

**TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP**

Parish of  
**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH**  
 &  
**ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS**

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## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Year A – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Year A	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Mal 1:14-2: 2-10, 1Thess 2:7-13</i> <i>Matt 23: 1-12</i>
			St M	11.00am	Kevin Clarke (DC)	
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Mary Knight (KK)	<i>Roms 11: 29-36, Luke 14: 12-14</i>
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Willibrord	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>1 Cor 1: 18-25, Mark 16: 15-20</i>
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Agnes Cook (JC)	<i>Roms 13: 8-10, Luke 14: 25-33</i>
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup>	Ded'n Lateran Basilica	St M	9.30am	David Mastaglio (FM)	<i>Roms 14: 7-12, Luke 15: 1-10</i>
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	St Leo the Great	St O	9.30am	Peter Devlin	<i>Roms 15: 14-21, Luke 16: 1-8</i>
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	St Martin of Tours	St O	9.30am	Felicity Grant (HG)	<i>Roms 16: 3-27, Luke 16: 9-15</i>
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of year A	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Wis 6: 12-16, 1 Thess 4: 13-18</i> <i>Matt 25: 1-13</i>
			St M	11.00am	Denis Cassidy (BC)	

**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 November:** Lucas Maguire (5 yrs), Hugh Crowe, David Knight, Fred Stimpson, Jacky Armstrong, Brenda Miller, June Barnsley, Betty Briggs, Jane Foster Moore, Alistair Moat.

**Anniversaries:** Kevin Clarke, William Douglas, Joh O'Donovan, Nora Teague, Marion Watling, Dorothy Murphy, Agnes Cook, Margaret Laughlin, George Swales, Norah Summerhill, Elizabeth Gregson.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of **Joao D'Aguiar**, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Day of Recollection:** Our Lady Star of the Sea parish is organizing this day on **Sat 11 Nov, 1.00pm to 4.00pm** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, after lunch. We have 40 places available. If you would like to reserve a place contact the parish secretary, Janet Murphy, on 2527066 or email [parishofficeolss@btconnect.com](mailto:parishofficeolss@btconnect.com)

**'A Light in the Darkness'** a service for those who mourn the loss of a child will be held in St Mary's Cathedral **today Sun 5 Nov at 3pm.**

**Service of Remembrance** for the parishes in our Partnership, with prayer, readings and music for our families, friends and parishioners who have died over the past year. This will take place at St. Edward's, Whitley Bay at **7.30 pm on Thurs 16th Nov.**

**Parish Christmas Dinner** at Tynemouth Golf Club **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 7pm for 7.30pm.** Please sign list **today** if you would like to go. Copy of menu displayed next to sign up sheet. **Next** week, numbers permitting, final names, menu choices and seating plan will be taken.

**Next Sunday (12 Nov): St Oswald's Hospice Christmas Stall** in St Mary's Hall, cards, calendars etc.

**We care about Women** is a campaign of the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* to oppose decriminalizing abortion. As part of this campaign we are asked to make an appointment with our MPs to ask them to vote against any move in Parliament to de-criminalise abortion which would mean removing all legal restrictions on abortion. This will leave women even more vulnerable to the unscrupulous abortion industry in our country and more unborn babies will be lost to abortion. Our appointment with our MP, Alan Campbell, is on **Friday 10 Nov at 10am** in North Shields. Please contact Maureen Stimpson on 252 2236 if you can support us, or for further information.

*We welcome into the Family of God, through Baptism*  
**ANNIE VERONICA ANDERSON**  
*who was baptised on 28 October at St Oswin's*

**Garden News at St Mary's:** We are planting 24 roses in the Church garden. We have photos of the ones we have chosen. If anyone would like to buy one, please contact one of the garden team. Price about £18.

**Certificate in Pastoral Ministry:** This new certificate has been custom designed to meet the needs of those wishing to learn more about serving in a faith setting in our Diocese. An information session will be held on **Sun 12 Nov 6pm-7pm**, St Cuthbert's House, West Road NE15 7PY. For more information contact Amy Cameron (0191) 243 3313, or email: [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk)

**New Altar Servers:** Parents of children in school Year 4 or above who would like their children to train as altar servers are asked to let Fr Martin know.

**Chronicle Wish tokens:** North Tyneside Girl Guiding are collecting the wish tokens to help fund events for members. Please place them in the bags at the back of church.

**Tynemouth Priory Partnership of Catholic Parishes**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership Development Group**  
**held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

**Present:** Mgr. A Faley, Ian Pearson (Chair) Andrea Hall (Vice Chair) Fr. John McElhone, Deacon Terry McGann, Joe James, Damian O'Connor, Michael Thompson, Theresa Anderson, Margaret Dodds, David Leane, Andrew James, Michael Wade, Lynne O'Hare, Sheelagh Cassidy.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Frs. Chris Hughes & Martin Stempczyk, Andy Merchant, Terry O'Brien, and Pat Brennan.

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked the members for contributing to the shared table which we had just enjoyed.

After opening the meeting with a prayer, Mgr Faley reported back from the Vicariate meeting whose theme had been "Why Partnerships? Some key messages." With 33,000 churchgoers and 185 churches in the diocese, the falling number of priests underlines the importance of tackling the present challenge rather than dreaming up projects. On the positive side, we have a wealth of active lay people; 20% of the laity undertake some form of service or ministry. The challenge is how to energise the remaining 80%, most of whom are simply asking "Will there have to be fewer church buildings?" People are now talking in terms of 'church' rather than 'parish'; and 'church' can mean school, community, the gathered people.

Fr. McElhone stressed the need to learn from the past and manage growth, not decline. Where and what are the pathways of growth? It is the community that makes the church, not the buildings. What brings and holds the people together?

Ian Pearson asked should we close church buildings just because there is no Sunday Mass, or is there some way in which these buildings can be used to grow the community.

Joe James described a model of a church that thrives through being open to the needs of groups of people; young mothers (and fathers) with toddlers, senior citizens, youth; and drawing them into community through activities, serving social needs rather than placing emphasis on attendance and rules.

Margaret Dodds urged us to adopt a welcoming approach, rather than an exclusive or judgemental one.

Mgr. Faley stressed the importance of evangelisation through outreach, asking 'What are (young) people looking for in "Church"? Sadly many older ones simply want a (Requiem) Mass provided.

Fr. McElhone suggested that the diocese has a lot of information about each parish that we do not have, but need in order to make good decisions.

Andrew James and Andrea Hall both spoke of the importance of establishing and sustaining relationships, from which effective partnership will emerge.

Andrea reminded the group of the need to identify the strengths of each parish, and to consider how these can be shared to grow a relationship of parishes.

Fr. McElhone asked 'How do we continue the work of Jesus?' and suggested that this is through prayer, and then living out prayer through action.

Mgr. Faley asked us to consider

how we should report back to the parishes;

how to plan a way forward by looking at parish strengths and challenges;

and how to tease out a shared vision to promote a lively and effective church.

Margaret Dodds announced that she had decided to stand down as a member of the Group, and that Damian O'Connor and Pat Brennan would continue as representatives for St Columba's parish.

The next meeting was arranged for **15<sup>th</sup> November** at St. Mary's, Cullercoats, at **7pm**. At this meeting we are to report back on parish strengths and weaknesses, to plan a response to the reduced number of clergy, and to take a brief time for each of us to share our own perception of our own individual past experience and our hopes for the future of the Church and of our Partnership.

The following meeting will be on **20<sup>th</sup> December at St Cuthbert's**.

### **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***

## First Reading

Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10

*The Prophet Malachi, in his preaching, condemns the priests for their infidelity and corruption.*

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. So I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130

*Response:* **Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord**

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud  
nor haughty my eyes.  
I have not gone after things too great  
nor marvels beyond me.
2. Truly I have set my soul  
in silence and peace.  
A weaned child on its mother's breast,  
even so is my soul.
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord  
both now and for ever.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

*St Paul's expresses concern for his converts and reminds us that the Gospel message is God's revelation, not human wisdom.*

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

*Here Jesus warns against those hypocrites who try to come between God and God's people. His own followers must behave very differently.*

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted".

## Question of the week

**Is there an area of your life in which you sometimes feel like a hypocrite?**