

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

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4th Sunday of Advent Year A – 18th December 2016

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	18 th	4th 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	
Mon	19 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Denis Dale (SD)	<i>Judg 13: 2-25, Luke 1: 5-25</i>
Tue	20 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Is 7: 10-14, Luke 1: 26-38</i>
Wed	21 st	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Gordon Hogg	<i>Songs 2: 8-14, Luke 1: 39-45</i>
Thu	22 nd	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Arthur Bland	<i>Sam 1: 24-28, Luke 1: 46-56</i>
Fri	23 rd	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Tony Murphy (MM)	<i>Mal 3: 1-24, Luke 1: 57-66</i>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sat	24 th	Christmas Eve	St M	6.00pm	<i>Carols from 5.30pm</i>	<i>Is 9: 1-7, Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14</i>
			St O	8.00pm	<i>Carols from 7.30pm</i>	
Sun	25 th	Christmas Day	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-6 John 1: 1-18</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, Sylvia Teward, Christine Fitzgerald.

Anniversaries: Vincent Fernyhough, Beatrice Young, Margaret Hodgson, Dennis Collins, Betty Young, Peter Doig, Desmond Robson.

Children from Key Stage 2 will hold their Advent Service in St Mary's Church this Mon 19th 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.*

Thank You to all those who helped with and supported the parish Christmas Dinner. A great night was had by all. Ruth and Bill would like to extend a special thank you to those who generously contributed to the raffle.

Crib Offerings can be placed in the basket by the crib. Money will go to **Friends of the Holy Land**. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. For further information, please take a leaflet by the crib.

Stamps - Please collect your used stamps for the Foreign Missions and put in box in St Mary's porch.

We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism
LOLA JANE GALLAGHER
Who was baptised at St Oswin's on 11 December 2016

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.

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

DE PAUL would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donation of 70 Selection Boxes which will go into the Christmas Hampers for our local homeless young people.

Veronica & Austin thank all those who came to buy cakes last Saturday and gave so generously. Together we raised **£369** for Medecins sans Frontiere.

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 7:10-14

This reading foretells the birth of a very special child – a child who will be called Emmanuel, that is, God-with-us.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above'. 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test'. Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us'.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples,
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him,
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

These opening lines from Paul's letter to the Romans draw attention to the human and divine 'roots' of Jesus.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-24

This shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?