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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Sam 16: 1-13, Eph 5: 8-14</i>
			St M <td>11.00am</td> <td>Anthony King (MS)</td> <td><i>John 9: 1-41</i></td>	11.00am	Anthony King (MS)	<i>John 9: 1-41</i>
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Peggy Sutherland (TB)	<i>Is 65: 17-21, John 4: 43-54</i>
Tue	28 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>Eze 47: 1-12, John 5: 1-16</i>
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>Is 49: 8-15, John 5: 17-30</i>
Thu	30 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Class Mass: Year 1 – Arthur Bland	
Fri	31 <sup>st</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Joe Dunn (AD)	<i>Wis 2: 1-22, John 7: 1-30</i>
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (MH)	<i>Jer 11: 18-20, John 7: 40-52</i>
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Ezek 37: 12-14, Rom 8: 8-11</i>
			St M	11.00am	Jenny Laggan	<i>John 11: 1-45</i>

**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, Rachel Charlton, Eithne Doyle, Marlove Hannigan, Monica Flynn, Marlane Male.

**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.*

**Holy Week** – all those who wish to be involved in the planning and preparation of liturgies for Holy Week, please meet at the Presbytery **today Sun 26 March 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.**

**Deanery Lenten Penitential Services** will take place on **Sat 1 April, 11am** at St Columba's church, Wallsend, and on **Thurs 6 April, 7pm** at St Thomas More Academy.

**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.

**Gift Aid/Planned Giving:** would anyone who has not picked up their box of envelopes already, please ensure they collect them **TODAY** before leaving church. The envelopes begin next weekend.

**'To Be A Pilgrim - In the Footsteps of Jesus'** – a talk next **Sun 2 April, 3.00pm for 3.15pm**, followed by Stations of the Cross. Please see poster for full details.

**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.

**For the Youth of the Parish:** on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month from 6.00-7.30pm.**

**'Walking With'** would like to thank you all for your continuing loyal and generous support. To see how your contributions help to support Asylum Seekers go to: You Tube: *Walking With North Tyneside.*

**First Reading**

1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

*God chose David, the least of Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.*

The Lord said to Samuel, Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons. When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, Surely the Lords anointed one stands there before him, but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 22

*Response:*     **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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| 1.     The Lord is my shepherd;<br>there is nothing I shall want.<br>Fresh and green are the pastures<br>where he gives me repose.<br>Near restful waters he leads me,<br>to revive my drooping spirit. | 2.     He guides me along the right path;<br>he is true to his name,<br>If I should walk in the valley of darkness<br>no evil would I fear.<br>You are there with your crook and your staff;<br>with these you give me comfort. |
| 3.     You have prepared a banquet for me<br>in the sight of my foes.<br>My head you have anointed with oil;<br>my cup is overflowing.  | 4.     Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me<br>all the days of my life.<br>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell<br>for ever and ever.  |

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Paul tells the Ephesians that now that Christ has enlightened them, they must adopt a lifestyle in keeping with their faith.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**Gospel Reading**

John 9:1-41

*Jesus, the light of the world, not only gives sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?**