

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

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4th Sunday of Lent Year C – 6th March 2016

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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	
Mon	7 th	Ss Perpetua & Felicity	St M	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	Is 65: 17-21, John 4: 43-54
Tue	8 th	St John of God	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Ez 47: 1-12, John 5: 1-16
Wed	9 th	St Francis of Rome	St O	9.30am	A Da Prato	Is 49: 8-15, John 5: 17-30
Thu	10 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Class Mass Year 5	Ex 32: 7-14, John 5: 31-47
Fri	11 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Wis 2: 1-22, John 7: 1-30
Sat	12 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Frank O'Callaghan	Jer 11: 18-20, John 7: 40-52
Sun	13 th	5 th Sun of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 43: 16-21, Phil 3: 8-14
			St M	11.00am	Celebrant's Intention	John 8: 1-11

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 March: Mary Wrightson, Jim McAllister, June Barnsley, Adam Dixon (10yrs old), Lynn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Nuala Byron, Norman Edge, Drina Treacy, Helen Brunton, Wyn Gallon, Sylvia Wall.

Anniversaries: William Wall, Brenda Bolton, Mary Sweet, Ronald Crozier, Marion Hart, Kathleen Straughan, Nancy Parker, Kathleen Dugan, Owen Dunn, Joan Atkinson, John O'Kane.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr John Campbell** (Rtd) and **Beatrice Thompson** (Fr Ged's sister) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

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. *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!

The Next Cluster Council Meeting will take place **this Wed, 9 Mar** at Immaculate Heart church, Monkseaton at 7.30pm.

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

Parish Visitation: Next Sunday we welcome Bishop Seamus who will be celebrating the Sunday masses with us as part of his visitation.

Gift Aid/Planned Giving – envelopes will be available for collection **TODAY** at St Mary's and **NEXT Sunday** at St Oswin's. Please remember to collect your box.

Lenten Alms - Envelopes are available at the back of church.

Justice and Peace Group Stall of Fair Trade goods on sale **TODAY** after 11am mass including fair trade Easter Eggs. This means the cocoa beans have been grown and harvested by workers paid a fare wage.

Deanery Lenten Penitential Services will be held at **St Edward's** church, Whitley Bay on **Sat 19 Mar at 10.30am** and at **Our Lady & St Aidan's** church, Wallsend, on **Tues 22 March at 7pm** and at. *Please try to make the most of these opportunities to help prepare for Easter.*

DBS Checks – all parishioners whose DBS certificate is over 3 years old are required to submit a new application. This process will begin next weekend **12/13 Mar**. DBS representatives will distribute the appropriate forms in both churches to those concerned.

APF Mill Hill-Red Boxes – promoters will be collecting shortly for the March quarter.

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.

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!*

Coffee morning last Saturday raised **£228**. Margaret and Geoff wish to thank everyone for their generous donations. **£228** plus **£72** from Maureen Robinson's Christmas Quiz, means a total of **£300** will be sent to ReSurge (see notice board) in the name of the Parish.

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The Israelites, free from the humiliation they suffered in Egypt, enter the land of promise and partake of its produce.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morning of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 33:2-7

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Christ brought about reconciliation between God and humanity. The Church's task is to bring the benefits of this to all.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appearing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3.11-32

The parable of the prodigal son shows that God delights in showing mercy to repentant sinners.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. "When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. "While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. "Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." "The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." '

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?