

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

Parish of

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St Oswin's Meeting Room BookingsPartnership Web: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk
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Sun	17 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Bryan & James Bryan Ruddick	<i>Is 61: 1-11, 1 Thess 5: 16-24</i> <i>John 1: 6-28</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	18 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Hugh Crowe	<i>Gen 49: 2-10, Matt 1: 1-17</i>
Tue	19 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Judg 13: 2-25, Luke 1: 5-25</i>
Wed	20 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Gordon Hogg (MH)	<i>Is 7: 10-14, Luke 1: 26-38</i>
Thu	21 st	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	<i>Whole School Mass: Arthur Bland</i>	
Fri	22 nd	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Joseph & Elizabeth Coates (MH)	<i>Sam 1: 24-28, Luke 1: 46-56</i>
Sat	23 rd	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Dennis Dale (SD)	<i>Mal 3: 1-24, Luke 1: 57-66</i>
Sun	24 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Tony Murphy (MM)	<i>2 Sam 7: 1-16, Rom 16: 25-27</i> <i>Luke 1: 26-38</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

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:** Kevin Gardiner, Monica Flynn, June Barnsley, Lucas Maguire, Fred Stimpson, Lyn Johnson, Brenda Miller, Jacky Armstrong, Susan McGregor, Sara Hyslop, Betty Briggs, Elizabeth Austin, Monica Flynn and Georgina.**Anniversaries:** John Stephenson, Vincent Fernyhough, Beatrice Young, Margaret Hodgson, Dennis Collins, Betty Young, Desmond Robson, Peter Doig.**Please pray for the repose** of the soul of **Margaret McGovern** who died recently. May she rest in peace.**Preparing the Christmas Liturgies:** All those who wish to be involved with this year's Christmas liturgies are invited to a meeting in the presbytery on **Sun 17th Dec at 6.00pm**.**Our Partnership Advent Penitential Service** will take place on **Tues 19 Dec at 7.00pm** at St Edward's church, Whitley Bay.**Children from Key Stage 1** will perform their nativity play in St Mary's Church this **Tues, 19 Dec at 6.00pm**. Key stage 2 will lead their nativity service on **Thurs 21 Dec at 6pm**. Parishioners are most welcome.**The Partnership Development Finance Group** meets this **Wed, 20 Dec at 6.00pm** at St Cuthbert's, followed by the meeting of the Partnership Development Group at 7.00pm.**Readers for St Oswins** - the list for 2018 is being prepared. If anyone wishes to join the readers (or withdraw from the list) at St Oswins (Sundays or weekdays), please contact Margaret Stephenson, preferably by email: geofmargstep@virginmedia.com or Tel 257 3979.**Advent Alms Appeal** from St Cuthbert's Care. Envelopes for this are available at the back of church.**Christmas Collections** – money raised at Masses at Christmas will be donated, as usual, to Homeless Charities.**Stamps** - Please collect your used stamps for the Foreign Missions and put them in the box in St Mary's porch.*Congratulations and Best Wishes to*
MARIA McKENNA & TOM SUNTER
*who were married at St Oswin's on Sat 16 December***Consultation on Admission Arrangements for St. Mary's RC Primary School 2019/20**Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published. The policy for consultation for 2019-20 is available on the Admissions Page at www.stmarysonline.co.uk The consultation will run until Mon 22 Jan 2018. A consultation response form is also available on this website or alternatively both are available by request from the school. The governing body will consider all comments received before they determine arrangements for 2019-20.**Northern Catholic Calendars 2018** – are now on sale, at back of Church, price **£3.00**.**Our Christmas Mass Times**

Christmas Eve	6.00pm	St Mary's (5.30pm Carols)
	8.00pm	St Oswin's (7.30pm Carols)
Christmas Day	9.30am	St Oswin's
	11.00am	St Mary'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

Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11

The writer declares that he has been sent by God to usher in the age of salvation. Jesus used this prophecy to announce the programme of his own ministry.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Lk1:46-50.53-54

Response: My soul rejoices in my God

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
2. The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
3. He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

St Paul tells the Thessalonians how they ought to live as they await the second coming of Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8.19-28

John the Baptist declares that he is not the Saviour. His task is to prepare the way for the Saviour, who is already among the people, though they do not recognise him.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

Question of the week

What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?