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The Baptism of the Lord Year C – 10th January 2016

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	10 th	Baptism of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Rae Walton	<i>Is 40: 1-11, Titus 2:11-14:3:4-7 Luke 3: 15-22</i>
			St M	11.00am	Tony Dargavel	
Mon	11 th	St Aelred of Rievaulx	St M	11.30am	Requiem Mass: Rose Hyett	
Tue	12 th	St Benet Biscop	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Micah 6: 6-8, Luke 9: 57-62</i>
Wed	13 th	St Hilary	St O	9.30am	Sid and Tess Snowball	<i>Sam 3: 1-20, Mark 1: 29-39</i>
Thu	14 th	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Mary Groake	<i>Sam 4: 1-11, Mark 1: 40-45</i>
Fri	15 th	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Special Intention (CD)	<i>Sam 8: 4-22, Mark 2: 1-12</i>
Sat	16 th	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Dot Stanley	<i>Sam 9:1-19;10:1, Mark 2:13-17</i>
Sun	17 th	2 nd Sun of Year C	St O	9.30am	Sid and Tess Snowball	<i>Is 62: 1-5, 1 Cor 12: 4-11 John 2: 1-11</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 January: Jim McAllister, Mary Wrightson, Lynn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Helen Brunton, June Barnsley.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Des Meagher who died recently. RIP.

Anniversaries: William Reynolds, Monica Nugent, Violet Collins, Ken Statham, Elizabeth Waugh.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Hyett. Requiem Mass on **Mon 11 Jan, 11.30am** at St Mary's.

White Flower Appeal – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **today**. SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life issues. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. *Please give generously for this worthy cause.*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January 2016. The following services will be held at noon each day from 18 - 22 January:

Monday	18 th	St Mary's, Farringdon Road
Tuesday	19 th	St Aidan's, Billy Mill
Wednesday	20 th	St George's, Cullercoats
Thursday	21 st	Cullercoats Methodist
Friday	22 nd	St Hilda's, Marden

Light refreshments will be served.

First Holy Communions: Parents have a meeting this coming **Thurs 14 Jan 7-8pm** in the church hall. The children will meet with the catechists next Sun, 10-12pm at St Mary's.

Friends of the Holy Land – total amount collected for the Christmas Crib collection was £364.26. *Thank you.*

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday – the work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence. There will be envelopes available at back of church next week for those who wish to donate.

Northern Catholic Calendars 2015 – are now on sale, price **£2.50**.

Day of Reflection - with Fr Chris Thomas - 'Exploring the Scriptures' – to be held at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields on **Sat 23 Jan 2016** from 10.30am-3.30pm. Please bring packed lunch. See *Poster on noticeboard for full details.*

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.**

Children's Liturgy at St Oswin's - this term Children's Liturgy will be on the following dates: **10 Jan, 24 Jan, 7 Feb, 28 Feb and 13 Mar**. It is aimed at primary school age children, but if you'd like to know more or are thinking about joining the team please text Anne on 0744 3630 407.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11

The people are urged to prepare a way for the Lord who is coming to save them.

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes'. A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken'. Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God'. Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103

Response: **Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.**

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| 1. Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. | 2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. |
| 3. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. | 4. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. |
| 5. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. | |

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7

God's grace and love are manifested in Jesus Christ.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Lk 3:15-16.21-22

We hear a small sample of the preaching of John the Baptist, and are given a brief account of the baptism of Jesus.

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.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove, And a voice came from the heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests with you.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What do you believe that the anointing you received at baptism requires you to do?