

**TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP**

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

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

| Sun | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | St O | 9.30am  | People of the Parish             | Acts 9: 26-31, 1 John 3: 18-24 |
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|     |                  |                                  | St M | 11.00am | Martin Kenny (DH)                | John 15: 1-8                   |
| Mon | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Weekday of Easter                | St M | 9.30am  | Pat Dunn (LB)                    | Acts 14: 5-18, John 14: 21-26  |
| Tue | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | St Joseph the Worker             | St O | 9.30am  | Service of Word & Communion      | Acts 14: 19-28, John 14: 27-31 |
| Wed | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | St Athanasius                    | St O | 9.30am  | Margaret Bell (BT)               | Acts 15: 1-6, John 15: 1-8     |
| Thu | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | SS Philip & James                | St M | 9.30am  | Anne Headley (EO'K)              | Acts 15: 7-21, John 15: 9-11   |
| Fri | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | The English Martyrs              | St O | 9.30am  | Laura Hails (AH)                 | Acts 15: 22-31, John 15: 12-17 |
| Sat | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Weekday of Easter                | St O | 9.30am  | Isabel Pavón & Miguel Marin (CC) | Acts 16: 1-10, John 15: 18-21  |
| Sun | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | St O | 9.30am  | Tony Murphy (MM)                 | Acts 10: 25-48, 1 John 4: 7-10 |
|     |                  |                                  | St M | 11.00am | People of the Parish             | John 15: 9-17                  |

**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:** Lucas Maguire (6yrs), Eileen & Bernard Cass, Jane Spencer Moore, June Barnsley, Monica Flynn, Rina Donald, Steve Bociek, Lyn Johnson, Jacky Armstrong, Fred Stimpson, Brenda Miller, Sue McGregor, Betty Briggs, Kathleen Evans, Joan Skelton, Sara Hyslop, Kathleen Dunston, Alfie Evans.

**Anniversaries:** Dorothy Reid, Francis Campbell, Joe Dunn, Margaret Redburn, Ken Smith, Bill Jackson, Moira Joyce.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of **Fr Francis Conway OFM** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

**Rosary on the Coast 29 April:** a day of pilgrimage and prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith, on Grand Parade, Tynemouth. Please meet in front of the Grand Hotel at **2.45pm**. If raining, meet at St Oswin's church at **3.00pm**. [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) for more information

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated for the partnership of parishes this year on **19 July** for those in **school Year 9 or above**. The programme begins on 7 June. There will be a meeting for catechists on **Thursday May 17th at 6:30pm** at St. Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. Application forms are available from Fr Martin.

**Parish Trip to Holy Island & Seahouses: Sat 30 June, 9.00am-7.00pm.** The bus is now full. Payments welcome.

**Celebration of Marriage:** Bishop Séamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on **Sat 5 May at 11am**. He has invited each parish to be represented by at least two couples. In addition, everyone is welcome to attend. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the diocese.

*We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism*  
**BEATRIZ MANUELA MAIR**  
*who was baptised on 22 April at St Oswin's church*

**Practical Steps for Parishes and Partnerships** a conference on **Sat 12 May** at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The conference fee is £10 and includes lunch. Further details from [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) or contact [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

**Days of Reflection for All Ministries** at St Joseph's Church, Gateshead on **Sat 2 June 10.30am-3.30pm**. Please see poster on noticeboard. *Please e-mail the office if you wish to go.*

**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. This year's theme is *'Encounter'*- coming face to face with Christ. Please check festival website for more details and booking arrangements [festival@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:festival@diocesehn.org.uk)

## First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

*This reading tells us about some of the trials Paul endured after his conversion.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21

**Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'

## Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

*Here John is reflecting on Christ's commandment to love.*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

*Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to illustrate how close are the ties that bind him to his disciples*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

### Question of the week

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?**