

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

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4th Sunday of Easter Year A – 7th May 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	7 th	4 th Sun of Easter	St O	9.30am	Tony Murphy (MM)	<i>Acts 2: 14-41, 1 Peter 2: 20-25 John 10: 1-10</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	8 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (GK)	<i>Acts 11: 1-18, John 10: 1-10</i>
Tue	9 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Acts 11: 19-26, John 10: 22-30</i>
Wed	10 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	12.15pm	<i>Requiem Mass: Larry Walkers</i>	
Thu	11 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Mike Lockwood (MO'C)	<i>Acts 13: 13-25, John 13: 16-20</i>
Fri	12 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Anthony King (SK)	<i>Acts 13: 26-33, John 14: 1-6</i>
Sat	13 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	George Rowe (GR)	<i>Acts 13: 44-52, John 14: 7-14</i>
Sun	14 th	5 th Sun of Easter	St O	9.30am	Dec's Mem's Shirren Family (MD)	<i>Acts 6: 1-7, 1 Peter 2: 4-9 John 14: 1-12</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

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 May: Lucas Maguire (5 yrs old), David Knight, Lynda Knight, Barbara Hunter, Betty Briggs, Lyn Johnson, Brenda Miller.

Anniversaries: Moira Heslop, Desmond Maguire, Eleanor May, Helen Bates, Thomas Delaney, James McGovern, Rosemary Riley, Barry Shirren, Peter Headley.

Requiem Mass for Larry Walkers 12.15pm on Weds 10th at St Oswin's. No 9.30am Mass.

Today there will be a special collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor to help them continue to care for the elderly in need.

The Next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Friday 12 May at 6.30pm** in the church hall at St Mary's.

A Holy Communion Day Rehearsal will take place at St Mary's at 11am – 12noon on **Sat 13 May.**

Diary Dates

Sat 20th May First Holy Communion Mass
Sun 4th June The new Partnership begins
Sat 24th June The Diocesan Festival
Sat 1st July Parish trip to Bamburgh & Seahouses
Mon 17th July Fr Martin's Silver Jubilee Mass at 7.00pm
Thur 20th July Partnership Confirmations

Coffee Morning in support of Christian Aid will be held on **Sat 13 May** at Broadway Methodist Church. Stalls include books, plants, cakes, jewellery, bric-a-brac and a raffle. Our parish will, as usual, be in charge of the cake stall. Donations of cakes, scones and other baked goods welcome. Please deliver to church hall after 9.30am. If anyone would like to help on stall for half an hour or so, please ring Margaret Hall 297 2581.

Tyneside Irish Reminiscences 'Raised on Songs and Stories' Held at St Mary's Church Hall on **Tues 9 May 12.30-2.30pm.** Join them for a meal, light entertainment and sharing stories. Please see poster for contact details.

Day on the Ministry of Consolation, Ushaw College, Durham, **Sat 10 June, 10.30am-3.30pm** - in response to feedback from Forward Together in Hope, there will be a day open to anyone interested in this vitally important ministry focusing on support for people and their families during terminal illness, or the journey through dementia. Booking essential by 2 June. Please see poster for full contact details.

Partnership Guidelines – First Steps: '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.

Partnership 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 and to model their lives on you. 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. Amen.

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

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. Any willing Confirmation Catechists, please speak to Fr Martin.

First Reading

Acts 2:14.36-41

Here Peter proclaims Jesus as the risen Lord, and urges his hearers to repent and accept baptism.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ. Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, What must we do, brothers? You must repent, Peter answered and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself. He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, Save yourselves from this perverse generation. They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

Addressing slaves, Peter urges them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love of us.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

How are you a shepherd to those in your care?