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3rd Sunday of Year A – 22nd January 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	22 nd	3 rd 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)	
Mon	23 rd	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Jenny Laggan (LL)	Heb 9: 15-28, Mark 3: 22-30
Tue	24 th	St Francis de Sales			No Mass	
Wed	25 th	Conversion of St Paul	St O	10.00am	Irene & Paddy McNally (MM)	Acts 22: 3-16, Mark 16: 15-18
Thu	26 th	SS Timothy & Titus	St M	10.00am	Special Intention (S&DC)	2 Tim 1:1-8, Luke 10: 1-9
Fri	27 th	Weekday	St O	10.00am	Priests Intention	Heb 10: 32-39, Mark 4: 26-34
Sat	28 th	St Thomas Aquinas	St M	10.00am	Eileen Seymour (SO)	Heb 11: 1-19, Mark 4: 35-41
Sun	29 th	4 th Sunday of Year A	St O	9.30am	Maureen & Gordon Hogg (BH)	Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13 1 Cor 1: 26-31
			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 January: Lisa Stimpson, Maureen Ruddick Wanda Parker Lockwood, Clare Nelson, Betty Briggs, Eileen Whalen, GR, 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: Ann Stewart, Edmund Collins, Gwendoline Hughes, Winefred Dickinson, Fr Bernard McKumiskey, Betty Taylor, Thomas Walters, Patricia Nugent, Jenny Laggan, Frederick Mitchell, Jeanette Hopwood, Ina Moore, Catherine Marshall, Peter Nott, Kathleen Hall.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th – 25th January. The theme this year is: "Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice". More resources available at www.ctbi.org.uk

The Parish Finance Committee meets this coming Wed 25 Jan at 7.00pm in the presbytery.

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Mass at St Mary's. We are looking for more volunteers to help. If interested, please sign your name on the notice board in the hall. *Thank you.*

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 20th 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 for full details.

Prayer for Christian Unity

God, creator of all, in your love you have made each one of us. In your grace you gather us together in your image as your beloved community. We come before you, a holy family, united in the beautiful diversity of your creation. We celebrate the rich tapestry of the human family. We commit ourselves to overcome prejudice and disunity wherever we find it and to walk humbly in your presence. This we pray through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

The prophet predicts future liberation for an oppressed people.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26

Response: The Lord is my light and my help

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| 1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear ?
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? | 2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. |
| 3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! | |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17

Paul launches a passionate appeal for unity in the community at Corinth.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

The wonderful prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled Jesus.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?