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3rd Sunday of Advent Year B – 17th December 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	17 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 61: 1-11, 1 Thess 5: 16-24</i>
			St M	11.00am	Tony Matthews (BM)	<i>John 1: 6-28,</i>
Mon	18 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Maura Docherty (MCarey)	<i>Jer 23: 5-8, Matt 1: 18-24</i>
Tue	19 th	Weekday of Advent			No Mass	
Wed	20 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	Bill & Belle Mason (MariaC)	<i>Is 7: 10-14, Luke 1: 26-38</i>
Thu	21 st	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Dennis Dale (SD)	<i>Songs 2: 8-14, Luke 1: 39-45</i>
Fri	22 nd	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	Tony Murphy (MM)	<i>1 Sam 1: 24-28, Luke 1: 46-56</i>
Sat	23 rd	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Allan Muir (CD)	<i>Mal 3: 1-24, Luke 1: 57-66,</i>
Sun	24 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Patrick McCumiskey	<i>2 Sam 7: 1-16, Rom 16: 25-27</i>
			St M	11.00am	Hugh Crowe (HC)	<i>Luke 1: 26-38</i>
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES						
Sun	24 th	Christmas Eve	St M	6.00pm	<i>Carols from 5.40pm</i>	<i>Is 9: 1-7, Titus 2: 11-14</i>
			St O	8.00pm	<i>Carols from 7.40pm</i>	<i>Luke 2: 1-14</i>
Mon	25 th	Christmas Day	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-16</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	<i>John 1: 1-18</i>
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, Grace Robson, Les Flintham, Chris Lincoln, Catherine & Ricci Hudson-Storey, Betty Briggs.

Anniversaries: John Stephenson, Vera McLaughlin, Tony Matthews, Vincent Fernyhough, Beatrice Young, Margaret Hodgson, Dennis Collins.

Festive Afternoon Tea: Thank you to all those who supported this wonderful event.

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

Lourdes Fundraising Raffle: Joseph Beattie would like to thank everyone at St Oswin's for supporting his raffle and making your kind donations. You helped him to raise **£143.00** towards his pilgrimage to Lourdes with HCPT in Easter 2024. Happy Christmas and thank you Joe.

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
ELENA AUTUMN CLOSE
Who was Baptised at St Mary's last Sunday

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/DHNAAdvent>.

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

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

Prayer for the Third Sunday in Advent
God of all, John the Baptist came to bear witness to your light. Fill us with faith and the courage to act upon it, so that we may shine a light in the darkness of these uncertain times. Amen.

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

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11

The writer declares that he has been sent by God to usher in the age of salvation. Jesus used this prophecy to announce the programme of his own ministry.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Lk1:46-50.53-54

Response: My soul rejoices in my God

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

St Paul tells the Thessalonians how they ought to live as they await the second coming of Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8.19-28

John the Baptist declares that he is not the Saviour. His task is to prepare the way for the Saviour, who is already among the people, though they do not recognise him.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

Question of the week

What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?