


<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 387393)</p>
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Palm Sunday Year B – 25th March 2018

<u>SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS</u>						
Sun	25 th	Palm Sunday	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11</i>
			St M	11.00am	Denis Cassidy (BC)	<i>Mark 14: 1-15:47</i>
Mon	26 th	Mon of Holy Week	St M	9.30am	Anna and Fred Bradley (FM)	<i>Is 42: 1-7, John 12: 1-11</i>
Tue	27 th	Tues of Holy Week	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Is 49: 1-6, John 13: 21-38</i>
Wed	28 th	Weds of Holy Week	St O	9.30am	Maureen Cairns (PD)	<i>Is 50: 4-9, Matt 26: 14-25</i>
<u>THE EASTER TRIDUUM</u>						
Thu	29 th	Holy Thursday	St O	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	<i>See Service Booklet</i>
Fri	30 th	Good Friday	St M	3.00pm	Celebration of the Passion	<i>See Service Booklet</i>
Sat	31 st	Holy Saturday	St M	8.00pm	The Easter Vigil	<i>See Service Booklet</i>
Sun	1 st	Easter Sunday	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 10: 34-43, Col 3: 1-4</i>
			St M	11.00am	Norman Peffers (AR)	<i>John 20: 1-9</i>
<p>SACRAMENT OF GOD'S MERCY: Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's - <i>and available on request</i> (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 March: Steve Bociek, June Barnsley, Robert Laughlan, Monica Flynn, Brenda Miller, Lyn Johnson, Betty Briggs, Fred Stimpson, Susan McGregor, Jacky Armstrong, Jane Moore, Sara Hyslop, Bernard & Eileen Cass.

Anniversaries: Matthew Greely, Winifred Wells, John Morris, Mark Barnes, Joan Cox, David Martin.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anne Headley** and **Harry Grant** who died recently.

We are supporting the Masasi Community in Central Africa by purchasing our palms from them this year.

Retiring Collection TODAY helps to support the Catholic Community in the Holy Land, which is experiencing great hardships at this time. (Holy Places).

The Easter Triduum: This comprises three services that form **one continuous liturgy** from Holy Thursday through to Holy Saturday. The Church asks that parishioners participate in **all three parts** of the one service. Why not come along and share in the experience of the *Triduum* this year?

The Diocesan Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Holy Thursday at St Mary's Cathedral, at **11am**. All welcome

Watching at the Altar of Repose in St Oswin's will take place after Mass on **Holy Thursday evening until 10.00pm**.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at **10.00am** at St Oswin's on Good Friday, led by the children.

Lenten Talks: next talk will take place at St Cuthbert's church, North Shields, **Weds 28 March, 7.00pm**. '*Father forgive them for they know not what they do*'. Though not in person we shall show video clips of Richard Moore, blinded by a rubber bullet fired by a British officer with his powerful story of forgiveness.

Gift Aid/Planned Giving: If you have not already done so, please collect your new envelopes, **which start on 1st April, Easter Sunday**. If you no longer have a tax liability, please advise Allan Muir (253 2252). For **every £1 per week** that is donated, **£13 per annum** must be paid in income tax/capital gains tax.

Early Risers! Sunrise service at Cullercoats Bay, **6.20am on Easter Sunday**. Come and join our Christian friends for this special experience – it's very short!

Practical Steps for Parishes and Partnerships a conference will take place on **Sat 12 May** at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The keynote speaker is Fr Dominic Howarth, responsible for Youth Services in Brentwood Diocese, and the programme includes 12 workshops. The conference is for everyone who is concerned about our young people and will offer inspiring examples of good practice. The conference fee is £10 and includes lunch. Further details are in the booking forms available in parishes, downloadable from www.ymt.org or contact admin@ymt.org

Procession Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

As presented by St Mark the demonstration takes place outside the city, 'close by the Mount of Olives', and brings to the surface the tragic misunderstanding between the 'people', who believe in the near coming of the kingdom of their father David, and Jesus alone among his own.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethpage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'What are you doing?' say, 'The Master needs it and will send it back here directly.' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

Reflection

When momentous events happen, often only a few people are able to grasp their full significance. On Palm Sunday there were only a few in the crowd who had any idea of what the real picture was. The crowd cheered and sang; the children were enjoying every moment of Jesus's entry on a donkey into Jerusalem. It was a colourful pageant and a welcome diversion from the religious duties of the festival period. But only a few knew that the man on the donkey was no mere rabbi, politician or rebel leader. He was, in fact, God's Son. He was the Messiah sent by God to bring good news to his people and to reveal the sort of God that they had. Only a few people could see that the cheering crowd would turn before the week was over and, bored once more, would demand a public spectacle again... this time an execution. In this they were representative of the people at large who rejected the message of Jesus. Most people would have expected him to argue his case and try to defend himself against the charges of treason in order to save his skin. But a few people were convinced that he would remain absolutely faithful to the will of his Father. That's because he knew that his mission depended on this. And while the vast majority of the crowd thought that the whole thing was something of a damp squib and the fun was over after his death, a few understood that his life and death had a purpose. Though he was innocent he gave his life in order to reveal the gift of the resurrection. Some people knew that, but not many. On Palm Sunday we are invited to be among those in the crowd who join in the celebration because we know the love that Christ Jesus has shared with us and we wish to proclaim this still.

**Question of the week**

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

We are called to die to ourselves in love for others. How do you live that in your own life?