

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

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1st Sunday of Advent Year A – 27th November 2016

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	27th	1st Sun of Advent	St O	9.30am	Paddy McNally	<i>Is 2: 1-5, Rom 13: 11-14 Matt 24: 37-44</i>
			St M	11.00am	Dorothy Armstrong	
Mon	28 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Dec'd Members Di Mascio Fam	<i>Is 4: 2-6, Matt 8: 5-11</i>
Tue	29 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	<i>Is 11: 1-10, Luke 10: 21-24</i>
Wed	30 th	St Andrew	St O	9.30am	Joan Neligan (KD)	<i>Rom 10: 9-18, Matt 4: 18-22</i>
Thu	1 st	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Sheila Jordan (SD)	<i>Is 26: 1-6, Matt 7: 21-27</i>
Fri	2 nd	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Jim McAllister (MF)	<i>Is 29: 17-24, Matt 9: 27-31</i>
Sat	3 rd	St Francis Xavier	St O	9.30am	Dec'd Mem Coates/Shanks Fam	<i>Is 30: 19-26, Matt 9:35-10:1-8</i>
Sun	4th	2nd Sun of Advent	St O	9.30am	Laura Hails	<i>Is 11: 1-10, Rom 15: 4-9 Matt 3: 1-12</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 November: Mary Wrightson, Willine McAllister, Peter Devlin, June Barnsley, Fr Paul (Missionary), David Knight, Charlotte Stimpson, Brenda Miller, Lynn Johnson, Betty Briggs, Ann Cannon, Pat O'Meara, Monica Flynn, Barbara Hunter, David Macmanus, Christine Fitzgerald, Sylvia Teward, Patricia Bird.

Anniversaries: Vincent Jordan, Luciano Arnone, Anne Marshall, Florence Humble, Vonny Cassidy, Rosemary Regan, Eileen Goode, Margaret Rowell, Sheila McIntyre, Marjorie Robson and Peter Hudson.

Forward Together in Hope: Copies of the proposed partnership and 'flexible plan' submitted by the deanery parishes to the Forward Together in Hope Team are available for all parishioners.

Fund Raising for Lourdes: Alison Scanlan, whose daughter is a student at St Thomas More Academy, is raising funds towards the students' trip to Lourdes next year as helpers. Raffle tickets will be on sale after 11.00am Mass **TODAY**. Tickets cost £1 and first prize is £4,000.

St George's Advent Service tomorrow – **(Mon) at 2pm**.

Newman Association - next talk, "The Challenges for Catholic Education Today in The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle" by Joe Hughes. At St Mary's RC Church Hall, Cullercoats, **7.30pm Weds 30 Nov**. All welcome.

The 1st Holy Communion parents meet in St Mary's Church Hall this **Thurs 1 Dec 7-8pm**. **The Children meet with the catechists** this Sun. 4 Dec 9.50am-12noon in the hall. The children will celebrate their First Reconciliation on **Sat 10 Dec at 11am** at St Mary's.

Our Deanery Advent Penitential Services will take place on **Tues 20 Dec at 7.00pm** at St Cuthbert's church.

Advent Pro-Life Holy Hour – at St Andrew's, Worswick Street, Newcastle on **Sat 3 Dec, 11am-12noon**. **Mass 12.15pm**. See noticeboard.

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

*We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism
CHARLIE GORDON ARMSTRONG
who was baptised at St Mary's on 20 November 2016*

Veronica & Austin invite you to come to 44 Marina Drive (NE25 9NH) for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to buy homemade cakes, breads, pizzas and other goodies. **Sat 10 Dec from 10.00am**. Proceeds to Medecins sans Frontieres' vital work in Syria.

DePaul: Annual Advent collection for our local homeless young people. We have been asked to supply Selection Boxes for the Christmas hampers. There will be a box at the back of both churches on **Sundays 4 and 11 Dec**. **Homelessness:** There is to be an Advent sleepover in Durham Cathedral on **Fri. 16 Dec** to heighten awareness and raise funds. Anyone interested please ring parish rep 280 9462. See notice board.

Forthcoming Events at St Mary's Cathedral: **Advent Retreat Day** - Thurs 8 Dec. **Reconciliation Day** - Sat 17 Dec. Please see Noticeboards for full information.

Parish Christmas Dinner on Weds 14 Dec, 7pm for 7.30pm. Cost £20. Collection of tickets, together with payment, please, **as soon as possible**. At the same time, please make your choices from the menu sheets provided.

The Family of Fr Peter Smith would like to thank the parish for the support given to Fr Peter during his stay at Tynemouth. He has recently decided to move to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Newcastle, where he is now settling in well. We thank him for his ministry amongst us and send our very best wishes.

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

Isaiah 2:1-5

This vision of a world at peace under God challenges Christians to work for this new world as inaugurated by Christ.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

This contains a wake-up call, and urges us to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44

This Gospel urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?