

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

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 13: 14-52, Apoc 7: 9-17 John 10: 27-30</i>
			St M	11.00am		
Mon	18 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Hugh & Maeve McNally (bereavement)	<i>Acts 11: 1-18, John 10: 1-10</i>
Tue	19 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>Acts 11: 19-26, John 10: 22-30</i>
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Joseph & Elizabeth Coates	<i>Acts 12: 24-13:5, John 12:44-50</i>
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Anselm	St M	9.30am	<i>Class Mass - Year 6</i>	<i>Acts 13: 13-25, John 13: 16-20</i>
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>Acts 13: 26-33, John 14: 1-6</i>
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	St George	St O	9.30am	Ivan Knowles	<i>Apoc 12: 10-12, John 15: 18-21</i>
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter	St O	9.30am	Bryan & James Bryan Ruddick	<i>Acts 14: 21-27, Apoc 21: 1-5 John 13: 31-35</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's (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 April:** Mary Wrightson, Jim McAllister, Alan and Laura Hails, Adam Dixon, Lyn Johnson, Brenda Miller, June Barnsley, Sylvia Wall, Adele Timlin, Helen Brunton and Wyn Gallon.

**Anniversaries:** Maud Reynolds, Joseph & Elizabeth Coates, Anne Whenray, Tony Power, Peter Pegg, Joan Hope, Helen Douglas, Maureen Fernyhough, Maureen Summers, William Flett, James Bryan Ruddick, and Ivan Knowles.

**Today there is an Appeal from Little Sisters of the Poor.** Gift Aid envelopes available at back of church for those who wish to use them for their donation.

**Today is also Good Shepherd Sunday.** We pray for all those who are in a process of deciding on the direction of their life that they will be aware of and open to God's particular call to them, whatever that may be.

**First Holy Communions:** Parents have a meeting this coming **Thurs 21 April 7-8pm** in the church hall. The children will meet with the catechists **next Sun**, 10-12pm at St Mary's.

**We Pray for our Cluster Confirmation Candidates** who begin their preparation with a retreat at the Emmaeus Youth Village this weekend. Next confirmation preparation session at St Cuthbert's church on **Weds 20 April, 7-8.30pm**.

**DBS Check renewals are due.** Please note married women must use their marriage certificate as one of their 3 items of identification. Utility bills, statements etc. must have current address and be dated within the last 3 months. Financial statements (pension ISA etc.) dated within last 12 months.

**Fr David Nixon** - we express our thanks and gratitude to Fr David Nixon for his work as hospital chaplain for the past two years. His care and consideration has been much appreciated by many people, and he will be greatly missed. We pray for him as he moves on in his priestly ministry, and pray for the successful appointment of his successor.

**Fair Trade goods** will be on sale after mass in the St Oswin's tea room. Please support this excellent cause and this is also an opportunity to purchase items to donate to the "Walking With" charity.

**'Tanzanian Cake Stall Challenge'** - There will be a cake stall in the church hall on **Sun 24 April after the 11am Mass**. We ask all those who could help by providing produce such as cakes and scones, and bringing them into the hall before the commencement of Mass.

**Children's Liturgy at St Oswin's** will be on the following dates: 17 April, 8 May, 22 May, 12 June, 26 June and 15 July. 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.

**Reflections on the Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy** – as part of Year of Mercy, at the cathedral, Karen Kilby from University of Durham will offer reflection on the '*Spiritual Works of Mercy*' on **Weds 20 April 11am** and on **27 April 11am**, Fr Chris Hughes will offer reflection on the '*Corporal Works of Mercy*.' Please see poster.

**St. George's Day Concert** in aid of Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Mary's Cathedral at **7pm on Sat 23 April**. Featuring Newcastle Male Chorus, the Gibside Singer. Tickets £5.00 from St. Joseph's Home, telephone 273 1279 or the Cathedral Cloister Café.

**24 hour Prayer Vigil** - North Shields catholic community are hosting a 24hr prayer vigil, starting at **7pm on 12 May** and finishing with mass at **7pm on 13 May**. This event will cover many sessions, each focusing on a specific area of prayer and faith. We invite anyone who feels they could offer their time to participate. Please contact Fr. Chris Hughes on 2575801 or [northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk)

## First Reading

Acts 13:14.43-52

*Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel firstly to the Jews but they reject it; then they preach it to the Gentiles who receive it with joy.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99

*Response:* **We are his people, the sheep of his flock**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy.
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age.

## Second Reading

Apocalypse 7:9.14-17

*This contains a vision of those who will come through times of persecution to share in Christ's glory in heaven.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

John 10:27-30

*Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will not allow anyone to snatch from his care the sheep the Father has given him.*

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

### Question of the week

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?**