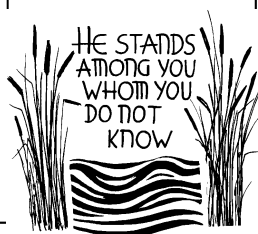


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Twitter: [Twitter@diocesehn](https://twitter.com/diocesehn)**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020****SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

| Sun | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent | St O | 9.30am  | People of the Parish       | Is 61: 1-11, Thess 5: 16-24<br>John 1: 6-28   |
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|     |                  |                                  | St M | 11.00am | Barbara Shippen (birthday) |   |
| Mon | 14 <sup>th</sup> | St John of the Cross             | St M |         | No Public Service          |   |
| Tue | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Weekday of Advent                | St O |         | No Public Service          |   |
| Wed | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Weekday of Advent                | St O | 10.00am | A Sick Person (MH)         | Is 45: 6-25, Luke 7: 18-23                    |
| Thu | 17 <sup>th</sup> | Weekday of Advent                | St M | 10.00am | Monica O'Neill (M&FS)      | Gen 49: 2-10, Matt 1: 1-17                    |
| Fri | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Weekday of Advent                | St O |         | No Public Service          |   |
| Sat | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Weekday of Advent                | St O |         | No Public Service          |   |
| Sun | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent | St O | 9.30am  | People of the Parish       | 2 Sam 7: 1-16, Rom 16: 25-27<br>Luke 1: 26-38 |
|     |                  |                                  | St M | 11.00am | Duncan McLean (LouLag)     |   |

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Available on request  
(For the time being the Blessed Sacrament Chapel remains Closed)**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in December:** Katie Eckert, Helen Brunton, Olive Dargavel, Nuala Byron, Fred Stimpson, Bob Devlin, Bernard Cass, David Boudge and Leo Smith.**Anniversaries:** Margaret McGovern, Thomas Johnson, Kathryn Harley, Vera McLaughlin, Vincent Fernthoug.**Home Mission Sunday:** As you leave church you can contribute towards the work of the national Evangelisation services.**Our Christmas Mass times will be as follows:**

|               |                   |                         |      |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------|
| Christmas Eve | 6.00pm<br>8.00pm  | St Mary's<br>St Oswin's | FULL |
| Christmas Day | 9.30am<br>11.00am | St Oswin's<br>St Mary's |      |

These Masses will last around 30 minutes and carols will be played in church from 15 min before. Due to limited space **we strongly recommend that you book to attend Mass** both for Christmas and for Sundays. To make sure of a place, from this week please ring the dedicated phone line:**07543 768189 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
of this week  
11am–1pm & 6pm–8pm.****One bubble only per booking please.** Those unable to gain a place at a Christmas Mass will be given priority for the Sunday Masses on the 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.*Congratulations and Welcome to  
**Benjamin Anthony Reed**  
who was Baptised at St Mary's on Sunday 6 December***Government regulations** are that those attending church **must wear a face covering**. (those under 11 years of age are exempt or if you have a genuine medical reason). **You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are feeling unwell**. While the pandemic endures there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass.**St Cuthbert's care Advent Appeal:** This year St Cuthbert's Care has been invited to deliver an online Advent Appeal. If you would like to support their work, please visit **[www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)**. You will also find lots more information, including free **Resources for Advent**.**Why not set up a monthly Standing Order** to make your contribution towards the upkeep of the church? This would help keep our counting team safe. The information you need is as follows: The church account is with HSBC.Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin  
Account Number: 12011336  
Sort code: 40-34-18**Prayer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent***God of all, John the Baptist came to bear witness to your light. Fill us with faith and the courage to act upon it, so that we may shine a light in the darkness of these uncertain times. Amen.*

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11*

*The writer declares that he has been sent by God to usher in the age of salvation. Jesus used this prophecy to announce the programme of his own ministry.*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Lk1:46-50.53-54*

*Response: My soul rejoices in my God*

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.
3. He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy.

**Second Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

*St Paul tells the Thessalonians how they ought to live as they await the second coming of Christ.*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*John 1:6-8.19-28*

*John the Baptist declares that he is not the Saviour. His task is to prepare the way for the Saviour, who is already among the people, though they do not recognise him.*

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

**Question of the week**

**What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?**