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25th Sunday of Year A – 24th September 2017

<u>SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS</u>						
Sun	24th	25th Sunday of Year A	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 55: 6-9, Phil 1: 20-27</i>
			St M	11.00am	Graham McLaughlin	<i>Matt 20: 1-16</i>
Mon	25 th	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Isabel Pavón (LB)	<i>Ezra 1: 1-6, Luke 8: 16-18</i>
Tue	26 th	Cosmos & Damien	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Ezra 6: 7-20, Luke 8: 19-21</i>
Wed	27 th	St Vincent de Paul	St O	9.30am	Betty Dunne (MO'C)	<i>Ezra 9: 5-9, Luke 9: 1-6</i>
Thu	28 th	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Rev Mike Dixon (50 th Anniversary)	<i>Haggai 1: 1-8, Luke 9: 7-9</i>
Fri	29 th	The Archangels	St O	9.30am	Fr Anthony Donaghue	<i>Dan 7: 9-14, John 1: 47-51</i>
Sat	30 th	St Jerome	St O	9.30am	Isabel Pavón (CC)	<i>Zech 2: 5-15, Luke 9: 43-45</i>
Sun	1st	26th Sunday of Year A	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Ezek 18: 25-28, Phil 2: 1-11</i>
			St M	11.00am	Ron Shipley (TS)	<i>Matt 21: 28-32</i>
SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY: Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's - <i>and available on request</i> (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 September Lucas Maguire (5yrs), Jane Foster-Moore, David Knight, Fred Stimpson, Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Jacky Armstrong, Monica Flynn, June Barnsley, Rina Donald, Betty Briggs, Rebecca Kerridge, Kevin Gardiner, James Turnbull, Emma Reeves, Sara Hyslop, Norman Hewitt, Eileen and Bernard Cass.

Anniversaries: Rosary McSwaine, Lawson Swallow, James McFarlane, John Bennett, William West.

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

Harvest Festival is celebrated **today**. All donations to go to 'Walking With' project.

First Holy Communions 2018: Parents of school children in **Year 4** are invited to collect a form to enrol their children into this sacramental programme. (Monthly preparation meetings will be held for the children on **Sundays 9.50-12noon** here at St Mary's church). Forms are available at Sunday Mass from the catechists or priest. A **parental information evening** will be held on **Thurs 28 Sept, 7-8pm** in the hall at St Mary's Church.

Newman Association: *next talk "A Vulnerable God? Exploring a Theology of Disability through L'Arche Communities and the writings of Jean Vanier"* by Fr Chris Hughes. **Weds 27 Sept 7.30pm** at St Mary's Church Hall.

Becoming a Catholic If there is anyone interested or just enquiring with the hope of becoming a Catholic, please speak to Fr Martin. This year's RCIA programme will begin in October.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day is **Friday 6 Oct**. Please take an envelope home today and return it with your donation **next Sunday**.

Next weekend there will be a Pastoral Letter promoting how we can become a missionary church.

First Sunday Youth Group will take place **Sun 1 Oct, 6.00pm-7.30pm** at St. Cuthbert's hall, North Shields.

Youth Sunday Preparation afternoon on **Sun 8 Oct** at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn, NE31 2ET. If any Adults and young people (School year 9 and above) are interested in attending, please speak to Fr Martin as soon as possible. Also **Youth Ministry Module** course takes place over two Saturdays, **30 Sept and 28 Oct** at Emmaus Youth Village. Anyone interested contact: education@diocesehn.org.uk

Programme for Catechists: copies of the courses for 2017-2018 are available at back of church.

Partnership of Tynemouth Priory 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. Amen.

Tynemouth Priory Partnership Development Group

Minutes of the meeting held at St Columba's, Wallsend 13th Sept 2017

Present: Fr Chris Hughes, Andy Merchant, Damian O'Connor, Michael Thompson, Ian Pearson, Terry O'Brien, Theresa Anderson, Margaret Dodds, Pat Brennan, Michael Wade, Sheelagh Cassidy, Rebecca Leighton, Andrea Hall, Lynne O'Hare, Bill Crumbley, Joe James.

Apologies for absence were received from Mgr. Faley, Fr Martin Stempczyk, Fr John McElhone, Deacon Terry McGann, David Leane and Andrew James.

Fr Chris Hughes, chairing this initial meeting, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayers, specifically for Fr Anthony Donaghue.

Fr Chris focused our minds on the question, "What is the PDG supposed to be doing?", invited us to reflect on this and then to introduce ourselves, voicing our hopes for the Group and outlining what talents we have to offer. It became apparent that there is a very good spread of age, experience, qualifications and skills, and a shared vision to promote a lively and effective Church within the Partnership area.

The meeting decided to proceed directly to the election of officers. Uncontested nominations were:

Chair: Ian Pearson Vice Chair: Andrea Hall Secretary: Joe James

The meeting considered the Nature and purpose of the Group. It was suggested that the various areas of activity given in the 'Pointing the Way' document could provide a starting point, with the Group subsequently identifying and exploring any gaps that would require additional attention.

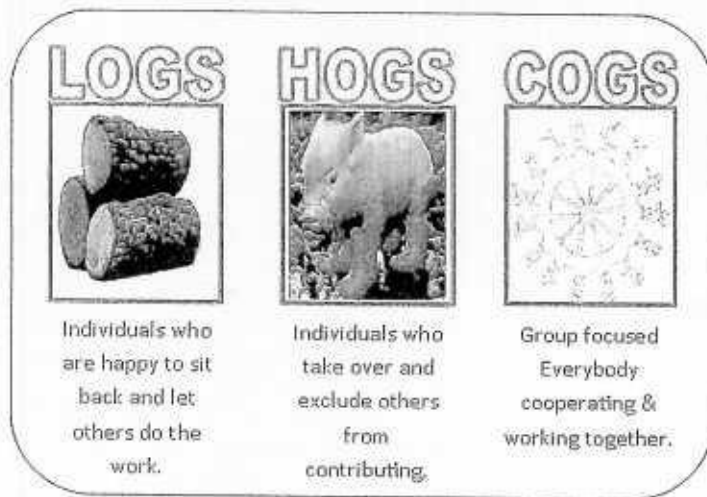
It was further agreed that a study session would be needed to examine and compare the Parish Profiles that had been completed as part of the 'Forward Together' process. From this would emerge a mission statement, aims and targets, and a plan of action. The meeting considered combining this with a Day of Prayer and Getting to Know You event, but eventually decided to make these the themes of our next evening meeting on 18th October at St Aidan's, Wallsend.

Although there were two invited Youth representatives present, Michael Thompson notified the meeting that he had invited two members of the Youth Council also to be attend future meetings.

Joe is to compile and circulate a list of names and contact details from this meeting.

Next meeting: 6.30 pm at St Aidan's Wallsend on Wednesday 18th October.
Shared Table, Prayer and Review of parishes' strengths and opportunities for development.

The representatives from our parish of Our Lady and St Oswin and St Mary's are members of our Parish Council, Terry O'Brien, Antony Cairns and Sheelagh Cassidy.
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Parishioners at times, can be observed as falling into the following categories of “Logs, Hogs and Cogs”, this is in no way intended to be an unkind or critical set of definitions, but rather a way of describing patterns which parishioners may unwittingly fall into. It is likely that in some ways members of the worshipping community can embody all of these aspects at different times. It must also be said that there may be valid reasons why

someone may be a “log” in this setting. Equally some may have slipped into being “hogs” with very noble motives. It is expected that the view of the Clergy is that the logs are the most pressing issue in their community however repeatedly in the parish questionnaires from the perspective of the parishioner it is the “hogs” that are preventing people from contributing.

The Logs

In what ways might we engage the untapped power sitting passively in the pews?

There are gifted, experienced and skilled people who for a variety of reasons do not step forward to serve and collaborate in their community.

These reasons range from people not having the confidence, not having the training, not understanding their role in the Church, not feeling they have the time, not making the connection between their lives outside with inside the Church, not feeling they have been personally asked, people feeling they do not have anything to offer, people not being aware of how God has gifted them. People not feeling they have access to support. People having a reduced view of how they can be Church.

How do we broaden the amount of people actively and intentionally developing their discipleship?

In what ways can we create a climate that nurtures the piloting of new ideas and allows learning through trial and error?

The Hogs

How might we ensure that those who are leading and co-ordinating activity in our worshipping community are doing so in a way that encourages others and plans for the future?

How do we enable people to look again at why and how they serve others?

The Cogs

In what ways might we develop our ministries to bring further vitality?

How might working in a larger partnership assist in this process?

In what ways can we help people to connect so that they can encourage and develop their expertise and lead others to follow?

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are God's ways above our ways.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144

Response: **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24.27

Writing from prison, Paul is thinking of his death, and longing for complete union with Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

This is a story about the generosity of God, which soars above human standards.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them. "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first last.'

Question of the week

What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?