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2nd Sunday of Easter Year A – 23rd April 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	23 rd	2 nd Sun of Easter	St O	9.30am	Ivan Knowles (JK)	Acts 2: 42-47, 1 Peter 1: 3-9
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	John 20: 19-31
Mon	24 th	St George	St M	9.30am	Marienna Di Mascio	Apoc 12: 10-12, John 15: 18-21
Tue	25 th	St Mark	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	1 Pet 5: 5-14, Mark 16: 15-20
Wed	26 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Tony O'Neill	Acts 5: 17-26, John 3: 16-21
Thu	27 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Tom & Vera McLaughlin (60 th Ann)	Acts 5: 27-33, John 3: 31-36
Fri	28 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Mike Lockwood (J&R)	Acts 5: 34-42, John 6: 1-15
Sat	29 th	St Catherine of Siena	St O	9.30am	In Thanksgiving (SR)	John 1: 5-2:2, Matt 11: 25-30
Sun	30 th	3 rd Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Bill Jackson (MJ)	Acts 2: 14-33, 1 Peter 1: 17-21
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Luke 24: 13-35

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: Barbara Hunter, David Knight, Lynda Knight, Fred Stimpson, Sara Hyslop, Marlove Hannigan, Eithne Doyle, Rachel Charlton, Margalise O'Callaghan, June Barnsley, Monica Flynn, Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Betty Briggs, Anthony King, Kristen Morris, Millie Chatterton.

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

Anniversaries: Molly Hagan, Maureen Harvey, Bryan Ruddick, Patricia Leahy, George Lilly, Peter Laughlan, Peggy Taylor, Stanley Bell, Dorothy Reid, Joe Dunn.

Retiring Collection – today for Sick and Retired Priests. Envelopes are available for those who wish to gift aid their donation.

The Parish Finance Committee meets this coming Weds, 26 April, at 7.00pm in the presbytery.

The 1st Holy Communion parents meet in St Mary's Church Hall this **Thurs 27 April 7-8pm**. **The Children meet with the catechists Sun 30 April** 9.50am-12noon in the hall.

Our Annual Mission Appeal will be held next Sunday in support of the SMA Fathers.

Annual Diocesan Mass for Justice & Peace will take place in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on **Sat 29 April** at 10.00am. Celebrant will be Mgr Andrew Faley and Fr Chris Hughes will preach. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

We welcome Fr Noel Colahan a retired priest who will be residing at 5 Middle Street in Tynemouth.

Diary Dates

Sat	20 th May	First Holy Communion Mass
Sun	4 th June	The new Partnership begins
Sat	1 st July	Parish trip to Bamburgh & Seahouses
Mon	17 th July	Fr Martin's Silver Jubilee Mass at 7.00pm
Thur	20 th July	Partnership Confirmations

Partnership Guidelines – First Steps: Following the announcement in February of the 18 new partnerships across the Diocese, more details about how these partnerships will work are given in the document '**Pointing The Way**'. This document is now available on the diocesan website; www.rcdhn.org.uk. Copies are also available at the 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.

Young People and Moving Forward Together in Hope:

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**'. Details available on the YMT website www.ymt.org

Gardeners Needed: "Many hands make light work" – At St Oswin's we are **really desperate** for some help with the gardens. Two of our gardeners are currently out of action. Coffee supplied! Please contact Marcia on 2582478 as soon as possible.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of our partnership in school year 9 or above will be celebrated on **20th July**. Those who wish to be confirmed are invited to collect a form from Fr Martin.

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The early Christian community was characterised by worship of God and loving service towards one another.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117

Response: **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
 Let the sons of Aaron say; 'His love has no end,'
 Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.
 The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.
 There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
 This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned to faith.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.