

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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

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2nd Sunday of Advent Year C – 9th December 2018

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	9 th	2 nd Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Baruch 5: 1-9, Phil 1:3-11</i>
			St M	11.00am		
Mon	10 th	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Isabel Pavon Garcia (CC)	<i>Is 35: 1-10, Luke 5: 17-26</i>
Tue	11 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Is 40: 1-11, Matt 18: 12-14</i>
Wed	12 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Monica Burns	<i>Is 40: 25-31. Matt 11: 28-30</i>
Thu	13 th	St Lucy	St M	9.30am	<i>Class Mass: Year 5</i>	
Fri	14 th	St John of the Cross	St O	9.30am	Susannah Linney	<i>Is 48: 17-19 Matt 11: 16-19</i>
Sat	15 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Fr Michael Corbett (BenH)	<i>Ecc 48: 1-11, Matt 17: 9-13</i>
Sun	16 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Zep 3: 14-18, Phil 4: 4-7</i>
			St M	11.00am	Vera Franco (B'day) (SS)	<i>Luke 3: 10-18</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 10-10.15am 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 December: Cath Peffers, Lynn Johnson, Sue McGregor, Jacky Armstrong, Ashleigh Ivy, Monica Flynn, June Barnsley, Fred Stimpson, Lucas Maguire,

Anniversaries: Lucy Clark, John Robinson, Joanna DeGroof, Paddy McNally, Mary Anne Raine, Margaret McGovern, Thomas Johnson, Kathryn Harley.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **MARY BAHARIE** who died recently. Funeral details to follow. May she rest in peace.

Preparing the Christmas Liturgies: All those who wish to be involved with this year's Christmas liturgies are invited to a meeting in the presbytery **TODAY Sun 9th Dec at 6.00pm.**

Partnership Advent Services: the second service will be held **TODAY 9 Dec, 4pm** at **St Aidan's, Wallsend.** Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Further programme:

Sun 16th Dec – St Bernadette's
 Sun 23rd Dec – St Columba's
 Sun 30th Dec – St Cuthbert's (Celebration of the Family)

Advent Alms Appeal from St Cuthbert's Care. Envelopes available at back of church if you wish to donate. *Thank you.*

Christmas Collections - money raised at all Masses at Christmas is generally sent to local 'Homeless Charities'. If anyone has any suggestions for suitable charities, please let Allan Muir know.

Congratulations to the 18 Children who yesterday celebrated their First Reconciliation.

Northern Catholic Calendars 2019 – on sale now at back of church. Price £3 each.

Edinburgh Christmas Market – this coming Weds 12 Dec. Coach leaving St Mary's church car park at **8.30am**, then picking up from St Oswin's **8.40am**. Leaving Edinburgh 5pm and returning to both venues around 8pm.

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

De Paul UK: Our local churches are continuing to organize Christmas Gift Bags for our homeless and disadvantaged young people. We have been asked to donate **60 Selection Boxes**. There will be a box at the back of church for donations **today**. *Thank you.*

Advent Concert: Ravenswood Singers at St Aidan's Church, Wallsend, on **Sat 15 Dec at 7pm**. *See Poster.*

Our Partnership Advent Penitential Service will take place on **Wed 19 Dec at 7.00pm** here at St Mary's church.

A Celebration of Christmas is being staged at St Edward's on the **22 Dec at 7.30pm**. The principal artists are the Felling Male Voice Choir supported by the Scott Singers. A sketch 'No Room at the Inn' and congregational carols. Tickets **£5** includes refreshments and available after weekend masses from the parish office (Immac Heart). Tom and Sheila Clapperton 252 8935 Jim Humble (Immaculate Heart) and Ryan Blakey 07723 722480 or pay at the door.

Street Pastors - Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) - when the temperature reaches zero between Nov and March, those that don't have shelter can sleep at Oxford Street Methodist Church hall, Whitley Bay. They arrive at around **9.30pm and leave at 8.00am** after breakfast. We are looking for volunteers to stay with our guests. Volunteers will also be needed to fill from **7.00pm till 9.30pm**. We need donation of gloves, beanie hats and adult sleeping bags. For more information please contact Chris Lincoln on 07549015896 or email whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk Donations can be left with Steve Shippen. *Thank you*

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem is told to forget the sufferings of the past because God is going to bring back her exiled children to her.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125

Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

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| 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. | 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
indeed we were glad. |
| 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. | 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. |

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

Paul urges his fellow Christians to prepare for the second coming of Christ by pure and blameless lives.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight:
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist urges the people to prepare a way for the Lord through repentance.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, Winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?