

**TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP**

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

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## The Holy Family Year B – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

### SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	Sid & Tess Snowball (TR)	<i>Ecc 3: 2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	<i>Luke 2: 22.39-40</i>
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, Mother of God	St M	10.30am	Monica Knight (MS)	<i>Num 6:22-27, Gal 4: 4-7, Lk 2:16-21</i>
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>	SS Basil & Gregory	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>1 John 2: 22-28, John 1:19-28</i>
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Mary Groarke (MS)	<i>1 John 2: 29-3:6, John 1:29-34</i>
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St M	9.30am	Fr Aidan Pickering (MH)	<i>1 John 3: 7-10, John 1 35-42</i>
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Margaret Thompson (SD)	<i>1 John 3: 11-21, John 1: 43-51</i>
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Bernadette Joyce (SD)	<i>1 John 5: 5-13, Mark 1: 6-11</i>
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Patrick Doherty (CD)	<i>Is 60:- 1-6, Eph 3: 2-6</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	<i>Matt 2: 1-12</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 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.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of **Maureen Cairns** who died recently. May she rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Ian Archard, Nancy Cawood, Alexander Howells, George Hinton, Ted Harding, Aidan Pickering, James Birkett, Annie Spence, Bernadette Joyce.

**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](mailto:geofmargstep@virginmedia.com) or Tel 257 3979. Training required.

**'Revive the Passion for Relationship with Christ'** - you are invited to a day on Sat 6 January 10am-4pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton with Fr Michael Hickey and Michael & Hilda Hedley to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world. *All welcome.*

**Thank you to everyone for your cards, gifts and good wishes.**  
**I would like to wish you all a very Happy and prosperous New Year.**  
**Fr Martin**

**Christmas Collections** – money raised at Masses at Christmas will be donated, as usual, to Homeless Charities. If anyone has any suggestions for 'suitable' charities, please let Allan Muir know.

**Pilates Classes** – are you feeling 'unfit' after all the Christmas festivities? Never tried Pilates? Why not come along to a new Pilates class starting in St Mary's Hall on **Tues 16 Jan** at 6.30pm. Exercises that suit all ages and abilities. Booking essential. Please see poster for full information and contact details.

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

**Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" - Liverpool 2018** - The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool on **Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**. All parishioners, especially Eucharistic Ministers are welcome to attend. Please let Fr Martin know if you are interested.

### 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**

*Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14*

*This is a commentary on the commandment to honour your father and mother.*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 127*

Response: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his way!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life!

## **Second Reading**

*Colossians 3:12-21*

*This describes the atmosphere that should prevail in a Christian household.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints: he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
Let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

## **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 2:22.39-40*

*This tells us about the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple, and also provides us with a glimpse of his life at Nazareth.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

## **Question of the week**

**How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?**