

OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH & ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS

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8th Sunday of Year A – 26th February 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

| Sun | 26 th | 8 th Sun of Year A | St O | 9.30am | Celebrant's Intention | <i>Is 49: 14-15, 1 Cor 4: 1-5 Matt 6: 24-34</i> |
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| | | | St M | 11.00am | In Thanksgiving: (Silver Wedding) | |
| Mon | 27 th | Weekday | St O | 10.00am | <i>Requiem Mass: Peter Devlin</i> | |
| Tue | 28 th | Weekday | St O | 9.30am | <i>Service of Word & Communion</i> | <i>Ecc 35: 1-12, Mark 10: 28-31</i> |
| Wed | 1 st | Ash Wednesday | St M | 9.30am | Rev John Campbell | <i>Joel 2: 12-18, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2</i> |
| | | | St O | 7.00pm | People of the Parish | <i>Matt 6: 1-18</i> |
| Thu | 2 nd | Weekday of Lent | St M | 9.30am | Bernadette Joyce (KJ) | <i>Ecc 42: 15-25, Mark 10:46-52</i> |
| Fri | 3 rd | Weekday of Lent | St O | 9.30am | Rev Seamus Doyle | <i>Ecc 44: 1-13, Mark 11: 11-26</i> |
| Sat | 4 th | Weekday of Lent | St O | 9.30am | Special Intention (SD) | <i>Ecc 51: 12-20, Mark 11: 27-33</i> |
| Sun | 5 th | 1 st Sunday of Lent | St O | 9.30am | People of the Parish | <i>Gen 2:7-9;3:1-7,Rom 5: 12-19</i> |
| | | | St M | 11.00am | Celebrant's Intention | <i>Matt 4: 1-11</i> |

SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY: Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's - *and available on request*
(Rosary at St Oswin's (St O) – Fri after Mass: St Mary's (St M) Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm)

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in February: Patricia Southwell, David Knight, Lynda Knight, Fred Stimpson, Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Monica Flynn, Mary Wrightson, Sara Hyslop, June Barnsley, Rachel Charlton, Maureen O'Meara, Barbara Hunter, Robert Young.

Anniversaries: Dorothy Manford, John Hancock, Margaret Kidd, Ray McGinty, John Broome, Geoffrey Spencer, Doris Wall.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Devlin** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday: Mass on this day will be celebrated at 9.30am at St Mary's and at 7.00pm at St Oswin's. *Please try to make every effort to come along.*

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm** at St Mary's. Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you would like to help lead one of these. It would be great if one of the ministry groups in the parish were to lead the stations each week. *Resources are available in the sacristy.*

Plant Sales: £107.52 donated to Macmillan Cancer Support and £335.99 donated to Children in Need.
Thank you very much for your support.

Volunteers are needed to help with the children's liturgy group and the coffees and teas after Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Church. More volunteers mean that the rota will be bigger and that your turn will come round less frequently than at the moment. Please see any P.P.C. member if you would like to volunteer.

We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism
RAFFERTY EDWARD O'GARA
and
NICO DAVID CLENNELL
who were baptised at St Mary's on Sun 19 February

Geoff and Margaret Stephenson – coffee morning
Sat 4th March 10.30 to 12, 20 Dene Road, Tynemouth, NE30 2JW, in aid of M10 missions. A group of local children (including our granddaughter) are going to Mexico with M10 where, among other things, they will help to build a house for a homeless family.

Forward Together in Hope Prayer:

God of all Creation, you have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our Diocese and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world.

Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself to learn from you and to model their lives on you. Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit, deepen the faith you invite us to share and inspire us to become faithful witnesses.

As we begin to develop our partnerships, help each one of us to use the gifts you give us to nurture one another, to serve the world and to live in harmony with the whole of creation.

All of this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:14-15

These words of consolation and hope, first spoken to the exiles in Babylon, are now spoken to us.

Zion was saying, 'The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me.' Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 61

Response: In God alone is my soul at rest.

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| 1. In God alone is my soul at rest: my help comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. | 2. In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. |
| 3. In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him. | |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

God is the only one who can judge rightly, because he alone knows the secrets of the heart.

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes: he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus urges us to place our lives in the hands of our heavenly Father, to whom we are important.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money. 'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What things do you worry about most frequently? How do you deal with your worry?