

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

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6th Sunday of Easter Year C – 1st May 2016

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	1st	6 th 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	
Mon	2 nd	St Anthonasius	St M	10.30am	Fiona Dunwoodie	<i>Acts 16: 11-15, John 15: 26-16:4</i>
Tue	3 rd	Ss Philip & James	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>1 Cor 15: 1-8, John 14: 6-14</i>
Wed	4 th	The English Martyrs	St O	9.30am	Catherine & Francis Joyce	<i>Acts 7: 55-60, Matt 10: 17-20</i>
Thu	5 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Mary & Michael O'Grady	<i>Acts 18: 1-8, John 16: 16-20</i>
Fri	6 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Acts 18: 9-18, John 16: 20-23</i>
Sat	7 th	St John of Beverley	St O	9.30am	Tony Murphy	<i>Acts 18: 23-28, John 16: 23-28</i>
Sun	8 th	Ascension of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Joan Hope (IMcN)	<i>Acts 1:1-11, Eph 9:24-28 10:19-23 Luke 24: 46-53</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 May: Peter Dove.

Anniversaries: Ken Smith, Bill Jackson, Simon Swales Rose Mary Gartland, Joanna Drummond, Mary McConnon, George Gilbert, Mary Delton, Theresa Bainbridge, Tony Murphy and Arthur Hardy Atkinson.

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

Little Sisters of the Poor Collection: Thank you for your generosity for this appeal which raised **£972.40**.

We Pray for our Cluster Confirmation Candidates. Next confirmation preparation session at St Cuthbert's church on **Weds 4 May, 7-8.30pm**.

Next weekend, The Ascension of the Lord, is World Communications Day and a special collection will be taken.

First Holy Communions: 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.

May day Justice and Peace Mass Sat 7 May 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

Greeting Card Sale in aid of Great North Air Ambulance there will be a stall selling greeting cards in the church hall after the **11am Mass next Sun (8 May)** in aid of the above charity. Please pop in to have a look and snap up a bargain.

St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's 24 hours of prayer for Pentecost - 12-13 May volunteers are needed for the hour sessions during the 24 hours of prayer. If you would like to lead one of the sessions, please let Fr Chris Hughes know at northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk or Tel 2575801.

Diary Date: Parish Trip to Holy Island will be held on **Sat 9 July**. Cost £10 per head. Family tickets £10. Lists will be available to sign up next week.

Mass for Marriage & 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 our 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.

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

Prayer Novena: a prayer Novena '*Thy Kingdom Come*' from **8-15 May**– for re-evangelisation of Britain. Durham Cathedral is one of 6 Beacon Cathedrals in England, and the final prayer liturgy will be there on **Pentecost Sun 15 May at 7pm**. This is a free event, but tickets do need to be booked through the website: <http://thykingdom.co.uk/>. Bishop Seamus is anxious we are well represented.

Foster Carers Needed: St Cuthbert's Care fostering agency, Fostering North East, desperately needs more foster carers to help provide stable, loving homes for children in the region. If you think you could foster a child or are interested in finding out more, come and meet our friendly team for an informal chat at Newcastle Central Station on **Tues 17 May** between **12-4pm**. See *Poster*.

Our Lady's Garden at St Oswin's: a children's garden is planned using part of this area. Work to start on **Sun 22 May**. More details to follow next week.

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2.22-29

A big issue for the early Church was how much of the Law and traditions of Moses should be imposed on Gentile converts. This reading tells us how the problem was solved.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66

Response: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth.
and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading

Apocalypse 21:10-14.22-23

We are given a majestic picture of the new Jerusalem, the heavenly Church of the future, when God's Kingdom will come in all its glory.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: 'if anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!'

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

Here Jesus' shares his thoughts about his imminent departure.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What difference has it made when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teachings?