

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

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Ascension of the Lord Year C – 8th May 2016

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	<i>Luke 24: 46-53</i>
Mon	9 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Sylvia Wall (LB)	<i>Acts 16: 11-15, John 15: 26-16:4</i>
Tue	10 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>1 Cor 15: 1-8, John 14: 6-14</i>
Wed	11 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Barry Shirren & Family	<i>Acts 7: 55-60, Matt 10: 17-20</i>
Thu	12 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Pasquale Di Mascio	<i>Acts 18: 1-8, John 16: 16-20</i>
Fri	13 th	Our Lady of Fatima	St O	9.30am	Requiem Mass: Moira Joyce	
Sat	14 th	St Matthias, Apos	St M	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass	
Sun	15 th	Pentecost Sunday	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 2: 1-11, Rom 8: 8-17,</i>
			St M	11.00am	Peter Headley	<i>John 14: 15-26</i>

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, June Barnsley, Mary Wrightson, Alan Hails, Jim McAllister, Adam Dixon (10yrs), Lyn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Nuala Byron, Norman Edge, Maureen O'Meara.

Anniversaries: Moira Heslop, Desmond Maguire, Eleanor May, Helen Bates, Thomas Delaney, James McGovern, Rosemary Riley, Barry Shirren, Peter Headley, Jim Goulbourne, Alan Keilty.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Moira Joyce and Laura Hails who died recently. May they rest in peace. Moira Joyce's Requiem Mass shown above and Laura's will be **Mon 16 May** 9.30am at St Oswin's.

There will be a second collection today to support World Communications Sunday. Also **next Sunday** there will be a collection for the Lay Training Fund.

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 today**.

We Pray for our Cluster Confirmation Candidates who celebrate the sacrament of confirmation **this Thurs 12 May at 7.00pm** at St Cuthbert's church. This will be followed by a 24 hour vigil of prayer to which all are welcome.

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

Annual Christian Aid Coffee Morning at Broadway Methodist Church on **Sat 14 May** from **10am-12.00pm**. Admission £1. St Mary's will run the cake stall and gifts for the stall can be delivered to the Methodist church hall before 10am or ring Margaret (297 2581) on Friday for collection.

Diary Date: Parish Trip to Holy Island will be held on **Sat 9 July**. Cost £10 per head. Family tickets £10. Please sign list at back of church. [Bookings only secured with payment please.](#)

Mass for Marriage & Family 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. 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.

Prayer Novena: a prayer Novena '*Thy Kingdom Come*' from **8-15 May**– and the final prayer liturgy will be in Durham Cathedral on **Pentecost Sun 15 May at 7pm**. 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 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** when all children are invited to bring their own plant & trowel along. We hope there will be a hymn to celebrate the month of May. This area will be known as '*The Children's Garden*' and they can check each week.

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. Why not visit just for the Saturday? Booking forms available from Fr Martin, who will be attending on the Saturday. Further details from festival@diocesehn.org.uk.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

This describes the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46

Response: **God goes up with shouts of joy; the lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
 cry to God with shouts of joy!
 For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
 Great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
 the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
 Sing praise for God, sing praise,
 sing praise to our King, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
 Sing praise with all your skill.
 God is king over the nations;
 God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Here Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension; God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:46-53

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

How do we show that Jesus is with us now in all that we do?