

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent Year C – 13th December 2015

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	13 th	3 rd Sun of Advent C	St O	9.30am	Paddy McNally	Zeph 3: 14-18, Phil 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 10-18
			St M	11.00am		
Mon	14 th	St John of the Cross	St M	9.30am	Jim Scott	Num 24: 2-17, Matt 21: 23-27
Tue	15 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Zeph 3: 1-13, Matt 21: 28-32
Wed	16 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Margaret Coates	Is 45: 6-26, Luke 7: 19-23
Thu	17 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Whole School Mass	
Fri	18 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Maurice Moore	Jer 23: 5-8, Matt 1: 18-24
Sat	19 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Tony Murphy	Judg 13: 2-25, Luke 1: 5-25
Sun	20 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Joan Hope	Micah 5: 1-4, Heb 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-44
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY: 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 open the 'Holy Door' at the cathedral this Sunday, 13th Dec, at 3.00pm.

Congratulations to the Children who yesterday celebrated their first reconciliation.

Tanzanian Cake Stall Challenge - in the church hall **today Sun (13th)** after the 11am 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 today **Sun 13th Dec at 6.00pm.**

Children from Key Stage 1 will perform their Nativity Play in St Mary's Church this Tues, 15th Dec, at 6.00pm. Key stage 2 will lead an advent service on Wed 16th Dec at 6pm. Parishioners are most welcome.

Our Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve	6.00pm	St Mary's	(5.30pm Carols)
	8.00pm	St Oswin's	(7.30pm Carols)
Christmas Day	9.30am	St Oswin's	
	11.00am	St Mary's	

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.

Christmas Quiz available at back of Church. **£1 entry.** Entries in by **17 Dec.** Contact: Maureen Robinson 2583468.

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

Northern Catholic Calendars 2016 – are now on sale, at back of Church price **£2.50.????? If they arrive...**

Thank You to all those who organised and supported the parish Christmas Dinner Party at Tynemouth Golf Club. A great time was had by all.

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Jerusalem is urged to rejoice because God stands in her midst. We too can take heart from this message of hope.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem; Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 12

Response: **Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
2. Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known
to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds.
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Paul urges us to rejoice in the Lord, and to let go of anxiety by living in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. the Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist tells the people what they must do to prepare for the Lord's coming and to escape his searching judgement.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What act of kindness could you do this week?

Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday 4th December 2015

Present: Ann Bradford, Antony Cairns, Bill Dixon, Ruth Dixon, Dorothy Harding, Fr. Martin, Claire Nelson, Margaret Saville

Apologies: David Cassidy, Sheila King, Fred Stimpson.

Claire Nelson a pupil at St. Thomas More and a member of the YMT was welcomed to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: Approved as a true record

Matters Arising: No matters arising

Forward together in Hope: The replies to the FTIH questionnaire were approved and agreed at 3 parish meetings and have been submitted to the diocese. We expect a response sometime in the Spring. All present agreed to remain on the PPC until the project is complete.

Hopefully we will attract younger members as a result of some of the FTIH initiatives
Claire agreed to attend a future meeting with one or two other young to talk about their hopes for the future.

Christmas: Same Mass arrangements as last year but it may be necessary to change next year. The introduction of Advent Service/s on Sunday afternoon to be considered.

Social Events: 8 young couples are to take advantage of the "Baby Sitting Subsidy" and attend the Parish Dinner.

Next year we may find a larger venue for the Summer Dinner or perhaps hold a "Hog Roast" which will allow families to attend.

We will continue to have a parish trip/ pilgrimage next year.

A pilgrimage to the Diocesan Festival is to be considered.

Cluster News: Terry O'Brien and Antony Cairns are our Cluster Reps. Still a vacancy for one more.

The Sunday evening Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary will be withdrawn in the New Year. The cluster mass for the sick is to be celebrated this Saturday at St. Mary's.

Next Cluster Council 9th March 2016.

Year of Mercy: Bishop Seamus will launch the Year of Mercy at the Cathedral on Tuesday. Every Cathedral in the country will have a "Holy Door". We will perhaps organise a parish visit and enter through the Holy Door.

First Holy Communion: Year 4 children will be making their First Holy Communion next year. Initial meeting with parents was encouraging.

Bishop Seamus celebrate his Golden Jubilee next June.

Date of next meeting Friday 11th March 2016 at 6.30 in St. Mary's Hall.