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4th Sunday of Advent Year B – 24th December 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	24 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Patrick McCumiskey (SMcC)	2 Sam 7:1-16, Rom 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38
			St M	11.00am	Hugh Crowe (HC)	
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES						
Sun	24 th	Christmas Eve	St M	6.00pm	Carols from 5.40pm	Is 9: 1-7, Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14
			St O	8.00pm	Carols from 7.40pm	
Mon	25 th	Christmas Day	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-16 John 1: 1-18
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Tue	26 th	St Stephen			No Mass	
Wed	27 th	St John, Apostle	St O	10.00am	Ignatious O'Neill (sick)	St John 1: 1-4, John 20: 1-8
Thu	28 th	The Holy Innocents	St M	10.00am	Maureen Cairns (AC)	1 John 1: 5-2:2, Matt 2: 13-18
Fri	29 th	St Thomas Becket	St O	10.00am	Shelagh Moore (MJ)	Col 1: 24-29, Matt 10: 28-33
Sat	30 th	Octave of Christmas	St M	10.00am	Jim & Margaret Collins (MC)	1 John, 2: 12-17, Luke 2: 36-40
Sun	31 st	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Ecc 3: 2-14, Col 3:12-21
			St M	11.00am	Joseph & Elizabeth Coates	Luke 2: 22-40
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: Cath Peffers, 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.

And for Jean Cook who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St Oswin's on Wednesday 17th January 10.00am followed by committal at Tynemouth crematorium. May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Peter Doig, Desmond Robson, George Marshall, Violet Mackintosh, Sandra Mary Wood, William Tilley, May Cassidy, Maureen Kay, Maureen Cairns, Lawrence Goveas, Willine McAllister, Sidney Snowball, Bernadette Fielding, Richard Leslie, Rose Hyett, Mary Collins, Norman Peffers.

The Collection for Youth Sunday raised **£268.24**. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Collections – money raised at Masses at Christmas will be donated to local Homeless Charities.

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

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.

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.

If you wish to support the **Christian Community in the Holy Land**, including Palestine, offerings can be left in the basket at the crib.

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

God-with-us, you made your home among us, loved by your mother Mary, and bringing her joy. As we prepare to recall and celebrate your birth, be with us now, especially with those who are seeking refuge. Comfort us all and bring us joy. AMEN.

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

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

David wants to build a house for God. But instead God promises to build an everlasting dynasty for him.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever." '

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88

Response: **I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
 through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
 Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
 that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
 I have sworn to David my servant:
 I will establish your dynasty for ever
 and set up your throne through all ages.'
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,
 my God, the rock who saves me.'
 I will keep my love for him always;
 for him my covenant shall endure.

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles has come to fulfilment in Christ.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the handmaid of the Lord: Let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

God's promise to David was fulfilled in Jesus.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Question of the week

**How do you open your heart to what God wants for you?
How do you follow the pathway to happiness?**