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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year A – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Year A	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 49:3-6, 1 Cor 1: 1-3 John 1: 29-34
			St M	11.00am	Eileen&Anne Mitchell (in thanksgiving)	
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Laybourne & Murray Family (GM)	Heb 5: 1-10, Mark 2: 18-22
Tue	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony			No Mass	
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	10.00am	Tony Murphy (MM)	Heb 7: 1-17, Mark 3: 1-6
Thu	19 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Steve Bociek (sick)	Heb 7: 25 -8:6, Mark 3: 7-12
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Heb 8:6-13, Mark 3: 13-19
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	St Agnes	St M	10.00am	Gordon Lamb	Heb 9: 2-14, Mark 3: 20-21
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Year A	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 8: 23-9: 3, 1 Cor 1: 10-17 Matt 4: 12-23
			St M	11.00am	Fred Stimpson (MS)	

**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 January:** Wanda Parker Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, Clare Nelson, Eileen Whalen. GR, Betty Briggs, Sheila Boyle, Luke Goodwin, Les Flintham, Irene Keenaghan, Alan Brown, Pat Scott, Paul Mazzucchi, Val Robinson.

**And for James Durrant** who died on 3 January. A private funeral service for family and close friends will be held on Monday, 23 January at 11.15am. May he rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Zelda Olds, Lucy Robson, Amy-Marie Jackson, June Paton.

**Today is Peace Sunday;** This year the message from Pope Francis tells us: *'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'*. Further information is available at [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** runs from 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January. The theme this year is: *"Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice"*. More resources available at [www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

**Mass this Thursday** will be led by students in Year 13 from St Thomas More Academy.

**The Christmas Collection raised £1204.71** for charities working with the homeless. The Collection for St Cuthbert's care raised **£27.00**. The collection for the Friends of the Holy Land raised **£113.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

**White Flower Appeal:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal outside church **Today**. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

**A Map of the Parish Boundary** is on display on the notice board at St Mary's for your information. This follows a recent review of all parish boundaries within the diocese. (Our parish boundary remains unchanged).

**Re-wire of the Church and Hall at St Mary's:** We are required to re-wire the church and hall at St Mary's. It is now planned that this work will begin on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February** and will take between 4 to 6 weeks to complete. During this time Sunday Mass will be as normal, but the church may need to be closed for weekdays for a few weeks. This will also be an opportunity to fit low energy LED lights, to help both reduce our lighting costs and help save the planet. We thank you in advance for your patience.

**Diocesan Vacancies: Caretaker/Cleaner, Whitley Bay and North Shields** – 11 hours per week, Closing date: 23 January. Visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details.

### Prayer for Peace Sunday:

*God, our Creator and Redeemer, may we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives.*

*Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard; those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life. That way, with your help, may we become true instruments of your peace.*  
**AMEN.**

## **First Reading**

*Isaiah 49:3.5-6*

*This talks about the servant God who has chosen to bring Israel back, and not just Israel, but all peoples.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified;' I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel: I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 39*

*Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

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| 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord<br>and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.<br>He put a new song into my mouth,<br>praise of our God. | 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,<br>but an open ear.<br>You do not ask for holocaust and victim.<br>Instead, here am I. |
| 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written<br>that I should do your will<br>My God, I delight in your law<br>In the depth of my heart.  | 4. Your justice I have proclaimed<br>in the great assembly.<br>My lips I have not sealed;<br>you know it, O Lord.                     |

## **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

*Here Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth of their call to holiness.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia: Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

## **Gospel Reading**

*John 1:29-34*

*Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus. He is God's Chosen Servant who takes away the sins of the people and baptises them with the Holy Spirit.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

### **Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**We witness to Christ as John did, by living lives full of generosity, forgiveness,  
and mercy toward others. When do you find it most difficult to do this?**