

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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

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6th Sunday of Easter, Year B – 6th May 2018

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	6 th	6 th 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
Mon	7 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	10.30am	Carmel McManus (LB)	Acts 16:11-15, John 15: 26-16:4
Tue	8 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Acts 16: 22-34, John 16: 5-11
Wed	9 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Robert Laughlan (PD)	Acts 17:15-22-18:1, Jn 16:12-15
Thu	10 th	Ascension of Lord	St M	9.30am	Clara Di Mascio	Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 4: 1-13
			St O	7.00pm	Maureen Cairns (T&MClark)	Mark 16: 15-20
Fri	11 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Ann Cornwell (MHogg)	Acts 18: 9-18, John 16: 20-23
Sat	12 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Alison Briggs (Sick) (SS)	Acts 18: 23-28, John 16:23-28
Sun	13 th	7 th Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Acts 1: 15-26, 1 John 4: 11-16
			St M	11.00am	Peter Headley	John 17: 11-19

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 May: New list available. Names need to be re-signed.

Anniversaries: Rosemary Gartland, Laura Hails, George Gilbert, Joanna Drummond, Simon Swales, Theresa Bainbridge, Tony Murphy, Moira Heslop, Desmond McGuire, Eleanor May, Helen Bates, Thomas Delaney, James McGovern, Barbara Hunter, Rosemary Riley, Barry Shirren, Peter Headley, Mary McConnan.

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated this Thursday. Please make every effort to come along and celebrate this Holy Day.

Retiring collection next Sunday (13th) for World Communications Day.

The First Holy Communion Children meet in St Mary's church next **Sat, 12 May at 11am for a rehearsal**. The Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sat 19 May at 11am. We keep the children and their parents very much in our prayers.

Pentecost Novena - starting this **Fri 11 May**. You are invited to join in a diocesan-wide Novena leading up to the first anniversary of the launch of our Partnerships last Pentecost Sunday. It uses the Gospel for each day and an extract from Pope Francis' new document "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be glad) to help us focus prayer on our Partnerships. It is available from the diocesan website. Contact spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 243 3302 for more information.

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

Catherine Holland would like to thank everyone who sponsored her for the Barcelona Marathon. She raised **£3,324.59** for *Different Strokes*.

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.

We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism
ABBY VALENTINE SANDERS BRUCE
and her daughter
LETTIE-ROSELLA AUDREY BRUCE
who were both baptised at St Oswin's on 29th April 2018

Annual Christian Aid Coffee Morning at Broadway Methodist Church, **Sat 12 May from 10am-12.00pm**. Stalls include books, plants, cakes, jewellery, bric-a-brac and a raffle. St Mary's are manning the cake stall and donations of cakes, scones and other baked goods most welcome. Items for the stall can be delivered to the Methodist church hall before 10am.

'Reviving the Passion for Christ' - is **Sat 12 May 10am-4pm at St Cuthbert's, North Shields**. Tea & Coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. The feedback from the four days we have already had has been most encouraging. Fr Michael, Hilda & Michael Hedley invite you 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. Please give Fr Michael a ring on 07912 060 628 if you would like to attend. If you have already experienced one of the days, you are invited to a follow up session on **Tues 15 May 7-9pm** at St Cuthbert's.

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 this week if you wish to go.*

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

The baptism of Cornelius, the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism, shows that God's salvation is offered to all.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. Stand up, he said, I am only a man after all! Then Peter addressed them: The truth I have now come to realise, he said, is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have? He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

This contains what is probably the most important statement ever made about God.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!'

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Jesus leaves his friends the supreme commandment of love.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

How is love of others connected to love for God?