

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

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Feast of the Holy Family Year C – 27th December 2015

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	27 th	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	Lance Cook	Sam 1: 20-28, 1 John 3: 1-24 Luke 2: 41-52
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	28 th	The Holy Innocents	St M	10.30am	Joseph & Elizabeth Coates	1 John 1:5;2:2, Matt 2: 13-18
Tue	29 th	St Thomas Becket	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	2Tim2:8-13;3:10-12,Matt16:24-27
Wed	30 th	Octave of Christmas	St O	9.30am	Jim and Margaret Collins	1 John 2: 12-17, Luke 2: 36-40
Thu	31 st	Octave of Christmas	St M	9.30am	Jenny & Larry Laggan	1 John 2: 18-21, John 1: 1-18
Fri	1 st	Mary, Mother of God	St O	10.30am	Dec'd Hogg & Welch Families	Num6:22-27,Gal4:4-7Luke2:16-21
Sat	2 nd	Ss Basil & Gregory	St O	9.30am	Kathleen Ferguson	1 John 2: 22-28, John 1: 19-28
Sun	3 rd	The Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Bryan & James Bryan Ruddick	Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3:2-6
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Matt 2:1-12

SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY: Most 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)

**Thank you to everyone for your cards, gifts and good wishes.
I would like to wish you all a very Happy and prosperous New Year. Fr Martin**

At this season of giving we can remember some of the causes helped by the generosity of parishioners, with both time and money. The total from the Parish in special collections and green envelopes was £6,566.00. We send donations to many charities, The Youth Mission, Walking With, SVP, Holy Island camp, Racial justice and many more. It is not possible to name them all, but to give everyone an idea of how our money is used, here are three examples of how we help others through overseas organizations.



£72 raised by Maureen's Christmas quiz is to be sent to **ReSurge (Reconstructive surgery for the world's poor since 1969)**. At Christmas we celebrate the family and this includes the women in our lives who have nurtured and loved us unconditionally, I want to share this mothers' story of hope for her child from ReSurge's recent surgical team trip to Quy Nhon, Vietnam. Baby Y Dim's mother was desperate for us to repair her baby's cleft lip, as her husband refused to care for their child because she wasn't pretty. Most of us will never know the fear, isolation or stigma that thousands of children and mothers in the developing world face.

We sent £1100.20 to CAFOD who, with their overseas partners, are involved in a great variety of projects.

CAFOD As the people of Myanmar take part in their first openly contested general election for 25 years, CAFOD and partners are responding to floods that have devastated large parts of the country. Over the past three months, they have worked with local partners, Caritas Myanmar and Network Activities Group, to provide immediate aid while at the same time supporting communities to reclaim their swamped farmland as basis for earning a living.



A CAFOD partner delivers aid by boat during this year's floods



Syrian refugee children drawing in a child-friendly space.

CAFOD It is winter now in Lebanon and for the 1 million registered Syrian refugees in the country, the freezing temperatures that many will face will be just one of many potentially life-changing challenges. Thankfully, their expert church partners in Beirut, Caritas Lebanon have been working with children and young people to address the terrible trauma that many of them are living with.

Fortunately, we have the power to help transform their lives. Please continue your generosity in 2016.

First Reading

Samuel 1:20-22.24-28

This reading recalls the birth of Samuel and his consecration to God.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him'. When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever'. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my Lord. As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord'. There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 83

Response: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praises.
They are happy, whose strength is in you.
they walk with ever growing strength.
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
Look on the face of your anointed.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2.21-24

We are God's children and are invited to live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore, it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

The story of how the twelve-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families, and gives us a glimpse of the true identity of Jesus.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What does your family do to honour and respect its older members?