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Sun	15 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Ex 17: 3-7, Roms 5: 1-8
			St M	11.00am	Anne Headley (CTait)	John 4: 5-42
Mon	16 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Joyce Henderson (PCass)	2 Kings 5: 1-15, Luke 4: 24-30
Tue	17 th	St Patrick	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Jer 1:4-9, Acts 3:46-49, Lk 10: 1-20
Wed	18 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Tiffany Amber Maria	Deut 4: 1-9, Matt 5: 17-19
Thu	19 th	St Joseph	St M	9.30am	Miguel Marin (Carmen)	Sam 7:4-16, Rom 4:13-22, Mat1:16-24
Fri	20 th	St Cuthbert	St O	9.30am	The Gibbon's Family (MHogg)	Ezek 34: 11-16, John 10: 11-16
Sat	21 st	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Peter Flannery (SKing)	Hos 5:15;6:6, Luke 18: 9-14
Sun	22 nd	4 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Sam 16: 1-13, Eph 5: 8-14
			St M	11.00am	Mike Lockwood (Wanda)	John 9: 1-41

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's and *available on request*
(Rosary at St Oswin (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 March:** Jack Shields, Betty Briggs, Joe O'Kane, Lyn Johnson, Fred Stimpson, Tim Madden, Sandy Madden, Gordon Dixon, June Barnsley, Kathleen Dunston, Mary Heslop, Graeme Ward.**Anniversaries:** Owen Nugent, Harry Grant, John Kelly, Miranda Moore.**The Next Parish Open Meeting** will now take place on **Thurs 2 April at 7.00pm** in the church hall instead of Weds 18 March. *All welcome.***Please pray** for the repose **Pauline Thompson** who died recently. Funeral service will be held on **25 March, 11am at St Oswin's**. May she rest in peace.**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm** at St Mary's.**Lenten Alms Appeal:** St Cuthbert's Care have once again asked for your support during Lent.**The Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary** is a national event on Sun 29 March and a prayer will be said at Mass on this day. *Information at www.behold2020.com***The Family of Anne Russell** would like to thank all her friends for their prayers, cards and message during her recent ill health.**Gift Aid/Planned Giving** envelopes are available **TODAY**. Please collect your box as you leave church. If you no longer have a tax liability, please advise Allan Muir (253 2252) so a false claim isn't made.**The Rosary** - The Catenian Association has produced a detailed leaflet on praying the Rosary. You may find this of interest. Leaflets can be found at the back of St Oswin's and St Mary's together with an invitation to learn more about the Association.**Coronavirus** - the following measures would take effect in all our churches, until further notice.

- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only.
- The distribution from the Chalice is suspended.
- The Sign of Peace is suspended.
- Holy Water stoups are to be emptied.

We politely ask everyone to regularly wash their hands properly and to maintain good personal hygiene. For further information, please see the Diocese website.**Sacrament of Confirmation 2020:** Young people in school **Year 9** are invited to collect an application form to enroll for this year's preparation programme. The course begins on **Thurs 12 March**, meeting at St Cuthbert's church, 6.30-8.00pm.**Lourdes Hospitalite Fundraiser:** The Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Hospitalite presents 'Diggin the Dancing Queen', a 'nearly' ABBA show on **Friday 27 March** at Gateshead Fell Cricket Club. All are warmly invited to join in the evening's entertainment and fundraising activities. All monies raised go towards the Hospitalite funds. Door and the bar open at 7.30pm. Fancy dress optional! Tickets cost: £5 adults, £3 for Lourdes youth, children- free. For tickets please call 07896581835**Lenten Cross at St Mary's** - in our parish community there are hurts and crosses carried by many. Jesus has told us to come to him with our crosses "*Come to me you who labour and overburdened and I will give you rest*". Parishioners might like to put a tack into the Cross and in this way join their cross to Christ's Cross and allow him to share the load.**Prayer for the 'God who Speaks' Year of the Word:***Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.**Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.**Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.*

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94

Response: **O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
Let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2.5-8

God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

This tells the story of Jesus' touching encounter with a Samaritan woman.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he. Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?