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3rd Sunday of Advent Year A – 11th December 2022

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	11 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 35: 1-10, James 5: 7-10 Matt 11: 2-11
			St M	11.00am	Julie Phillips (KJ)	
Mon	12 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Mary Jo Knightley (NBF)	Num 24: 2-17, Matt 21: 23-27
Tue	13 th	St Lucy			No Mass	Zeph 3: 1-13, Matt 21: 28-32
Wed	14 th	St John of the Cross	St O	10.00am	Paul Mazzucchi (RM)	Is 45: 6-25, Luke 7: 18-23
Thu	15 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Year 5 Class Mass	
Fri	16 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	1.00pm	Requiem Mass: Charles (Chuck) Ward	
Sat	17 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Barbara Rowe (GR)	Gen 49: 2-10, Matt 1: 1-17
Sun	18 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Teresa & Geoff Rodgers (MF)	Is 7: 10-14, Rom 1: 1-7
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Matt 1: 18-24

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30–10.45am in St Mary's Church
 St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open Daily 7.30am–7.30pm

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in December: Tony Matthews, Irene Keenaghan, Alan Brown, Luke Goodwin, Paul Mazzucchi, Maureen Ruddick, Betty Briggs, Lisa Stimpson, Clare Nelson, Herbie Meldrum, GR, Pat Scott, Sheila Boyle.

And for Eileen Marrinan, Charles (Chuck) Ward and Kenneth Brown who died recently. A service will be held at Whitley Bay crematorium chapel for Eileen on Wed 14th Dec at 11.15am, followed by burial. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Chuck on Fri 16th Dec 1.00pm at St Mary's followed by cremation at Tynemouth Crematorium. A Funeral service will be held at Tynemouth crematorium for Kenneth Brown on Wed 21 Dec 1.30pm. May they rest in peace.

We pray for Bishop Robert who has been advised to take medical leave at this time.

Anniversaries: Olga McShane, Paddy McNally, Mary Raine, Isabelle Thompson, Thomas Johnson, Margaret McGovern, Kathryn Harley, Vera McLaughlin.

Congratulations to the Children in Year 4 who yesterday celebrated their First Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parish Dinner/Dance: A big thank you to all who attended. A great night was had by all and a special thank you to all those who generously contributed to the raffle.

Advent Alms 2022: We are invited to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care. Envelopes available at back of church.

Northern Catholic Calendars 2023 are now on sale, as you leave church. **Only £3.** Please place payment in the envelopes provided and return to the collection plate.

Festive Afternoon Tea: All parishioners welcome this coming **Weds 14th Dec** in St Mary's Hall, 2-4pm.

Congratulations and Welcome to
ALBA FRANCESCA FERGUSON
who was baptised at St Mary's last Sunday

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available each Saturday morning, after Mass, from 10.30am – 10.45am in St Mary's Church.

Red Mission Boxes: December quarter is now due. Please either bring your box to Church or contact your collector for collection.

Admissions Consultation: St Mary's Catholic Primary School are consulting on the intended changes to our admissions arrangements for 2024/25. Please visit our website www.stmarysonline.co.uk to view this policy and either request a hard copy of the policy and response form from the school office or submit your response to the following: <https://forms.office.com/e/xWNTT39bNK>

Reflections on the readings for Advent. can be downloaded from bit.ly/DHNAAdvent2022

Advent and prayer and resources for all ages can also be found on the CAFOD website at: cafod.org.uk/advent

Our Christmas Mass times will be:

Christmas Eve	6.00pm	St Mary's
	8.00pm	St Oswin's
Christmas Day	9.30am	St Oswin's
	11.00am	St Mary's

Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Advent:

*Gracious God, we thank you for your gifts.
 Teach us to trust you more than possessions or wealth.
 Give us generous hearts. Inspire us to share what we have, and work for justice, so that all people may flourish and live in dignity. Amen*

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6.10

God is the hope of his people who are crushed by misfortune.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

*Response: **Come, Lord, and save us.***

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| 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. | 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. |
| 3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. | |

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

St James urges us to be patient with one another, and patient regarding the Lord's final coming.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

Matthew 11:2-11

We see Jesus at work, and hear his words of praise for his imprisoned cousin, John.

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?