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1st Sunday of Lent Year A – 5th March 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	5th	1st Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Gen 2:7-9;3:1-7,Rom 5: 12-19</i>
			St M	11.00am	Thomas Kellegher (JD)	<i>Matt 4: 1-11</i>
Mon	6 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Lev 19: 1-18, Matt 25: 31-46</i>
Tue	7 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Is 55: 10-11, Matt 6: 7-15</i>
Wed	8 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Sr Amadeus Bolger	<i>Jon 3: 1-10, Luke 11: 29-32</i>
Thu	9 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	<i>Class Mass: Year 3: Jim Scott</i>	
Fri	10 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	David Houston	<i>Eze 18: 21-28, Matt 5: 20-26</i>
Sat	11 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Peter Devlin (MH)	<i>Deut 26: 16-19, Matt 5: 43-48</i>
Sun	12th	2nd Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Doris Wall (MH)	<i>Gen 12: 1-4, Tim 1: 8-10</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	<i>Matt 17: 1-9</i>
<p align="center">SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY: Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's - <i>and available on request</i> (Rosary at St Oswin's (St O) – Fri after Mass: St Mary's (St M) Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm)</p>						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in March: Patricia Southwell, David Knight, Lynda Knight, Fred Stimpson, Barbara Hunter.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Wrightson** who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Joan Atkinson, George Heckles, Agnes Chute, William Wall, Brenda Bolton, Molly Sweet, Ronald Crozier, Marion Hart, Kathleen Straughan, John Hutchinson, Nancy Parker, Kathleen Duggan, Owen Dunn, John Atkinson, John O'Kane.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm** at St Mary's. Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you would like to help lead one of these. It would be great if one of the ministry groups in the parish were to lead the stations each week. *Resources are available in the sacristy.*

Volunteers are needed to help with the children's liturgy group and the coffees and teas after Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Church. More volunteers mean that the rota will be bigger and that your turn will come round less frequently than at the moment. Please see any P.P.C. member if you would like to volunteer.

Lenten Alms Appeal 2017: please consider supporting St Cuthbert's Care Hardship Fund which offers financial support to hundreds of people across our two residential and nursing homes. If you would like to know more about the Hardship Fund please email Joanne.bulford@stcuthbertscare.org.uk *Envelopes are available at back of church.*

Forward Together in Hope Prayer:

God of all Creation, you have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our Diocese and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world.

Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself to learn from you and to model their lives on you. Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit, deepen the faith you invite us to share and inspire us to become faithful witnesses.

As we begin to develop our partnerships, help each one of us to use the gifts you give us to nurture one another, to serve the world and to live in harmony with the whole of creation.

All of this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

CAFOD Fast Day is Friday 10th March. Prayer Cards and envelopes are available from the back of Church. If you wish to make a donation please take an envelope and return it by 19th March.

Gift Aid/Planned Giving: envelopes will be available **NEXT** Sunday (12th) at St Mary's and the following week (19th) at St Oswin's.

APF Mission Boxes – are now due to be collected for the March quarter.

Vacancy - Chief Operating Officer – The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a full-time Chief Operating Officer following the retirement of the current post-holder. *Please see noticeboard for further details.*

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Adam and Eve succumb to temptation and cause a rift between themselves and God.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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| 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. | 2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me,
against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. |
| 3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. | 4. Give me again the joy of your help:
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. |

Second Reading

Romans 5:12, 17-19

By his obedience to God, Christ won back for us the gifts lost through the disobedience of Adam.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was tempted by the devil, but unlike Adam and Eve, he did not succumb.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?

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