in holding this event and to this end there will be a list at back of church **NEXT Sunday** for parishioners to sign.

Forward Together in Hope Prayer:

Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being.

Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us. Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to change and to move forward together in hope.

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

God made man and woman for each other. The bond of marriage means they are no longer two but one.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127

Response: **May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
 and walk in his ways!
 By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
 You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
 in the heart of your house;
 your children like shoots of the olive,
 around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
 the man who fears the Lord.
 May the Lord bless you from Zion
 In a happy Jerusalem all the days of your Life!
 May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

By entering fully into human life, and by experiencing the bitterness of death, Christ became a brother and a saviour to all people.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16

Christ teaches that the marriage bond comes from God and is therefore indissoluble.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'. Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?

Parish Questionnaire – Reflective Questions – Week 1

1. The Christian Faithful

The Christian Faithful are the heart of every worshipping community. If it is to flourish, a community needs a core of members who are committed to the Gospel of Christ and are willing to make the community a priority, giving generously of their time, imagination, gifts and other resources. A viable parish needs a minimum of active members.

How can your community look to sustain and increase the number of people worshipping with you towards 2030?

2. Leadership

It is certain that in the future even more communities will be sharing a priest with other worshipping communities. Priests and deacons will be working more collaboratively with people. The prospect of having around 50 active priests in our Diocese in 15 years' time (2030) certainly sharpens the mind. While we must continue to pray that men will respond to the call of discipleship as ordained priests and deacons, we also need to look carefully at the development of other forms of leadership in the Church.

What lay leadership is currently viable and effective in your community?

For what other areas of your community life could trained lay men and women assume responsibility?