

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

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3rd Sunday of Lent Year A – 19th March 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	19 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Ex 17: 3-7, Rom 5: 1-8 John 4: 5-42</i>
			St M	11.00am	Denis Cassidy (BC)	
Mon	20 th	St Joseph	St M	9.30am	Dec'd Murray & Laybourn Fam	<i>Sam7:4-16,Rom4:13-22,Mat1:16-24</i>
Tue	21 st	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Dan 3: 25-43, Matt 18: 21-35</i>
Wed	22 nd	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (JS)	<i>Deut 4: 1-9, Matt 5: 17-19</i>
Thu	23 rd	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Anna & Fred Bradley (FM)	<i>Jer 7: 23-28, Luke 11: 14-23</i>
Fri	24 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Hosea 14: 2-10, Mark 12: 28-34</i>
Sat	25 th	Annunciation of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Peter Devlin (PD)	<i>Hosea 5: 15-6:6, Luke 18: 9-14</i>
Sun	26 th	4 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Sam 16: 1-13, Eph 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41</i>
			St M	11.00am	Anthony King (MS)	

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 March: Patricia Southwell, David Knight, Lynda Knight, Fred Stimpson, Barbara Hunter, June Barnsley, Sara Hyslop, Lyn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Betty Briggs.

Anniversaries: Anna Bradley, Dorothy Robinson, Maureen Harvey, Maureen Manning, Matthew Greely, Winifred Wells.

Lenten Choir Practice, to prepare for Holy Week, will be held each **Tues in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm.** New choir members are very welcome. No auditions, enthusiasm is all that is necessary!

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. *Resources are available in the sacristy.*

The Deanery Marriage Preparation Day will take place next **Sat 25 March**, 11am - 4.30pm, here in St Mary's church hall. We pray for all those who are preparing for marriage in the coming year.

Holy Week – all those who wish to be involved in the planning and preparation of liturgies for Holy Week, please meet at the Presbytery on **Sun 2 April at 6.30pm.**

Tyneside Circle Newman Association: next talk "Never Judge a Book by its Cover" a second by Maria Charlton, looking deeper into The Lindisfarne Gospels, at St Mary's Church Hall, at **7.30pm Weds 29 March.** *All welcome. A.G.M at 7pm.*

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

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.

Lenten Alms Appeal 2017: once more we are asked to contribute to helping the work of St Cuthbert's Care. Envelopes are available at the back of church.

Gift Aid/Planned Giving: envelopes will be available **TODAY** at St Oswin's. **Please collect your box as you leave church.**

Margaret Devlin wishes to thank everyone for the masses, cards and prayers at the sad loss of Peter. Your support is much appreciated. Thanks also to Fr Martin for his support and meaningful requiem Mass.

For the youth of the parish: on 2nd April a chance to meet up with other young people, of secondary school age. Meet at St. Cuthbert's Church North Shields - a chance to talk over a cup of tea, coffee or soft drink, in a safe place. Meetings take place on the **1st Sunday of each month.**

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
Let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2.5-8

God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

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Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

This tells the story of Jesus' touching encounter with a Samaritan woman.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he. Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?