

**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S
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4th Sunday of Advent Year C - 20th December 2015

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	20th	4th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Joan Hope	<i>Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-25 Luke 1:39-44</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	21 st	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Denis Dale	<i>Songs 2: 814, Luke 1: 39-45</i>
Tue	22 nd	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Sam 1: 24-28, Luke 1: 46-56</i>
Wed	23 rd		St O	12 noon	Requiem Mass: Mary Raine	

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Thu	24th	Christmas Eve	St M	6.00pm	<i>Carols from 5.30pm</i>	<i>Is 9: 1-7, Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14</i>
			St O	8.00pm	<i>Carols from 7.30pm</i>	
Fri	25th	Christmas Day	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-16 John 1: 1-18</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Sat	26 th	St Stephen	St O	9.30am	Gordon Hogg	<i>Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59,Matt10:17-22</i>
Sun	27th	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	Lance Cook	<i>Sam 1: 20-28, 1 John 3: 1-24 Luke 2: 41-52</i>
			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: Mary Wrightson, June Barnsley, Jim McAllister, Peter Devlin, Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Sr Rosaleen, Norman Edge, Nuala Byron, John Taylor, June Calow.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joanna Havelock DeGroof and Mary Raine who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Isabella Thompson, Peter Doig, Thomas Johnson, Kathryn Harley, John Stephenson, Vincent Fernyhough, Beatrice Young, Betty Young, Margaret Hodgson, Dennis Collins, Desmond Robson, George Marshall, Violet Mackintosh, Sandra Wood.

I take this opportunity to wish you all every peace and blessing this Christmas. Once again I extend a very special thank you to all those who have worked so hard during the year in service of the parish community. I pray that as we journey 'forward together in hope' in this Year of Mercy our lives of faith will be a source of inspiration for many.
Fr Martin

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.

Crib Offerings can be placed in the basket by the crib. Money will go to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. For further information, please take a leaflet by the crib.

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

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

Northern Catholic Calendars 2015 – are now on sale, at back of Church price **£2.50**.

Stamps - Please collect your used stamps for the Foreign Missions in box in St Mary's porch

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

Prophet Micah announces to the beleaguered inhabitants of Jerusalem that a Ruler will come from Bethlehem who will bring them peace.

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79

Response: **God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Jesus came, not to offer the sacrifices of the old law, but to do the will of God. His one perfect sacrifice replaced all the former sacrifices.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-44

Elizabeth praises Mary, and, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, hints at the uniqueness of the child she has conceived.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Question of the week

When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did?

What can help you at such times?