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4th Sunday of Lent Year B – 10th March 2024

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	10 th	4 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Chronicles 36:14-23, Eph 2: 4-10
			St M	11.00am	Anne Headley (CT)	John 3: 14-21
Mon	11 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Patricia Salmon (100 b'day)	Is 65: 17-21, John 4: 43-54
Tue	12 th	Weekday of Lent			No Mass	
Wed	13 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Is 39: 8-15, John 5: 17-30
Thu	14 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	<i>Class Mass: Reception & Year 6</i>	
Fri	15 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Wis 2: 1-22, John 7: 1-30
Sat	16 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Agnes&George Beeching (PH)	Jer 11: 18-20, John 7: 40-52
Sun	17 th	5 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Pauline and Rodney Willits (JW)	Jer 31: 31-34, Heb 5: 7-9
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	John 12: 20-33
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am – 10.45am at St Mary's Church St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm</p>						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in March: Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, Martin Goodwin, Eileen Whalen, Pat Scott, Grace Robson, O Robson, Lisa Stimpson, Mary Smith, Peter Goodwin, Betty Briggs, Catherine & Ricci Hudson-Storey, Sheila Clarke, Win Brown, Paul Coogan, Rose & Tim Madden, Jacky Armstrong.

And for Fr John McElhone who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Nancy Parker, Kathleen Duggan, Owen Dunn, John O'Kane, Martin Kenny, Susan Beattie, Terence Cunningham, Anne Headley, Annie McClure, Joan Atkinson, Owen Nugent, Robert Lee.

We Especially Welcome the Parents of our Holy Communion children at Mass today.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm.**

Please return your CAFOD Family Fast Day Envelopes as soon as possible. A quote for thought: *"The future is now. It is just that it has not been shared equally".*

Lenten Alms for St Cuthbert's Care: You can find out how best to support this charity by visiting www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk A collection plate is available at the back of church for your donations.

The Report on the **Diocesan Wide Listening Exercise** is available on the Diocesan website for viewing. It includes an overview by Bishop Stephen.

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Sue Oxley speak about The Five Mothers of Bernadette Soubirous and her Neglected Life. The meeting will be at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle [*nb new venue*], on Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm.

Parish Pizza & Quiz evening will be held on Friday 26th April 6.30pm in St Mary's church hall. Adults £5, children £1. (*Please bring your own drinks*). Please sign sheet at back of church if you would like to come along. Tickets available next week. Any prizes for the raffle gratefully received

New Gift Aid Envelopes can be collected as you leave church from today.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 26th July to 2nd August 2024. Cost from ~£1000 pp sharing + insurance etc. If interested please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. (This is just to indicate an interest at this stage). If enough people commit we could consider attending as a parish group.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancy: HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 28 March. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details.

Palm Sunday 9.30am at St Oswin's
11.00am at St Mary's

Holy Thursday Mass at 7.00pm at St Oswin's
Good Friday Passion at 3.00pm at St Mary's
Holy Saturday Vigil at 7.00pm at St Mary's

Easter Sunday 9.30am at St Oswin's
11.00am at St Mary's

Mother's day Prayer: *Lord, we give thanks for all mothers, for their nurturing and their noticing, their caring and their compassion, for their watching and waiting, their patience and their prayer, for their silence and their sacrifice, their life*

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

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

Because of their sins God's people were exiled to Babylon. God's mercy is seen in their home - coming.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke: through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation. And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 136

Response: **O Let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

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| 1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps | 2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said 'one of Zion's songs.' |
| 3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither. | 4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
If I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! |

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

It is not through our own efforts that we are saved, but through the love and mercy of God.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

In his love for us, God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn us, but to save us.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Question of the week

(for further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?