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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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)	
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Guadeloupe	St M	9.30am	Jim Scott (PS)	<i>Num 24: 2-17, Matt 21: 23-27</i>
Tue	13 <sup>th</sup>	St Lucy	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>Zep 3: 1-13, Matt 21: 28-32</i>
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	St John of the Cross	St O	9.30am	Michael & Mary O'Grady (MS)	<i>Is 45: 6-26, Luke 7: 19-23</i>
Thu	15 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	<i>Whole School Mass: Bill Aherne</i>	<i>Is 54: 1-10, Luke 7: 24-30</i>
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Joseph & Elizabeth Coates	<i>Is 56: 1-8, John 5: 33-36</i>
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Jim McAllister	<i>Gen 49: 2-10, Matt 1: 1-17</i>
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun of Advent	St O	9.30am	Bryan & James Bryan Ruddick	<i>Is 7: 10-14, Rom 1: 1-7 Matt 1: 18-24</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 December:** Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Betty Briggs, Barbara Hunter, David MacManus, Mary Wrightson, David Knight, Lynda Knight, Peter Devlin, June Barnsley.

**Anniversaries:** Olga McShane, Paddy McNally, Mary Ann Raine, Isabelle Thompson, Thomas Johnson, Kathryn Harley, John Stephenson.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of **Joan Ironside** and **Tom Bianchi** who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Congratulations** to those children in school year 4 who celebrated their First Reconciliation this weekend.

**Preparing the Christmas Liturgies:** All those who wish to be involved with this year's Christmas liturgies are invited to a meeting in the presbytery today **Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4.00pm.**

**Children from Key Stage 1** will perform their Nativity Play in St Mary's Church this **Thurs, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec,** at 6.00pm. Key stage 2 will lead an advent service on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm. Parishioners are most welcome.

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

**Advent Alms Appeal** for St Cuthbert's Care. *Envelopes available at back of church if you wish to donate.*

**Our Christmas Mass times will be:**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	6.00pm	St Mary's (5.30pm Carols)
	8.00pm	St Oswin's (7.30pm Carols)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.30am	St Oswin's
	11.00am	St Mary's

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

**The Parish Christmas Dinner** for those who have booked is this **Weds 14 Dec, 7pm for 7.30pm,** at Tynemouth Golf Club.

**Christmas Collections** - money raised at Masses at Christmas is generally sent to 'Homeless Charities'. If anyone has any suggestions for suitable charities, please let Allan Muir know.

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

**Northern Catholic Calendars 2017** – on sale now, £2.50, while stocks last.

**An Advent Day of Reflection** at St Andrew's, Worswick St, Newcastle on **Sat 17 Dec.** See Poster for further details.

**Forward Together in Hope:** The proposed partnership and 'flexible plan' submitted by the deanery parishes to the Forward Together in Hope Team is available for viewing on our website.

**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 35:1-6.10*

*God is the hope of his people who are crushed by misfortune.*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 145*

*Response: Come, Lord, and save us.*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.
3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**Second Reading**

*James 5:7-10*

*St James urges us to be patient with one another, and patient regarding the Lord's final coming.*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 11:2-11*

*We see Jesus at work, and hear his words of praise for his imprisoned cousin, John.*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?**