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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

| Sun | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun of Advent    | St O | 9.30am  | People of the Parish                            | <i>Jer 33:14-16, 1Thess3:12-4:2<br/>Luke 21: 25-36</i> |
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|     |                  |                                  | St M | 11.00am | Anne Calow & Michael Patterson                  |  |
| Mon | 30 <sup>th</sup> | St Andrew, Apos                  | St M | 9.30am  | Special Intention                               | <i>Roms 10: 9-18, Matt 4: 18-22</i>                    |
| Tue | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Weekday of Advent                | St O | 9.30am  | <i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>          | <i>Rom 1: 16-25, Luke 11: 37-41</i>                    |
| Wed | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Weekday of Advent                | St O | 9.30am  | John Drummond                                   | <i>Rom 2: 1-11, Luke 11: 42-46</i>                     |
| Thu | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | St Francis Xavier                | St M | 9.30am  | <i>Class Mass Year 1</i>                        | <i>Rom 3: 21-30, Luke 11: 47-54</i>                    |
| Fri | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Weekday of Advent                | St O | 9.30am  | <i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>          | <i>Rom 4: 1-8, Luke 12: 1-7</i>                        |
| Sat | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Weekday of Advent                | St M | 11.00am | <i>Cluster Mass for the Sick and Housebound</i> |  |
| Sun | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent | St O | 9.30am  | People of the Parish                            | <i>Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1: 3-11<br/>Luke 3: 1-6</i>         |
|     |                  |                                  |      |         | Kevin Clarke                                    |  |

**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 November:** Moira Joyce, Samantha Patterson, Jim McAllister. Peter Devlin. Mary Wrightson, June Barnsley, June Calow, Brenda Miller, John Taylor, Lyn Johnson, David Plummer, Sr Rosaleen, Norman Edge, Fr Michael Corbett.

**Anniversaries:** Anne Marshall, Florence Humble, Veronica Cassidy, Rosemary Regan, Eileen Goode, Sheila McIntyre, Margaret Powell, Marjorie Robson, Peter Hudson, Catherine Rice, Honor McFarlane.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Calow** who died recently.

**Advent Service at St George's Church, Cullercoats.** All ladies are invited to this service **on Mon 30 Nov at 2pm** followed by tea in the hall.

**First Holy Communions:** Parents have a meeting this coming **Thurs 3 Dec 7-8pm** in the church hall, which will include some 'mulled wine'. The children will meet with the catechists **next Sun, 10-12pm** at St Mary's.

**The Next Parish Council** meeting will be held on **Fri 4 Dec at 6.30pm** at St. Mary's. If you have an item/s for discussion please contact any council member.

**Cluster Mass for Sick and Housebound** will be celebrated at St Mary's on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11am**. Please indicate if transport is required. A soup lunch will be served afterwards

**DePaulUK:** it's time for our contribution for a Christmas Present for our local homeless young people in North Tyneside. Our parish has been asked to provide Selection boxes. There will be boxes at the back of churches **TODAY & next Sun 6 Dec**.

**ATP Mission Boxes** – promoters will be collecting shortly for the December quarter.

**Forward Together in Hope:** The responses to the 12 reflective questions accompany this newsletter for your information.

**THE YEAR OF MERCY** begins on **Tues 8 Dec**. Bishop Séamus will launch the Year of Mercy at St Mary's Cathedral on **Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**. He will celebrate Mass at 7.15am and give a talk at 10.30am. Bishop Séamus and Diocesan Clergy will concelebrate Mass at 12.05pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and priests to hear confessions between 8.00am and 8.00pm (except during the Mass and talk).

**Advent Alms Appeal** from St Cuthbert's Care – This Advent, our 5p Bus distributes warm clothes, bedding, toys and food parcels to hundreds of needy families throughout our Diocese. Envelopes available at back of church if you wish to donate. *Thank you.*

**Parish Christmas Dinner Fri 11 Dec.** If you haven't collected your ticket (£20) or chosen your menu, **please do this TODAY.**

**Our Cluster Advent Penitential Service** will take place on **Wed 16 Dec** at 7pm at St Cuthbert's church.

**Vacancy for Administrator** for the Diocese. Please see poster on noticeboard for full details and contacts.

**The Children's Liturgy Group** would love some help. No qualifications necessary. All you need is a CRB disclosure and some willingness to help the session leader. Please see anyone from the group. Next meeting **3 Jan 16** after mass.

**The Wednesday Word** - to help you prepare for Christmas and a chance to look at the Sunday readings and reflect on one. Meet in Blessed Sacrament Chapel at **6.45pm on Weds** for about ½ hour. Readings can be downloaded from the website, [www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org).

## First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*The prophet assures the people that God will send the promised one, the Messiah.*

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24

Response: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.
2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor.
3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

*Paul prays that the Lord may deepen the love the Thessalonians have for each other, and thus prepare them for the second coming of Christ.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-28.34-36

*In language borrowed from the Old Testament, Luke describes the second coming of Christ. Christians should prepare for it with confidence, vigilance and prayer.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

## Question of the week

(for further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

**What habit of prayer could you strengthen this Advent season?**