

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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

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4th Sunday of Lent Year B – 11th March 2018

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	11 th	4 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	2 Chron 36:14-23, Eph 2:4-10 John 3: 14-21
			St M	11.00am	Norman Peffers (SD)	
Mon	12 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Tom and Barbara Hunter	Is 65:17-21, John 4: 43-54
Tue	13 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Ezek 47: 1-12 John 5: 1-16
Wed	14 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Is 49: 8-15, John 5: 17-30
Thu	15 th	Weekday of Lent	St M	9.30am	Class Mass: Year 3 Maureen Cairns (SMcA)	
Fri	16 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Wis 2: 1-22, John 7: 1-30
Sat	17 th	St Patrick	St O	9.30am	Monica Burns	Jer 1:4-9, Acts 13:46-49, Lk10:1-20
Sun	18 th	5 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Jer 31: 31-34, Heb 5: 7-9 John 12:20-30
			St M	11.00am	Mary & Maureen Smith (SC)	

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 March: June Barnsley, Robert Laughlan, Monica Flynn, Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Betty Briggs, Fred Stimpson, Susan McGregor, Jacky Armstrong.

Anniversaries: Nancy Parker, Kathleen Duggan, Owen Dunn, John O'Kane, Terrence Cunningham, Anne McClurg, Owen Nugent, John Kelly.

Holy Week Liturgies – there will be a meeting for all those involved in the Holy Week/Easter Liturgies today Sun 11th March 6pm in the Presbytery.

Holy Week Choir Practice - meeting each **Tues at 7.30pm** at St Mary's. All welcome.

The 1st Holy Communion parents meet in St Mary's Church Hall this **Thurs 15 March 7-8pm**. **The Children meet with the catechists** next Sun 18 March 9.50am-12noon in the church hall.

Lent Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Friday evenings at St Mary's during Lent at 6.30pm**.

Children's Stations of the Cross – Good Friday – 10.00am at St Oswin's: Any parents who would like their children to participate in this, please let Fr Martin know.

Lenten Cross at St Mary's - in our community there are hurts and crosses carried by many, often times secretly. Jesus has told us to come to him with our crosses "Come to me you who labour and overburdened and I will give you rest". Those who may be struggling in carrying a Cross might like to put one of the tacks into the Cross and in this way join their cross to Christ's Cross and allow him to share the load.

CAFOD Family Fast Day. Please remember to return your fast day envelopes as soon as possible.

Thank you to all those that donated Chronicle wish tokens. Girl Guiding North Tyneside received **£88.16**.

Gift Aid/Planned Giving envelopes will be available **THIS Sunday (11th)** at **both** churches. Please collect your box as you leave church. If you no longer have a tax liability, please advise Allan Muir (2532252). For **every £1 per week** that is paid, **£13 per annum** must be paid in income tax/capital gains tax.

St Cuthbert's Care Lenten Alms Appeal 2018. Envelopes available at the back of the church for those who wish to donate.

Lenten Talks: next talk will take place at St Cuthbert's church, North Shields, **Weds 14 March, 7.00pm** – '*Today you will be with me in paradise*'. God's offer of salvation to the criminal with Alan Hasting and members of South Tyneside Prison Matters.

Women's World Day of Prayer – the rescheduled service will now be held at St Augustine's church, North Shields at **2pm Fri 16 March**.

AFP Mission Boxes – promoters will be collecting boxes for the March quarter. Total donations of **£3,685.56** given from our Parish in 2017.

Partnership Lent Penitential Service will take place at St Thomas More Academy at **7.00pm on Thurs 22 March**.

Sponsorship for the Barcelona Marathon: Catherine and Tom Holland are running this marathon **TODAY**. They are fundraising for 'Different Strokes' who support younger stroke survivors. Any donations will be gratefully received. <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CatherineHolland1>.

Dementia Prayer Week 12-19 March
 Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted.
 Look with compassion on those whose lost memories
 Have robbed them of home and belonging.
 Comfort and strengthen those who care for them.
 May they make their home in you.
 This we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Because of their sins God's people were exiled to Babylon. God's mercy is seen in their home - coming.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke: through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation. And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 136

Response: O Let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

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| 1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps | 2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said 'one of Zion's songs.' |
| 3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither. | 4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
If I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! |

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

It is not through our own efforts that we are saved, but through the love and mercy of God.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

In his love for us, God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn us, but to save us.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Question of the week

(for further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Do you see the world as basically evil, or as good? What difference does this make in the way you live?