

**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S
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2nd Sunday of Advent Year C – 6th December 2015

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	6 th	2 nd Sun of Advent C	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6</i>
			St M	11.00am	Kevin Clarke	
Mon	7 th	St Ambrose, Bp	St M	9.30am	Anne Calow & Michael Patterson	<i>Is 35: 1-10, Luke 5: 17-16</i>
Tue	8 th	Immaculate Conception		12.05pm	<i>Mass at Cathedral to Launch the Year of Mercy</i>	
Wed	9 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Catherine Joyce	<i>Is 40: 25-31, Matt 11: 28-30</i>
Thu	10 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Maureen McQueen	<i>Is 41: 13-20, Matt 11: 11-15</i>
Fri	11 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Agnes Cook	<i>Is 48: 17-19, Matt 11: 16-19</i>
Sat	12 th	Our Lady of Guadeloupe	St O	9.30am	Christians in Syria & Iraq	<i>Ecc 48: 1-11, Matt 17: 10-13</i>
			St M	11.00am	<i>First Reconciliation Service for Children in Year 4</i>	
			St O	1.00pm	<i>Nuptial Mass: Cathal Mullin & Victoria Clynes</i>	
Sun	13 th	3 rd Sun of Advent	St O	9.30am	Paddy McNally	<i>Zeph 3: 14-18, Phil 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 10-18</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

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 December: Fr Michael Corbett, Mary Wrightson, June Barnsley, Jim McAllister, Peter Devlin, Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Sr Rosaleen, Norman Edge, Nuala Byron, John Taylor.

Anniversaries: Patricia Charlton, Daniel Bolger, Linda Arcillas, Steve Cunningham, Lucy Clark, John Robinson, Olga McShane, Paddy McNally.

THE YEAR OF MERCY: Bishop Séamus will launch the Year of Mercy at St Mary's Cathedral this coming **Tues 8th 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).

Parish Christmas Dinner Reminder! This **Fri 11 Dec** at **6.30pm**.

The First Reconciliation Service for the school children in Year 4 will take place this **Sat 12 Dec** at **11am** at St Mary's.

Tanzanian Cake Stall Challenge - in the church hall **next Sun (13th)** after the 11am Mass. We hope to continue raising funds to enable medicines, mosquito nets etc to be purchased and would ask all those who could help by providing produce such as cakes & scones etc, and bringing them into the hall before the commencement of Mass.

Preparing the Christmas Liturgies: All those who wish to be involved with this year's Christmas liturgies are invited to a meeting in the presbytery on **Sun 13th Dec** at **6.00pm**.

Fair Trade Goods will be on sale **TODAY** after mass in the St Oswin's tea room. Please support this excellent cause and this is an opportunity to purchase items to donate to the "Walking With" charity.

Children's toys, Christmas decorations, bags, scarves and jewellery on sale **Sun 13 Dec, 12-1.30pm** in St. Mary's Church Hall. The fairly traded goods are made by the The Good Shepherd Sisters projects which work and train women and girls from developing countries to providing them with skills and an income. Please tell your friends.

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

Christmas Collections - money raised at all Masses at Christmas is generally sent to 'Homeless Charities' .If anyone has any suggestions for suitable charities, please let Allan Muir know.

Advent Alms Appeal from St Cuthbert's Care. Envelopes available at back of church if you wish to donate. *Thank you.*

The Wednesday Word for Advent - 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.

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.

ATP Mission Boxes – are due to be emptied now for the December quarter.

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem is told to forget the sufferings of the past because God is going to bring back her exiled children to her.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125

Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

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| 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. | 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
indeed we were glad. |
| 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. | 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. |

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

Paul urges his fellow Christians to prepare for the second coming of Christ by pure and blameless lives.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight:
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist urges the people to prepare a way for the Lord through repentance.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, Winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?