

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

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1st Sunday of Advent Year B – 3rd December 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	3rd	1st Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Monica Burns	<i>Is 63: 16-17;64: 1-8, 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13: 33-37</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	4 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Laura Hails (AH)	<i>Is 2: 1-5, Matt 8: 5-11</i>
Tue	5 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	<i>Is 11: 1-10, Luke 10: 21-24</i>
Wed	6 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Agnes Cook (JC)	<i>Is 25: 6-10, Matt 15: 29-37</i>
Thu	7 th	St Ambrose	St M	9.30am	Edith Porter (MS)	<i>Is 26: 1-6, Matt 7: 21-27</i>
Fri	8 th	Immaculate Conception	St O	9.30am	Catherine & Francis Joyce (SD)	<i>Gen 3:9-20, Eph 1:3-12,Lk 1:26-38</i>
			St M	7.00pm	70 th Anniversary Mass for the Teams of Our Lady	
Sat	9 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Vera Franco (birthday: SS)	<i>Is 30: 19-26, Matt 9: 35-10:1-8</i>
			St M	11.00am	Celebration of First Reconciliations	
Sun	10th	2nd Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 40: 1-11, 2 Peter 3: 8-14 Mark 1: 1-8</i>
			St M	11.00am	Kevin Clarke (DC)	

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 December: June Barnsley, Lucas Maguire, Fred Stimpson, Lyn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Jacky Armstrong, Susan McGregor.

Anniversaries: Peter Hudson, Catherine Rice, Honor McFarlane, Patricia Charlton, Daniel Bolger, Erlinda Arcillas, Steve Cunningham, Lucy Clark, John Robinson.

The Next Baptism Preparation Class takes place this **Thurs 7 Dec, 7-9pm**, in St Mary's church hall, for those who have already been enrolled.

Teams of Our Lady are celebrating their 70th Anniversary with Mass **this Friday 7pm** at St Mary's Church. All welcome.

First Reconciliations will be celebrated on **Sat 9 Dec. 11am** in St Mary's church. We keep the children in year 5 and their parents in our prayers.

Our Partnership Advent Penitential Service will take place on **Tues 19 Dec at 7.00pm** at St Edward's church, Whitley Bay.

Advent Alms Appeal from St Cuthbert's Care. This Advent, to mark Pope Francis' first World Day of the Poor, we appeal for your financial support for our community work. Your generosity will help the continuation of distributing good quality clothing, bedding, toys, gifts and food parcels to the most impoverished and disadvantaged individuals and family across our diocese.

Rewiring of St Oswin's Church: A photographic view of how this scheme might look can be found at:
<https://www.photosnack.com/jwalsworth1/stmarys.html>
 Any problems connecting, please try the link on our partnership website (shown above) and click on our 'Parish News' link.

*We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism
NUALA HANNAH POTTINGER
 who was baptised at St Mary's on Sun 26 November*

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, NE26 2HU. No need to book. Just come along. Starts on **Wed 6 Dec** and weekly thereafter.

Catholic Schools – The Government is reviewing whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promises to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

APF Mission Boxes – promoters will be collecting boxes for the December quarter.

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

The prophet recalls God's past goodness to his people, and pleads with him to save them from their present sinfulness.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79

Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As we await the coming of Christ in glory, the Holy Spirit keeps us steadfast in bearing witness to him.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:33-37

We need to stay awake at our appointed tasks, because we do not know the hour when Jesus, our Master, will return.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Question of the week

How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?