

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

Parish of

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Sun	30 th	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Sam 1: 20-28, 1 John 3:1-2.21-24 Luke 2: 41-52
			St M	11.00am	Norman Peffers (KP)	
Mon	31 st	Octave of Christmas	St M	9.30am	Martin Kenny (AK)	1 John 2: 18-21, John 1: 1-18
Tue	1 st	Mary, Mother of God	St O	10.30am	Lenor Fernandes&Romeo Pinhel	Num 6:22-27, Gal 4: 4-7, Lk 2:16-21
Wed	2 nd	SS Basil and Gregory	St O	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	1 John 2: 22-28, John 1:19-28
Thu	3 rd	Weekday before Epiphany	St M	9.30am	Madeleine Burns	1 John 2:29-3:6, John 1: 29-34
Fri	4 th	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Fr Aidan Pickering (MH)	1 John 3: 7-10, John 1: 35-42
Sat	5 th	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Sid & Tess Snowball (TR)	1 John 3: 11-21, John 1: 43-51
Sun	6 th	Epiphany of the Lord	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-6
			St M	11.00am	Bernadette Joyce (SD)	Matt 2: 1-12

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's and *available on request*
(Rosary at St Oswin (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: Kath Peffers, Rosie Foster, Helen Marquis, Lynn Johnson, Sue McGregor, Betty Briggs, Jacky Armstrong, Ashleigh Ivy, Monica Flynn, June Barnsley, Fred Stimpson, Nuala Byron, Lucas Maguire, Susan Drumgoole.

Anniversaries: Mary Collins, Nancy Cawood, George Hinton, Ted Harding, James Birkett, Annie Spence, Ian Archard, Alexander Howells, Bernadette Joyce.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **VERA McLAUGHLIN** who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be held on **Mon 7 January, 12.30pm** at St Mary's Church. May she rest in peace.

Also please pray for the repose of the soul of **MAY CASSIDY** who died recently. Funeral arrangements to follow.

Partnership Services: Today **30 Dec, 4pm** at **St Cuthbert's**. (Celebration of the Family). Everyone warmly invited to attend.

Thank you to everyone for your cards, gifts and good wishes.
I would like to wish you all a very Happy and peaceful New Year.
Fr Martin

Crib Offerings can be placed in the basket by the crib. Money will go to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical.

Partnership Matters: Edition 9 is now available on the Diocesan website (shown above). A few hard copies available at the back of church for those without access to the website.

Northern Catholic Calendars 2019 – are now on sale, at back of Church price **£3**.

Please collect your used stamps for the Foreign Missions and place them in the box in the porch at St Mary's Church.

Found in a French Church:

When you enter this church you may hear "the call of God"

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter, chose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send him a text while driving!

First Reading

Samuel 1:20-22.24-28

This reading recalls the birth of Samuel and his consecration to God.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him'. When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever'. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my Lord. As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord'. There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 83

Response: **They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praises.
They are happy, whose strength is in you.
they walk with ever growing strength.
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
Look on the face of your anointed.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2.21-24

We are God's children and are invited to live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore, it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall see him as he really is. 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. Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

The story of how the twelve-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families, and gives us a glimpse of the true identity of Jesus.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What does your family do to honour and respect its older members?