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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Year C – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun of Year C	St O	9.30am	Veronica Gibson (MO'C)	Wis 9: 13-18, Phil 9-17 Luke 14: 25-33
			St M	11.00am	Steve & Wynn Shippen	
Mon	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Michael & Mary O'Grady	1 Cor 5: 1-8, Luke 6: 6-11
Tue	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	1 Cor 6: 1-11, Luke 6:12-19
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Arthur Bland	1 Cor 7: 25-31, Luke 6:20-26
Thu	8 <sup>th</sup>	Birth of Virgin Mary	St M	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	Micah 5: 1-4, Matt 1: 1-23
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Frank O'Callaghan	1 Cor 9: 16-27, Luke 6: 39-42
Sat	10 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Laura Hails (JB)	1 Cor 10: 14-22, Luke 6: 43-49
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Year C	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Ex 32: 7-14, 1 Tim 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-32
			St M	11.00am	Val & Allan Muir (50 <sup>th</sup> Ann) (TMcl)	

**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 September:** Irene Keenaghan, Ann Cannon, Norman Edge, Maureen O'Meara, Andy Madden and Barbara Hunter.

**Anniversaries:** Joan Dunn, Steve Shippen, Arthur Bland, Martha Coutts, Beatrice Swaddle, John Bradley, Anita Nott, Kenneth Briggs and Thomas Elliott.

**APF Mission Boxes:** Promoters will be collecting boxes for the September quarter.

**Education Sunday 2016** is celebrated on **11 Sept** and theme is 'All are welcome'. It is fitting to use Education Sunday as an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for all those who work so hard in Catholic schools to ensure every student is welcomed and encouraged to develop their talents, in and out of the classroom. There will be a retiring collection **next** Sunday.

**Back to School** - this week we welcome our pupils back to school following their summer holidays and wish them well in their year ahead.

**Bidding Prayers:** If anyone is interested in composing the bidding prayers for Sunday masses, would they please speak to Fr Martin? Please note that training will be given.

**Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies:** This programme is for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. Anyone interested in learning more about this is welcome to attend the free CCRS information evening at St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle NE15 7PY on **Mon 12 Sept 5.00pm-6.30pm**.

**St Edward's, Whitley Bay 7pm Sat 24 Sept:** Concert in aid of Justice & Peace Open Gate Prison Project by Newcastle Male Chorus £6 (inc Wine). Tickets available from Star of the Sea Parish Office. *Full Details on Church Notice Board.*

**Gift Aid** – thank you to everyone who Gift Aids their donations to our Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme or have any questions, please speak to Allan Muir.

**Vocations Discernment Weekend** Vocation Discernment Weekend for Single, Catholic Women. **6pm Fri 30 Sept until after lunch Sun 2 Oct.** Venue: 216a, Wingrove Rd, Fenham. *Please see poster for more details.*

**Forward Together in Hope Update:** What a lot has happened since our last update. The UK voted to leave the EU, David Cameron was replaced by Theresa May and half the shadow cabinet resigned. The English Rugby Union team whitewashed the mighty Aussies, Andy Murray won Wimbledon, and the *Forward Together in Hope* Team produced a good deal of resource for every parish in the diocese. So much change in such a short period of time! Every parishioner in the diocese will be affected by the outcome of the discussions taking place over the next 5 months. We will be exploring how we can work more closely with our neighbours, how resources can be shared, what kind of leadership needs to be developed and shared if our communities are to be viable and flourish into the future. Look out for our open parish meeting soon.

**Forward Together in Hope Prayer:**

*Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being.*

*Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.*

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us. Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to change and to move forward together in hope.*

## **First Reading**

*Wisdom 9:13-18*

*Without the gift of divine wisdom we would be utterly unable to fathom the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of God.*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 89*

*Response:*   **O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

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| 1.    You turn men back into dust<br>and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'<br>To your eyes a thousand years<br>are like yesterday, come and gone,<br>no more than a watch in the night. | 2.    You sweep men away like a dream<br>like grass which springs up in the morning.<br>In the morning it springs up and flowers:<br>by evening it withers and fades.         |
| 3.    Make us know the shortness of our life<br>that we may gain wisdom of heart.<br>Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?<br>Show pity to your servants                           | 4.    In the morning, fill us with your love;<br>we shall exult and rejoice all our days.<br>Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:<br>give success to the work of our hands. |

## **Second Reading**

*Philemon 9-10.12-17*

*Paul urges Philemon to take Onesimus his former slave back as a brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

## **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 14:25-33*

*Being a disciple of Christ involves self-renunciation – we must be prepared to accept the cost.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

## **Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**How do you try to discover what God is asking of you?**