

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

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

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	
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	St Mark	St M	9.30am	<i>Requiem Mass – Sylvia Wall</i>	
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>Acts 14: 19-28, John 14: 27-31</i>
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Joan Hope (PD)	<i>Acts 15: 1-6, John 15: 1-8</i>
Thu	28 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	<i>Class Mass - Reception</i>	<i>Acts 15: 7-21, John 15: 9-11</i>
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	Catherine of Siena	St O	9.30am	Joe Dunn	<i>1 John 1: 5-2:2, Matt 11:25-30</i>
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Rose Hyett	<i>Acts 16: 1-10, John 15: 18-21</i>
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter	St O	9.30am	Bill Jackson	<i>Acts 15: 1-29, Apoc 21: 10-23 John 14: 23-29</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, Adele Timlin, Helen Brunton and Wyn Gallon.

**Please pray for the repose** of the soul of **Sylvia Wall** who died recently. RIP.

**Anniversaries:** Molly Hagan, Maureen Harvey, Bryan Ruddick, Patricia Leahy, George Lilly, Peter Laughlan, Peggy Taylor, Dorothy Reid, Francis Campbell, Joe Dunn, Margaret Redburn.

**Pope Francis has launched an humanitarian initiative** in favour of the people of the Ukraine. There will be a special collection **next week** to support this.

**Tanzanian Cake Stall Challenge – After Mass at St Mary's today.**

**We Pray for our Cluster Confirmation Candidates.** Next confirmation preparation session at St Cuthbert's church on **Weds 27 April, 7-8.30pm.**

**The Parish Finance Committee** meets this **Thurs 28 April, 7pm** in the presbytery.

**First Holy Communions:** These will be celebrated on **Sat 14 May at 11am** at St Mary's. There will be a rehearsal for the children on **Sat 7 May at 11am.** We keep all the families in our prayers.

**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.

**Pentecost Retreat at Minsteracres – 13/15 May.** Please ring 0191 253 2252 for further details.

**Reflections on the Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy** – as part of Year of Mercy, at the cathedral, on **Wed 27 April 11am**, Fr Chris Hughes will offer reflection on the 'Corporal Works of Mercy.' *Please see poster.*

**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.** We invite anyone who feels they could offer their time to participate. Please contact Fr. Chris at [northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk) or 2575801 or if you would like to help.

**Mass for Marriage and Family** There will be a Mass of Celebration of Marriage on **Sat 14 May at 11.00am** in St Mary's Cathedral. The Diocese hope that each parish will be represented by at least two couples. Please let Fr Martin know if you are interested in representing the parish.

**Diocesan Launch of the 'The Gift':** A Life in the Spirit Course. This diocesan launch for people who would consider running this course in their parishes will be hosted in our parish, at St Cuthbert's Church on **Sat 14 May** and **Sat 4 June** from **10.00am to 3.30pm.** Please let Fr Martin know if you would like to take part.

**Diocesan Festival 2016:** All are welcome to the Diocesan Festival on **Sat 25 and Sun 26 June** which takes place at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. As we celebrate the Year of Mercy, this year's theme is 'Limitless Love: making all things new' and is a celebration of faith for all ages with inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for children and young people. Booking forms available from Fr Martin. Further details from [festival@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:festival@diocesehn.org.uk).

**Gay Keenaghan** thanks all who came to her 'Talk' and gratefully acknowledges their generous donations totalling **£207** for St Oswald's Hospice.

**Diary Date:** A Parish Trip to Holy Island will be held on **Sat 9 July.** Further details to follow.

## First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

*Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps, encouraging the little communities of Christians they had founded.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. We all have to experience many hardships they said before we enter the kingdom of God. In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144

*Response*    **I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

## Second Reading

Apocalypse 21:1-5

*Taken from the final part of Apocalypse, this opens with the vision of a new world and the new order of things inaugurated by Christ.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment; love one another, just as I have loved you.' Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

*During the Last supper Jesus commissions his apostles - to love one another as he has loved them.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

## Question of the week

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?**