

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

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5th Sunday of Easter Year A – 14th May 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	14 th	5 th Sun of Easter	St O	9.30am	Dec'd Mem 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	
Mon	15 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Pasquale Di Mascio	<i>Acts 14: 5-18, John 14: 21-26</i>
Tue	16 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Acts 14: 19-28, John 14: 27-31</i>
Wed	17 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (AD)	<i>Acts 15: 1-6, John 15: 1-8</i>
Thu	18 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	<i>Class Mass: Year 5</i>	<i>Acts 15: 7-21, John 15: 9-11</i>
Fri	19 th	St Dunstan	St O	9.30am	Colin Walker (PM)	<i>Acts 15: 22-31, John 15: 12-17</i>
Sat	20 th	Bernadine of Siena	St M	11.00am	<i>First Holy Communions</i>	
Sun	21 st	6 th Sun of Easter	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 8: 5-17, 1 Peter 3: 15-18 John 14: 15-21</i>
			St M	11.00am	Tony Dargavel (OD)	

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), David Knight, Lynda Knight, Betty Briggs, Lyn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Fred Stimpson, Paul Keaney, and Sara Hyslop.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Hunter** who died this week. Details of funeral to be confirmed. May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Jim Goulbourne, Alan Keilty, Joseph Cassidy, June Nugent, George Castro, Joan Peppiatt, Tony Dargavel, Edna Freeman.

Fair Trade: there will be a fair trade stall **today** after 11am Mass at St. Mary's. This may be one of the last as we aren't replacing stock we sell. The numbers of people buying these products from TraidCraft has gone down. Many thanks for all of you who regularly support TraidCraft and give so generously by putting food into the box for Walking With.

Diary Dates

Sat 20th May First Holy Communion Mass at 11am
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 7pm
Thur 20th July Partnership Confirmations

Newman Association - Next talk 'On Medjugorje' by Fr. Martin Morris at St Mary's Church Hall at **7.30pm Weds 31 May**. All welcome.

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. The first meeting will be on **Thurs 8 June, 6.30-8.00pm**, at St Thomas More Academy.

Parish Trip to Bamburgh & Seahouses on **Sat 1st July**. Cost £10 per head, family tickets £10. Lists available at back of church.

Our Lady's Garden at St Oswin's – a big thank you to all the children and adults who brought along and planted flowers. The garden looks really lovely.

Celebration of Marriage Bishop Seamus will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sat 10 June at 11.00am**. He has invited each parish community to be represented by at least two couples, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend.

Day on the Ministry of Consolation, Ushaw College, Durham, **Sat 10 June, 10.30am-3.30pm** - there will be a day open to anyone interested in 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.

Steve Shippen is going to Medjugorje in June and will take any pray requests to Our Lady's care with him. Please put in a sealed envelope **by June 4** and he will place them in the prayer request point.

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. 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. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that inevitably arose.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32

Response: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

This describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the Christian community.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-12

Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?