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4th Sunday of Advent Year A – 18th December 2022

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	18 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Teresa & Geoff Rodgers (MF)	Is 7: 10-14, Rom 1: 1-7 Matt 1: 18-24
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	19 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Jim Scott (PS)	Judges 13:2-25, Luke 1:5-25
Tue	20 th	Weekday of Advent			No Mass	
Wed	21 st	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	Violet Coyle (LL)	Songs 2:8-14, Zep3:14-18, Lk1:39-45
Thu	22 nd	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Whole School Mass	1 Sam 24-28, Luke 1: 46-56
Fri	23 rd	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	Dennis Dale (SD)	Mal 3: 1-24, Luke 1: 57-66

Christmas Mass Times

Sat	24 th	Christmas Eve	St M	6.00pm	Carols from 5.40pm	Is 9: 1-7, Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14
			St O	8.00pm	Carols from 7.40pm	
Sun	25 th	Christmas Day	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-6 John 1: 1-18
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

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: Les Flintham, 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 Kenneth Brown who died recently. A service will be held at Tynemouth crematorium for Ken on Wed 21 Dec 1.30pm. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: John Stephenson, Vincent Fernyhough, Beatrice Young, Margaret Hodgson, Dennis Collins, Peter Doig, Desmond Robson.

The Money Raised for the **Annual Mission Appeal** was **£681.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Festive Afternoon Tea: Thank you to all those who organized and supported this. A special thank you to Bay Uke who braved the weather conditions to perform and help make the afternoon a great success.

The Christmas Collection will take place at the end of each Christmas Mass – which will be in addition to the usual Sunday Collection. Money raised is generally sent to 'Homeless Charities'. If anyone has any suggestions for suitable charities, please let Allan Muir know

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

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.

Christmas gift Suggestions

To your enemy, Forgiveness. To an opponent Tolerance.
 To a friend, your Heart. To a refugee, a Welcome.
 To all, Charity. To every child, a Good Example.
 To yourself, Respect.

Prayer for the 4th Sunday of Advent:

Faithful God, you always keep your promises. Strengthen our trust, as we long for your kingdom of justice and peace. Make us a people of hope, sharing with the world the love and joy that we have found in you.
 Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

This reading foretells the birth of a very special child – a child who will be called Emmanuel, that is, God-with-us.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above'. 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test'. Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us'.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory

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| 1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples,
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. | 2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. |
| 3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him,
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. | |

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

These opening lines from Paul's letter to the Romans draw attention to the human and divine 'roots' of Jesus.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-24

This shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?