


<p>TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Parish of</p> <p>OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH</p> <p>&</p> <p>ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS</p>	<p>Fr Martin Stempczyk St Mary's Presbytery Farringdon Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY</p> <p>Tel: (0191) 2513770</p>		<p><i>Local Partnership Contacts</i> St Cuthbert's (Tel: 2573408) Fr Christopher Hughes (Tel: 2575801) Mgr Andrew Faley (Tel: 2528021) Hosp Chaplain: Fr Stephen Watson (Tel: 07768 3873931)</p>
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4th Sunday of Advent Year B – 24th December 2017

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	24th	4th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Tony Murphy (MM)	2 Sam 7: 1-16, Rom 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES						
Sun	24th	Christmas Eve	St M	6.00pm	Carols from 5.30pm	Is 9: 1-7, Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14
			St O	8.00pm	Carols from 7.30pm	
Mon	25th	Christmas Day	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-16 John 1: 1-18
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Tue	26 th	St Stephen	St O	10.30am	Lance Cook (JC)	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59, Mat 10:17-22
Wed	27 th	St John	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	1 John 1: 1-4, John 20: 2-8
Thu	28 th	The Holy Innocents	St M	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Margaret McGovern	
Fri	29 th	St Thomas Becket	St O	9.30am	Willine McAllister	2Tim 2:8-13;3:10-2, Mat 16:24-27
Sat	30 th	Octave of Christmas	St O	9.30am	Margaret & Jim Collins (MC)	1 John 2: 18-21, John 1: 1-18
Sun	31st	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	Sid & Tess Snowball (TR)	Gen 15: 1-6;21:1-3, Heb 11:8-19 Luke 2: 22-40
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
<p>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)</p>						

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, and Georgina.

Anniversaries: George Marshall, Violet May MacIntosh, Sandra Wood, William Tilley, Maureen Kay, Willine McAllister, Sid Snowball, Bernadette Fielding, Richard Leslie, Rose Hyett, Mary Collins.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret McGovern.

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. Training required.

St Oswald's Hospice Christmas Stall held recently raised the sum of **£140**. Many thanks for all your support.

I take this opportunity to wish you all every peace and blessing this Christmas. I extend a very special thank you to all those who have worked so hard during the year in service of the parish community. I pray that as we celebrate the season of Christmas our lives of faith will be a source of inspiration for many.

Fr Martin

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.

Christmas Collections – money raised at Masses at Christmas will be donated, as usual, to Homeless Charities.

Northern Catholic Calendars 2018 – are now on sale, at back of Church, price **£3.00**.

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

2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

David wants to build a house for God. But instead God promises to build an everlasting dynasty for him.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88

Response: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.'
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure.

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

God's plan of salvation for Jews and Gentiles has come to fulfilment in Christ.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the handmaid of the Lord: Let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

God's promise to David was fulfilled in Jesus.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Question of the week

How do you open your heart to what God wants for you? How do you follow the pathway to happiness?