

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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

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21st Sunday of Year B – 26th August 2018

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	26 th	21 st Sunday of Year B	St O	9.30am	George & Eleanor Gilbert (AH)	Josh 24: 1-18, Eph 5: 21-32
			St M	11.00am	Brian and Judith Wales	John 6: 60-69
Mon	27 th	St Monica	St M	10.30am	Service of Word & Communion	2 Thes 1: 1-12, Matt 23: 13-22
Tue	28 th	St Augustine of Hippo	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	2 Thes 2: 1-17, Matt 23: 23-26
Wed	29 th	Passion of John the Baptist	St O	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	Jer1:17-19, 2Thes3:6-18, Mk 6:17-29
Thu	30 th	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Rosemary Simpson (JDevlin)	1 Cor 1: 1-9, Matt 24: 42-51
Fri	31 st	St Aidan	St O	9.30am	Laura Hails (AH)	1 Cor 3: 1-9, Matt 7: 21-29
Sat	1 st	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	1 Cor 1: 26-31, Matt 25: 14-30
Sun	2 nd	22 nd Sunday of Year B	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Deut 4:2-8, James 1: 17-27
			St M	11.00am	Geoff Rogers (MF)	Mark 7: 1-23

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 September: A new list can be found at back of church.
Names need to be re-signed.

Anniversaries: Sara McGee, Eleanor Gilbert, Jeremy Kennedy, Carole Wall, Ina McDermott, Bridget Matthews, Anne O'Kane, Esther King, Ellen Russell, John Marriott, Veronica Wigham, Walter Baharie, Harry Swaddle, Alan Gilroy, Gloria Brannon.

'Reviving the Passion for Christ': you are invited on **Sat 1st Sept 10am-4pm** to St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields with Fr. Michael Hickey and Michael & Hilda Hedley 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. Tea & coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. If you would like to come, please contact Fr Michael on 07912060628.

The new Journey of Faith meetings begin on **Mon 24 Sept** at **7.00pm** in the parish room at **St Edward's**. These sessions are for all those interested in joining the Church, and for all who are already members of the church but would like to refresh and deepen their understanding of their faith. Meetings will take place approximately every other week and a full programme will be shared in early September. If you would like to explore further becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Martin.

Pope Francis: Letter to the People of God. Pope Francis has responded to new reports of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse. This letter can be viewed on the Westminster website – rcdof.org.uk. Also few hard copies are available at back of church.

APF Mission Boxes: collections for the September quarter will take place over the next few weeks.

Advanced Notice: Re-wiring of St Oswin's Church: Booklets detailing the nature of the re-wiring at St Oswin's church are available at the back of church for your information. The full re-wiring of the church will begin on **Monday 24 September** and last for four weeks, during which time both the church and meeting room will be closed. The church only will open for Sunday morning Mass. Weekday services will be transferred to St Mary's. We will be installing low energy, environmentally friendly LED lighting. The cost will be around 27K (+VAT).

Kerala Floods: SVP Appeal – SVP Society is running a national appeal to raise funds for the flood disaster in Kerala, India. If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please visit www.svp.org.uk for information.

The Discipleship Conference for Partnership Development to be held on **15 Sept** at Sacred Heart School, Fenham, **10am-3.30pm**. Booking essential. Please see leaflet on noticeboard for full details of the programme.

New Partnership Prayer

*Risen Christ, from your abundant grace,
 pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.
 As we build on the deep foundations of faith
 laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands,
 by Aidan and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede,
 may our Partnerships continue the mission
 of building your Kingdom on the earth:
 to give living witness to your love,
 and to your compassion and hope for our world.
 We pray in trustful confidence
 that your power working in us
 can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
 Through the same Christ our Lord,
 Amen.*

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision – to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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| 1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast
The humble shall hear and be glad. | 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. |
| 3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. | 4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. |
| 5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. | |

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

St Paul uses the image of marriage to express the bond that exists between Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69

The disciples of Jesus are faced with a vital decision to stay with Jesus or to leave him.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

How does the Sunday celebration help you to renew your faith?