

**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S
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6th Sunday of Easter Year A – 21st May 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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)	
Mon	22 nd	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Larry Laggan	<i>Acts 16: 11-13, John 15:26-16:4</i>
Tue	23 rd	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	<i>Requiem Mass: Barbara Hunter</i>	
Wed	24 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Piacentini Milani Donald	<i>Acts 17:15-22-18:1, Jn 16:12-15</i>
Thu	25 th	St Bede	St M	9.30am	<i>Class Mass: Year 4 - Anthony King (SK)</i>	
Fri	26 th	St Philip Neri	St O	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (MO'C)	<i>Acts 18: 9-18, John 16: 20-23</i>
Sat	27 th	Augustine of Canterbury	St O	9.30am	Annie Oliver (KL)	<i>1 Thes 2: 2-8, Luke 10: 1-9</i>
Sun	28 th	Ascension of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Veronica & Ray Dove (MD)	<i>Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1: 17-23 Matt 28: 16-20</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), David Knight, Lynda Knight, Betty Briggs, Lyn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Fred Stimpson, Paul Keaney, Sara Hyslop and June Barnsley.

Anniversaries: Mary Maguire, John Sproule, Elsie Wall, Terry Robinson, Margaret Charlton, John Reed, Francis McArdle, Paddy Costar, Canon Howe (2nd PP).

Next Sunday – The Ascension of the Lord has been designated as World Communications Day when we are asked to pray for the work of the media and the Catholic Communications Network and a special collection will be taken.

Diary Dates

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.

Walking With are holding a concert by Newcastle Male Chorus at St. Luke's Church Wallsend on **Sat 3 June at 7.00pm**. Tickets priced at £5 can be obtained from 0191 252 1481. All proceeds will go to Walking With.

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.

Congratulations to the 26 members of Year 4 who this weekend celebrated their first Holy Communions.

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.

Diocesan Festival this year will be 24-25th June at Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. The theme will be 'Changing Hearts'. Please see poster for more details and booking arrangements.

Steve Shippen is going to Medjugorje in June and will take any prayer 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.

New Altar Servers – Parents of children in School Year 4 or above who would like their child to train to become an altar server, are invited to let Fr Martin know.

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 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. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8.14-17

We learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the Gospel.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65

Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth

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| 1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' | 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. |
| 3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. | 4. Come and hear, all who fear God,
I will tell what he did for my soul;
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer nor withhold his love from me. |

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia: Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

To love Christ is to listen to his words and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?