

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

Parish of

**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH
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St Oswin's Meeting Room Bookings

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Sun	26 th	Christ the King	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Ezek 34: 11-17, 1 Cor 15:20-28</i>
			St M	11.00am	Alice Mary Mallard (MF)	<i>Matt 25: 31-46</i>
Mon	27 th	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	<i>Dan 1: 1-20, Luke 2: 31-45</i>
Tue	28 th	Weekday	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Dan 2: 31-45, Luke 21: 5-11</i>
Wed	29 th	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Margaret Marah	<i>Dan 5: 1-28, Luke 21: 12-19</i>
Thu	30 th	St Andrew	St M	9.30am	Class Mass: Year 5 / Luciano Arnone	
Fri	1 st	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Jim McAllister	<i>Dan 7: 2-14, Luke 21: 29-33</i>
Sat	2 nd	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Fr Michael Corbett (BH)	<i>Dan 7: 15-2</i>
Sun	3 rd	1 st Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Monica Burns	<i>Is 63: 16-17; 64: 1-8, 1 Cor 1:3-9</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	<i>Mark 13: 33-37</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 November: Elizabeth Austin, Lucas Maguire, David Knight, Fred Stimpson, Jacky Armstrong, Brenda Miller, June Barnsley, Betty Briggs, Jane Foster Moore, Alistair Moat, Lyn Johnson, Monica Flynn, Wallace Turner, Sandy Morrison, Sara Hyslop, James and Bessie O'Rourke.

Anniversaries: Vincent Jordan, Luciano Arnone, Anne Marshall, Florence Humble, Veronica Cassidy, Rosemary Regan, Eileen Goode, Sheila McIntyre, Margaret Powell, Marjorie Robson.

Today is Youth Sunday. There will be a special collection for the Emmaus Youth Village. Envelopes at the back of Church if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

Newman Association – next talk, "The Man Who Lost Three Kingdoms" (James II)–by Professor John Derry. St Mary's Church hall on **Weds 29 Nov at 7.30pm.** *All welcome.*

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning run by the O'Neill family on **Sat 2 Dec from 12pm** onwards in St Mary's Church Hall. Donations welcome for cake stall and tombola.

Young Christian Works (YCW): in thanksgiving for 80 years of YCW in the UK, Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's, Gateshead on **Sat 2 Dec at 3.30pm.**

First Holy Communions: The parents have a meeting this **Thurs 30 Nov 7-8pm** in St Mary's Church Hall. The children will meet with the catechists next **Sun 3rd Dec 9.50-12 noon.** **First Reconciliations** will be celebrated on **Sat 9 Dec. 11am** in St Mary's church.

35th CLIC Sargent (Cancer and Leukemia in Childhood) Christmas Carol Concert on **Sun 3 Dec, 3pm** at Newcastle City Hall. Featuring Newcastle Hospital Choir and local school choirs. Tickets available from City Hall Booking Office.

St George's Church, Cullercoats have once again kindly invited the ladies of our parish to their Mother's Union Advent Service on **Mon 4 Dec at 2pm** followed by tea in the hall. If you'd like to go, please let Kath Kelly know (2532924) to assist in numbers for catering.

Rewiring of St Oswin's Church: Thank you to those who attended the open meeting on Friday. Progress on gaining the necessary permissions will be posted on the newsletter. A photographic view of how this scheme might look can be found at:

<https://www.photosnack.com/jwalsworth1/stmarys.html>

Bidding Prayers: If anyone is interested in composing the bidding prayers for Sunday masses, would they please speak to Fr Martin. Please note that training will be given.

We warmly welcome Fr David Smith as the new parish priest for St Columba's in Wallsend, from the 1st Sunday of Advent. Fr David has also been appointed as Parish administrator of St Anthony's in Walker.

8th Whitley Bay Brownies are looking for extra adult help. Anyone aged 16 or over who would be willing to help at our meetings, please contact Frances O'Neill on (0191) 295 1903.

New Peer Support Group for anyone facing depression or similar mental health concerns in Whitley Bay, every Wednesday evening, 7 – 8.30pm, at The Whitley Bay Big Local, 503 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay, NE26 2HU. Hosted by PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church, it offers a friendly and confidential space to share and be heard. No need to book. Just come along. More info at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups Starts on Wed 6 Dec and weekly thereafter.

Minutes of Partnership Development Group

The Partnership Development Group met on Wednesday 15th November and welcomed Fr David Smith, incoming parish priest of St Columba's, but also of St Anthony's, Walker, which is in a neighbouring partnership. The meeting also welcomed Allan Muir, joining it as a Finance rep from St Mary's parish. Arrangements were made for the first meeting of the Partnership Finance Committee, following the diocesan guidelines.

It was agreed that the Partnership's Advent Penitential Service would be at St Edward's, Whitley Bay on **19th December at 7.00 pm.**

The meeting considered the need to consult the parishes on the necessary reduction of the number of Sunday (& vigil) Masses in the partnership. In particular, there is an urgent need to harmonise Mass times between St Columba's and St Anthony's, which will have a knock-on effect on those in the rest of this partnership. It was noted that the first stage of this review process would have to take place very soon. Mgr Faley will attend the advisory group meeting on 16th November to initiate the process.

The meeting agreed to place on the next agenda the gathering of views on our collective strengths and weaknesses in our parishes, with a view to forming a mission statement and plan of action for the development of the partnership as a living and effective local church.

The next meeting of the PDG will be on **20th December at St Cuthbert's**, North Shields at **7.00 pm**, following a Finance Committee meeting at 6.00 pm.

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

Why Partnerships? – Some Key Messages

What do we mean by Partnership?

Bishop Séamus describes our Partnerships as: *‘A group of parishes agreeing to work together, to share resources, both human and material, to become stronger and better equipped for furthering the Kingdom of God’.*

Why have we established Partnerships?

The context

- The reduction in both the number of priests and worshippers makes our existing structures unsustainable into the future. We currently have around 33,000 church goers but this figure is declining by over 1,000 each year. Providentially the priest to church-goer ratio has remained substantially the same since 1980, hovering around the 1 to 350 figure. Sadly the increasing age profile of the clergy is matched by the increasing age profile of church goers. Putting in place wider geographical partnerships provides us with clear collaborative structures and communication channels which are more sustainable in the longer-term.

Some of the key reasons for partnerships

- It is right that we try to implement a plan that is Diocesan-wide. These arrangements offer an approach that works coherently across the whole Diocese yet allows each partnership to take account of its own local circumstances to arrive at the appropriate priorities and plans for that area.
- As most individual parishes lack the necessary resources on their own, sharing the gifts, talents and financial resources of a partnership can offer a new way forward. A wider area can put its resources at the service of more people and support can be made available for smaller communities.

- Lay people can be formed and developed for the service of their partnership, and priests can be freed to concentrate on their essential calling.
- The number of buildings which we have is unsustainable into the future. Following a partnership level review, the number and use of buildings across an area can be addressed to realistically reflect the number of worshippers and the availability of clergy and lay leaders.
- Partnerships can maximise the opportunity for greater efficiency in areas such as administration, human resources, building maintenance and purchasing across a wider area.
- The word ‘Partnership’ itself allows for creative possibilities in that it is not tied up with old language or old structures. It encourages everyone to ‘imagine new ways’ of being Church.
- Leadership teams including priests, deacons and people can develop to help everyone deepen their understanding of what it means to be a witness to Jesus in our world today as missionary disciples.
- The potential for larger events and long-term joint activities than might be possible for one parish to undertake (e.g. a shared approach to outreach work, area-wide strategies to engage young people, joint celebrations and formation activity, social events across the whole partnership etc.)

The aim – to enable growth.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

Ezekiel tries to give hope to those deported to Babylon that God promises to gather all his scattered sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. | 2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. |
| 3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil:
my cup is overflowing. | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. |

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

Christ's royal power is to make all pass from death to life and bring all together in God.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Here the law of compassion and love is what matters most.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Question of the week

Who are the least of your sisters and brothers for whom you do care? Who are those whom you ignore?