

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

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Year C – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Year C	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Neh 8: 2-10, 1 Cor 12: 12-30 Luke 1: 1-21
			St M	11.00am	Ted Harding	
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Conversion of St Paul	St M	9.30am	Ann Stewart	Acts 22: 3-16, Mark 15-18
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	SS Timothy & Titus	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Sam 6:12-19, Mark 3: 31-35
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	St Angela Merici	St O	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	Sam 7: 4-17, Mark 4: 1-20
Thu	28 <sup>th</sup>	St Thomas Aquinas	St M	9.30am	Mary & Michael O'Grady	Sam 7: 18-29, Mark 4: 21-25
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	Sam 11: 1-17, Mark 4: 26-34
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Cecilia & Amelia Di Mascio	Sam 12: 1-17, Mark 4: 35-41
				3.30pm	Wedding Service: Joseph Skinner & Vasiliki Manolopoulou	
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year C	St O	9.30am	Maureen Nesbitt	Jer 1: 4-6, 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Luke 4: 21-30
			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 January:** Jim McAllister, Mary Wrightson, Lynn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Helen Brunton, June Barnsley, Angela King, Philip King, Sylvia Wall, Nuala Byron, Norman and Irene Edge.

**Please pray for the repose** of the soul of **Edward Johnson** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Ann Stewart, Thomas Walters, Jeanette Hopwood, Ina Moore, Patricia Nugent, Catherine Marshall, Peter Nott, Olive Newton, Michael Cuggy.

**Celebrating God's Mercy** – Services for the Year of Mercy around the Diocese. List available on noticeboards with full dates. A Service of Inner Healing at St Mary's Cathedral on **Weds 27 Jan at 7pm**.

**Retiring Collection TODAY** for the Catholic Education Fund.

**24 Hour Prayer Vigil:** A meeting will be held at St Cuthbert's church on **Thurs 4 Feb at 7pm** for those who may be interested in helping to organise a 24 hr vigil of prayer as part of the 'Forward Together in Hope' review.

**Lay Readers Course:** Anyone who regularly worships in the parish and would like to train to be a reader at Mass is invited to see Fr Martin.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** New lists for both Monthly and Weekdays are available on the notice boards of both Churches.

**White Flower Appeal (SPUC)** would like to thank everyone for their generous donations which raised **£356.65**.

*We welcome into the Family of God, through Baptism*  
**ALEXANDER CHARLES VECSEY**  
*who was baptised at St Mary's on 16 Jan 2016*  
also  
**TOBY GEORGE THOMAS REDGATE**  
*who was baptised at St Oswin's on 17 Jan 2016*

**Thank You** to all those who have supported the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

**Can you Help?** – we are seeking volunteers to help with St Oswin's Sunday Mass collections. We have a rota for this which involves committing to collecting for two months of the year and it is a very easy way to help your church. We have two vacancies to fill so please consider joining the rota. Please contact Terry on 2595259 or [tandlmcq@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:tandlmcq@blueyonder.co.uk)

**As part of Forward Together in Hope** Bishop Séamus will lead a Day of Prayer for Clergy & Laity at various Churches in **Feb** and **March**, beginning with St Mary's Cathedral on **Tues 23 Feb**. Please see list on noticeboards for full details.

**Forward Together in Hope Prayer:**  
*Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being.*

*Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.*

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us. Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to change and to move forward together in hope.*

## First Reading

*Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10*

*After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, Ezra sought to re-establish the Jewish religion. Here he reads the book of the law of Moses to the people.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold'.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 18*

*Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:12-30*

*Just as the human body is one though made up of many parts, so the Church, though composed of different members with different gifts, forms a unity in Christ.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

*God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus, the long-awaited Saviour of the poor and the oppressed.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: 'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour'. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

### Question of the week

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**How can I be a source of good news for others this week?**