

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

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3rd Sunday of Lent Year C – 28th February 2016

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

| Sun | 28 th | 3 rd Sun of Lent | St O | 9.30am | People of the Parish | Ex 3: 1-15, 1 Cor 10: 1-12 Luke 13: 1-9 |
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| | | | St M | 11.00am | | |
| Mon | 29 th | Weekday of Lent | St M | 9.30am | Thomas Nixon | Ex 17: 1-7, John 4: 5-42 |
| Tue | 1 st | St David | St O | 9.30am | Service of Word & Communion | Phil 3: 8-14, Matt 5: 13-16 |
| Wed | 2 nd | Weekday of Lent | St O | 9.30am | Catherine & Ernest Ramshaw | Deut 4: 1-9, Matt 5: 17-19 |
| Thu | 3 rd | Weekday of Lent | St M | 9.30am | Service of Word & Communion | Jer 7: 23-28, Luke 11: 14-23 |
| Fri | 4 th | Weekday of Lent | St O | 9.30am | Celebrant's Intention | Hos 14: 2-10, Mark 12: 28-34 |
| Sat | 5 th | Weekday of Lent | St O | 9.30am | Celebrant's Intention | Hos 5: 15; 6: 6, Luke 18: 9-14 |
| Sun | 6 th | 4 th Sun of Lent | St O | 9.30am | Celebrant's Intention | Josh 5: 9-12, 2 Cor 5: 17-21 Luke 15: 1-32 |
| | | | 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 February: Mary Wrightson, Jim McAllister, June Barnsley, Margaret Glinley, Lyn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Sylvia Wall, Philip King, Nuala Byron, Norman Edge, Drina Treacy, Helen Brunton, Wyn Gallon, Christine Davidson, David Plummer, Ezekiel Williams.

Anniversaries: Margaret Kidd, William 'Ray' McGinty, Joan Broome, Geoffrey Spencer, Doris Wall, George Heckles, Agnes Chute.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm**. Please sign up on the list in the notice board if you would like to help lead one of these. It would be great if one of the ministry groups in the parish were to lead the stations each week. *Resources will be available in the Sacristy.*

Holy Week Choir Practice this Tues at 7.30pm at St Mary's. Do join us – enthusiasm is all that is necessary!

Lenten Alms - once more we are asked to contribute to helping the work of St Cuthbert's Care to allow their support for children and young people to continue in our Diocese. *Envelopes are available at the back of church.*

Next Parish Pastoral Council will be held this **Fri 4 March at 6.30pm** in St Mary's Hall. If you have any items for discussion, please contact a council member.

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on **Fri 4 March at 2pm** in St. Columba's Church, Northumberland Square. An evening service will be held at Cullercoats Methodist Church, Broadway at **7.30pm**. Everyone is very welcome, not just Women/Ladies.

Holy Week Liturgies – there will be a meeting for all those involved in the Holy Week/Easter Liturgies on **Sun 13th March 6pm** in the Presbytery.

Christmas Charities Collection – a huge thank you to everyone for their donations at the Christmas masses. A list of the local charities we have supported are displayed on the noticeboards.

Invitation to Youth Ministry Meeting on March 13th. All parishioners are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Youth Village on **Sun Mar 13 3.00pm–5.00pm**. (light refreshments served from 2.15pm). 'Forward Together in Hope' asked us to reflect on how we can encourage the presence and witness of young people in our communities. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for the cluster parishes this year on **12 May** for those in school Year 9 or above. The introductory meeting will be held at St Cuthbert's church on **16 March, 7-8.30pm**. Application forms are available from Fr Martin.

Minsteracres Weekend Retreat, 3rd - 5th June 2016. The theme this year is 'Blessed are the Merciful'. The retreat will start with supper at 7pm on Friday evening and finish at 2pm after lunch on Sunday. The cost is **£116.00** per person however there is a bursary fund to support people who would struggle to pay the full cost. A booking fee of **£20.00** per person is required. Special dietary requirements can be catered for. For more information and bookings, please contact Kath Kenny on 2577041.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in this Year of Mercy, takes place from **Friday 29 July – Friday 5 Aug** flying direct from Newcastle Airport. Posters, Booking Forms and all information is now available on the diocesan website (*see above*). *Fr Martin will be going!*

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8.13-15

In the story of the call of Moses we are shown God's love and concern for people who are oppressed.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, 'the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you. And God also said to Moses, You are to say to the sons of Israel: The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102

Response: **The Lord is compassion and love**

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| 1 | My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. | 2. | It is he who forgives all your guilt who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion |
| 3. | The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. | 4. | The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12

St Paul invites his listeners to be attentive to the ways of the Lord, unlike the Israelites in the desert.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus stresses the necessity of change and tells the people that time is running out.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?