TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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

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2nd Sunday of Easter Year B – Divine Mercy Sunday - 8th April 2018

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	8 th	2 nd Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Acts 4: 32-35, 1 John 5: 1-6
			St M	11.00am	Catherine Joyce (SD)	John 20:19-31
Mon	9 th	Annunciation of the Lord	St M	9.30am	Ken Keenaghan (GK)	ls7:10-14;8:10,Hb10:4-10,Lk1:26-38
Tue	10 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Acts 4: 32-37, John 3: 7-15
Wed	11 th	St Stanislaus	St O	9.30am	Margaret Coates (MH)	Acts 5: 17-26, John 3: 16-21
Thu	12 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	9.30am	Joseph Mastaglio (FM)	Acts 5: 27-33, John 3: 31-36
Fri	13 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Lawrence Flynn (MS)	Acts 5: 34-42, John 6: 1-15
Sat	14 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Maureen Cairns (SA)	Acts 6: 1-7, John 6: 16-21
Sun	15 th	3 rd Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Alec & Marie Turner (Golden)	Acts 3: 13-19, 1 John 2: 1-5
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	Luke 24: 35-48

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 April: Fr Francis Conway (OFM), Eileen & Bernard Cass, Jane Spencer Moore, Robert Laughlan, June Barnsley, Monica Flynn, Rina Donald, Steve Bociek, Lyn Johnson, Jacky Armstrong, Fred Stimpson, Brenda Miller, Sue McGregor, Betty Briggs, Kathleen Evans, Joan Skelton.

Anniversaries: Walter Gibbons, Sylvia Rackham, Harriet Butler, Ronald Banks, Hannah Pickering, Arthur Boyle, Joseph Mastaglio, Margaret Lewis, David Cranmer, Kenneth Miller, Kenneth Kay.

Retiring Collection - will be held taken **today** for Sick and Retired Priests. Fund open until end of April.

Diocesan Justice and Peace AGM and Day Conference will be held on **Sat, 14 April** at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, North Shields. Everyone welcome but bring a packed lunch, beverages provided. See church noticeboards for further information.

Mass for Justice and Peace on Sat 28 April, 10am at St Mary's Cathedral. Please see poster for full details.

Rosary on the Coast 29 April: a day of pilgrimage and prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith, on Grand Parade, Tynemouth, www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk.

Celebration of Marriage: Bishop Séamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Sat 5 May at 11am to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage. He has invited each parish to be represented by at least two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary. If you would like to represent the parish, please let Fr Martin know. In addition, everyone is welcome.

Annual Training for Confirmation Catechists, or those interested in becoming catechists, will take place this year within the Youth Ministry Conference on Sat 12 May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn. Please speak to Fr Martin if interested in attending.

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

Partnership Matters - The latest edition of the bi-monthly news update is now available on the diocesan website or the partnership website (both shown above). Limited numbers of hard copies are available at back of church.

Diocesan Festival 2018: Emmaus Youth Village - The sixth Diocesan Festival takes place on **Sat 23 – Sun 24 June** at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. Please check festival website for more details and booking arrangements festival@diocesehn.org.uk

Date for your Diary: Parish Trip to Holy Island will be on **Sat 30 June**. Further details and booking information coming soon.

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

This reading gives us a picture of the how the first Christians lived in community.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

- Let the sons of Israel say: His love has no end.'
 Let the sons of Aaron say; 'His love has no end.'
 Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
 I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
 This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Christians are children of God, and show their love for God by keeping his commandments.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus. Thomas' doubt was turned into faith.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?