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2nd Sunday of Advent Year B – 10th December 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	10 th	2 nd Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Dec'd Lavery & Kerridge Fam	Is 40: 1-11, 2 Peter 3: 8-14
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Mark 1: 1-8
Mon	11 th	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Julie Phillips (KJ)	Is 35: 1-10, Luke 5: 17-26
Tue	12 th	Weekday			No Mass	
Wed	13 th	St Lucy	St O	10.00am	For Vocations (Catenians)	Is 40: 25-31, Matt 11: 28-30
Thu	14 th	St John of the Cross	St M	10.00am	Class Mass: Year 5	
Fri	15 th	Weekday	St O	10.00am	For Peace (MK)	Is 48: 17-19, Matt 11: 16-19
Sat	16 th	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Barbara Rowe (GR)	Ecc 48: 1-11, Matt 17: 9-13
Sun	17 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 61: 1-11, 1 Thess 5: 16-24
			St M	11.00am	Tony Matthews (BM)	John 1: 6-28,
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am – 10.45am at St Mary's Church <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: John Dilworth, Win Brown, Pat Scott, Mary Smith, Storr Family, Lisa Stimpson, Margaret Kerney, Victoria Madden, Marilyn Peracullo, Mercedita Ramos, Ma Teresa Prodigio, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, OR, GR, Les Flintham, Chris Lincoln, Catherine & Ricci Hudson-Storey, Betty Briggs.

Anniversaries: Aileen Riseborough, Olga McShane, Paddy McNally, Mary Raine, Isabella Thompson, Thomas Johnson, Margaret McGovern, Kathryn Harley.

Congratulations to those **First Holy Communion Children** who yesterday celebrated their First Reconciliation.

Parish Christmas Dinner Dance: Thank you to all those who helped to support this wonderful event.

Lourdes Fundraising Raffle: Joseph Beattie will be holding a raffle after Sunday Mass today to help fund a visit to Lourdes during Easter 2024, where he and other students from St Thomas More Sixth form will working with pilgrims and children with special needs for a week.

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.

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

Northern Catholic Calendars for 2024 are on sale at the back of church. Cost **£3.00**. Please use the envelope provided and return this to the collection plate.

Congratulations to
OLIVER JACK PARKIN
Who was Baptised at St Mary's last Sunday

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.

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.

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

APF Red Mission Boxes: December quarter is now due. Please bring your box and leave at back of church, or contact your collector. *Thank you.*

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

Our Christmas Mass times will be as follows:

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 Second Sunday in Advent
Merciful God, you sent John the Baptist to preach repentance. Forgive us for the times when we have done wrong, when we have hurt other people and damaged our earth. Lead us to make a change, to live differently, preparing a way and making your paths straight. Amen.

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

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

The people are urged to prepare a way for the Lord who is coming to save them.

Console my people, console them, says your God. "Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes." A voice cries, "Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God." Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84

Response: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

If the Lord appears to be slow in coming, it is to give people an opportunity to be ready when he comes.

There is one thing, my friends that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist urges the people to prepare for the imminent coming of the Saviour.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Question of the week

With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?