

**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S
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2nd Sunday of Advent Year A – 4th December 2016

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	4 th	2 nd 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	
Mon	5 th	Weekday of Advert	St M	9.30am	Erlinda Arcillas	<i>Is 35: 1-10, Luke 5: 17-26</i>
Tue	6 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Is 40: 1-11, Matt 18: 12-14</i>
Wed	7 th	St Ambrose	St O	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Willine McAllister	
Thu	8 th	Immaculate Conception	St M	9.30am	Catherine Joyce (SD)	<i>Is 41: 13-20, Matt 11: 11-15</i>
Fri	9 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Gay Keenaghan (SD)	<i>Is 48: 17-19, Matt 11: 16-19</i>
Sat	10 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Agnes Cook (JC)	<i>Ecc 48: 1-11, Matt 17: 10-13</i>
Sun	11 th	3 rd Sun of Advent	St O	9.30am	Mary Raine	<i>Is 35: 1-10, James 5: 7-10 Matt 11: 2-11</i>
			St M	11.00am	Kevin Clarke (DC)	

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 December: New sheet available. Names need to be re-signed.

Anniversaries: Catherine Rice, Honor McFarlane, Patricia Charlton, Daniel Bolger, Linda Arcillas, Steve Cunningham, Lucy Clark, John Robinson, Joanna DeGroof.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Willine McAllister** who died recently. Details of her Requiem Mass are shown above. May she rest in peace.

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. Also found on our website.

Fair Trade Stall today after 11am mass at St Mary's.

The Children will celebrate their First Reconciliation this **Sat 10 Dec at 11am** at St Mary's.

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

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

Advent Alms Appeal from St Cuthbert's Care. Two Catholic nursing homes provide invaluable peace of mind to older people with no family and minimal income. Combined efforts from parishes to date have raised just over £17,000 towards our Hardship Fund and your ongoing support is immensely appreciated. Envelopes available at back of church if you wish to donate.

The Next Cluster Baptism Preparation Session – for those who have enrolled for this – will take place here at St Mary's this **Thurs 8th Dec 7-9pm**.

We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism
CHARLOTTE ROSE KING
Who was baptised at St Mary's on Sun 27 Nov 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 10.0am**. Proceeds to Medecins sans Frontiere's 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**. If you haven't collected your ticket (£20) or chosen your menu **please do this today**. Donations for the raffle of chocolates or wine would be greatly appreciated. Please just leave at back of church for collection. *Many thanks*.

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 11:1-10

We hear about the coming of the Messiah, and the kind of justice and peace he would bring.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71

Response:- **In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**

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| 1. O God, give your judgement to the King,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. | 2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds |
| 3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor | 4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. |

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

This talks about the importance of hope, and how we should treat others in the same friendly way Christ has treated us.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

We hear once again the voice of John the Baptist, saying to us what he said to his contemporaries: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?