

**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S
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5th Sunday of Lent Year A – 2nd April 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	2 nd	5 th 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>
Mon	3 rd	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Joe Mastaglio	<i>Dan 13: 1-62, John 8: 1-11</i>
Tue	4 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Num 21: 4-9, John 8: 21-30</i>
Wed	5 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (PD)	<i>Dan 3: 14-28, John 8: 31-42</i>
Thu	6 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Colin Walker (TR)	<i>Gen 17: 3-9, John 8: 51-59</i>
Thu	6 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	12.15pm	<i>Funeral Service: Mike Lockwood</i>	
Fri	7 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Peter Devlin (MD)	<i>Jer 20:10-13, John 10: 31-42</i>
Sat	8 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (SD)	<i>Eze 37:21-28, John 11:45-56</i>
Sun	9 th	Palm Sunday	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11</i>
			St M	11.00am	Tony O'Neill	<i>Matt 26: 14 – 27: 66</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

April: New list available at back of Church.

Anniversaries: John Morris, Mark Barnes, John Cox, Edwin Derby, David Martin, Gerald Spencer, Tony O'Neill, Mary McGee, Sally Chater, John Graham, Violet McKie, Leslie Hyett, Gerry Mason, Walter Gibbons, Sylvia Rackham.

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.*

A Deanery Lenten Penitential Service will take place on **Thurs 6 April, 7pm** at St Thomas More Academy.

Retiring Collection next Sunday for Catholic Community in the Holy Land (Holy Places).

The Time of our Holy Week services will be as follows:

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thurs St O 7.30pm
The Passion: Good Fri St M 3.00pm
The Easter Vigil: Holy Sat St M 8.00pm

The next Baptism Preparation Course for those who have already spoken with their priest, takes place in St Joseph's Church **7-9pm on Mon 3 April.**

We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism
OSWALD WILLIAM MATTHIAS HILL
who was baptised at St Mary's on 25 March 2017

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 from 6.00-7.30pm.**

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.

Fair Trade Stall: The Justice and Peace Group will have a stall **today** after 11am Mass. We are also having a J&P meeting and will talk about how the parish joins with other parishes to form a larger J&P Group, and also the possibilities of becoming a Live Simply parish. So do join us if you are interested.

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.

Young People and Moving Forward Together in Hope

As we move into new partnership, an important emerging priority is our relationship with young people. The report of the young people's survey 'The Way We See It' and Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Youth invite us to reflect on this relationship. All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a diocesan conference at the Newcastle Assembly Rooms on **Sat 13 May**, called 'The Way We See It: A Response'. Further details are in the booking form available from the parish priest or from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org Details also on the YMT website www.ymt.org

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. And their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129

Response: **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

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| 1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. | 2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness
for this we revere you. |
| 3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) | 4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. |

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows that he is Lord of life and death

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world. Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Christ calls us from death to new life. To what new life are you being called during this Lent?