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1st Sunday of Advent Year B – 3rd December 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	3rd	1st Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Joan Gray (Wanda)	<i>Is 63:16-17; 64:1-8, Cor 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 33-37</i>
			St M	11.00am	Zofia (GH)	
Mon	4 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Vera Franco (b'day)	<i>Is 2: 1-5, Matt 8: 5-11</i>
Tue	5 th	Weekday of Advent			No Mass	
Wed	6 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	Pat Dougal	<i>Is 25: 6-10, Matt 15: 29-37</i>
Thu	7 th	St Ambrose	St M	10.00am	<i>Class Mass: Year 4 Andrew Boyle (MB)</i>	
Fri	8 th	Immaculate Conception	St O	10.00am	Erlinda Arcillas (C&TA)	<i>Gen3:9-20, Eph1:3-12, Lk 1: 26-38</i>
Sat	9 th	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Catherine Joyce (SD)	<i>Is 30: 19-26, Matt 9: 35-10:1-8</i>
			St M	11.00am	<i>Year 4: First Reconciliation Service</i>	
Sun	10th	2nd Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Dec'd Lavery & Kerridge Fam	<i>Is 40: 1-11, 2 Peter 3: 8-14 Mark 1: 1-8</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Available on Request. <i>St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm</i>						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in December: Marilyn Peracullo, Mercedita Ramos, Ma Teresa Prodigio, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, OR, GR. New List available at back of church.

Anniversaries: Marjorie Robson, Peter Hudson, Stella Gosling, Honor McFarlane, Paddy Charlton, Daniel Bolger, Erlinda Arcillas, Steve Cunningham, Lucy Clark, John Robinson, Joanna DeGroof.

We especially welcome **the First Holy Communion Children** who will join us for our Mass today.

Students from STMA will join us for 10.00am Mass at St Oswin's this Wednesday.

Festive Afternoon Tea: All parishioners welcome on **Friday 15th December** in St Mary's Hall, 1.30-3.30pm. No cost but to help with catering numbers, please sign sheet at back of church if you'd like to come along.

Parish Christmas Dinner Dance at Tynemouth Golf Club **this Friday 8th December 6.30 for 7pm.**

Lourdes Fundraising Raffle: Joseph Beattie will be holding a raffle after Sunday Mass on **10 December** to help fund a visit to Lourdes during Easter 2024, where he and other students from St Thomas More Sixth form will be working with pilgrims and children with special needs for a week. Prizes include wine and other beverages, chocolates, family swim vouchers and a celebration cake or homemade meal for two on a date of your choice.

A Partnership Advent Penitential Service will be held on **Wed 20th December** 7.00pm at St Edward's church.

A Booklet of Advent Reflections is available to download, produced by the Diocesan faith and mission team at: <https://bit.ly/DHNAdvent>.

Parish Finances: With the closure of HSBC Whitley Bay Branch it would be enormously helpful if more parishioners would consider making their **contribution to the church by standing order** with the parish, to the following account:

HSBC Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin
 Account Number: 12011336
 Sort code: 40-34-18

We can also collect Gift Aid donations in this way. Just let us know by e-mail to the parish office.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES:

Safeguarding Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, permanent. Closing date: 12 Dec. **IT Manager**, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, permanent. Closing date 12 Dec. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Advent Service at St George's Church: All ladies invited to this service on Monday 11 December at 2pm followed with tea in the hall. To help with catering numbers, please let Kath Kelly know, either in person or ☎ 253 2924 if you would like to attend.

Advent Alms 2023: Once again we are invited to support the work of St Cuthbert's Care. Envelopes are available at the back of church.

The Rosary is Prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after Mass on Mondays and Thursdays. All welcome.

Prayer for the First Sunday in Advent

Eternal God, you will come when we do not expect you. Help us to welcome you now in one another, to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need of care and support. And in this way may we be found ready, when you come again in glory. Amen.

The Order of Mass can be found on Page 4 of your Hymn Book

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

The prophet recalls God's past goodness to his people, and pleads with him to save them from their present sinfulness.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79

Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As we await the coming of Christ in glory, the Holy Spirit keeps us steadfast in bearing witness.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:33-37

We need to stay awake at our appointed tasks, because we do not know the hour when Jesus, our Master, will return.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Question of the week

How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?