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Ascension of the Lord Year A – 28th May 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

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	
Mon	29 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	10.30am	Carmel McManus (sick)	<i>Acts 16: 11-15, John 15: 26-16: 4</i>
Tue	30 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>	<i>Acts 16: 22-34, John 16: 5-11</i>
Wed	31 st	Visitation of BVM	St O	9.30am	Dick Straughan (JS)	<i>Zep 3: 14-18, Luke 1: 39-56</i>
Thu	1 st	St Justin	St M	9.30am	Clara Di Mascio	<i>Acts 18: 1-8, John 16: 16-20</i>
Fri	2 nd	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Christina Holland (MH)	<i>Acts 18: 9-18, John 16: 20-23</i>
Sat	3 rd	Charles Lwanga & Com	St O	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (AD)	<i>Acts 18: 23-28, John 16: 23-28</i>
Sun	4 th	Pentecost Sunday	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 2: 1-11, 1 Cor 12: 3-13 John 20: 19-23</i>
			St M	11.00am	Barbara Hunter (FM)	

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, Monica Flynn and June Barnsley.

Anniversaries: Joe Dunn, Frank Burns, Richard Straughan, Matthew Heanan, Kathleen Cotton, Thomas Matthews, Michael Savage, Ethel Farrimond.

The Ascension of the Lord has been designated as World Communications Day and a special collection will be taken today. Please take a prayer card when you leave church.

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 at **7.30pm Weds 31 May**. All welcome. **Steve Shippen is going to Medjugorje** in June and will take 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.

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.

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.

The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have produced a letter for Catholics to consider before Election Day on June 8th. Please take a copy as you leave.

The family of Barbara Hunter would like to thank all the parishioners who came to Barbara's Requiem Mass. Many thanks also to Fr Michael Hickey for a moving service.

Day on the Ministry of Consolation, Ushaw College, Durham, **Sat 10 June, 10.30am-3.30pm** - anyone interested will need to book by 2 June. Please see poster.

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.

We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism
CHARLOTTE MARGARET NICOL
who was baptised at St Mary's on Sun 21 May 2017

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.

Social and Faith Group held at St. Cuthbert's upstairs room, 6pm to 7.30pm. Next meeting is **Sun 4 June**. All young people of secondary school age are welcome for a relaxed social time and a short 'food for thought' time. It's a great place for young people to come and chill with friends and enjoy each other's company

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 1:1-11

This describes the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. It is he had said what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit. Now having met together, they asked him, Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel? He replied, it is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth. As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46

Response: **God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

1. All peoples clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

Here Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension; God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always: yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus commissions the apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations, and promises to remain with them always.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

How do we show that Jesus is with us now in all that we do?