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3rd Sunday of Lent Year C – 20th March 2022

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	20 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Constance & Joseph Stevens	Ex 3: 1-15, 1 Cor 10: 1-12
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Luke 13: 1-9
Mon	21 st	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Theresa Shipley (SK)	2 Kings 5: 1-15, Luke 4: 24-30
Tue	22 nd	Weekday of Lent			No Public Service	
Wed	23 rd	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Maureen Hogg (LL)	Deut 4: 1-9, Matt 5: 17-19
Thu	24 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Class Mass: Year 3 : Anna Bradley	
Fri	25 th	Annunciation of the Lord	St M	1.00pm	Requiem Mass: Rina Donald	
Sat	26 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	12.30pm	Nuptial Mass: Jennifer Gilberg & Michael McConnell	
Sun	27 th	4 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Rodney Willits (JW)	Josh 5: 9-12, 2 Cor 5: 17-21
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Luke 15: 1-32

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 10.00-10.15am in St Mary's Blessed Sacrament Chapel during Lent.
 St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in March: Lisa Stimpson, Pam Dean, Shelagh Moore, David T, GR, Maureen Ruddick, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Bob Devlin, Joe O'Kane, Sheila Boyle, Alan Brown, Eileen Stevens, Irene Keenaghan, Margaret Didsbury.

And for Rina Donald who died recently. Rina's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 25th March at 1.00pm in St Mary's church. May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Miranda Moore, Margaret Nixon, Ann Trumble Mike Lockwood, Anna Bradley, Dorothy Robinson, Maureen Harvey, Maureen Manning, Matthew Greely, Winifred Wells.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Envelopes: Please remember to return these as soon as possible. For more info on how CAFOD are helping in the Ukraine go to: cafod.org.uk

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm** at St Mary's.

Lenten Resources are available on the **Diocesan Website**. Well worth a look, including daily reflections (See under Liturgical Resources) and much more.

APF Mission Boxes are now due to be collected for March quarter. Please bring to Mass and leave at back of church or hand to your collector. *Thank you.*

William Beattie would like to thank the parishioners at St Oswin's who helped him raise £310 from the raffle and other donations for his visit to Lourdes. He will be giving plants away after Mass next Sunday – asking for donations for the humanitarian effort in the Ukraine.

Current Diocesan Guidelines Recommend that people visiting Church for services sanitise their hands and wear face-covering and observe one meter social distancing between households. You do not need to book to attend Mass. You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are feeling unwell. Currently there is still no obligation to attend a Sunday Mass.

Gift Aid Planned Giving envelopes will be available at both churches **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.

Why not set up a monthly Standing Order to make your contribution towards the upkeep of the church? The information you need is: The account is with HSBC:
 Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin
 Account Number: 12011336
 Sort code: 40-34-18

Job Vacancy: Our Diocese is looking to appoint a new Senior Administrator in the Safeguarding Team. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle and is full-time. Closing date for applications: 23 March 2022. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details.

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8.13-15

In the story of the call of Moses we are shown God's love and concern for people who are oppressed.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102

Response: The Lord is compassion and love

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| 1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. | 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion |
| 3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. | 4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12

St Paul invites his listeners to be attentive to the ways of the Lord, unlike the Israelites in the desert.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus stresses the necessity of change and tells the people that time is running out.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

**What important work could bear fruit in your life right now
if you have more confidence in God's loving care?**