

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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Sun	14 th	Palm Sunday	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 50: 4-7, Phil 2: 6-11 Luke 22: 14-23:56</i>
			St M	11.00am	Susannah Linney (KN)	
Mon	15 th	Mon of Holy Week	St M	9.30am	James Reid (JDevlin)	<i>Is 42: 1-7, John 12: 1-11</i>
Tue	16 th	Tue of Holy Week	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>Is 49: 1-6, John 13: 21-38</i>
Wed	17 th	Wed of Holy Week	St O	9.30am	Joseph & Elizabeth Coates (MHogg)	<i>Is 50: 4-9, Matt 26: 14-25</i>
The Easter Triduum						
Thu	18 th	Holy Thursday	St O	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	<i>See Service Booklet</i>
Fri	19 th	Good Friday	St M	3.00pm	Celebration of the Passion	<i>See Service Booklet</i>
Sat	20 th	Holy Saturday	St M	8.00pm	The Easter Vigil	<i>See Service Booklet</i>
Sun	21 st	Easter Sunday	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 10: 34-43, Col 3: 1-4 John 20:1-9</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

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 April:** Josie White, Nuala Byron, Lyn Johnson, June Barnsley, Barnaby Essenhigh, Bernard Cass, Oscar Glen, Mary Hyslop, Kathleen Dunston, Fred Stimpson, Betty Briggs, Jacky Armstrong, Sue McGregor, Maureen O'Meara, Evelyne Beton.**Anniversaries:** Kenneth Kay, Kenneth Miller, George Dunleavy, Gillian Henderson, Anne Bianchi, Sylvia Wall, Joseph & Elizabeth Coates, Tony Power.**Retiring Collection TODAY** for Catholic Community in the Holy Land.**Choir Practice for Holy Week:** Those who wish to be part of the choir for the Holy Week services are asked to meet on **Tues 16 April, 7-8.30pm** in St Mary's church. All welcome.**We are supporting the Masasi Community** in Central Africa by purchasing our palms from them this year.**The Diocesan Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Holy Thursday at St Mary's Cathedral, at 11am. *All welcome.***The Easter Triduum:** This comprises three services that form **one continuous liturgy** from Holy Thursday through to Holy Saturday. The Church asks that parishioners participate in **all three parts** of the one service. Why not come along and share in the experience of the *Triduum* his year?**Watching at the Altar of Repose** in St Oswin's will take place after Mass on **Holy Thursday evening until 10.00pm.****Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated at **10.00am** at St Oswin's on Good Friday.**Lenten Prayer and Reflection:** Everyone is welcome to weekly meetings for prayer and reflection based on the Diocesan programme, 'God's gift of love and mercy' on **Tuesdays at 10.30am** in Committee Room at St Mary's.**RCIA** - Three candidates from our parish will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil. Please pray for *Alan Hails, Ann Kenny and Emily Murphy.***'People of the Passion'** Time of Prayer and Reflection with the people Jesus met on the 'Way of the Cross' with Sr Sheila McNamara RSCJ on **Weds 17 April, 7pm-9.15pm** in St Mary's church hall.**Day of Reflection for All Ministers** will take place at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, on **Sat 15th June, 10.30am-3.30pm.** Please let Parish Office know if you wish to attend so bookings can be made.**Pro-Life Chain – Silent Witness:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is organising a Silent Vigil on **Sat 27 April, 11am-1pm** on Newcastle Tyne Bridge (left-hand side facing Gateshead) to commemorate the 52nd Anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Please join us to show your support for a culture of life in our country.

Procession Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

For St Luke the triumphal procession of Jesus is the last warning given by him to his city. As always in Luke's Gospel, there is on one side the 'group of disciples' who hail the Lord, and on the other 'some Pharisees' who do not accept this popular rejoicing.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now when he was near Bethpage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, telling them, 'Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you are to say this, 'The Master needs it'. The messengers went off and found everything just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner said, 'Why are you untying that colt?' and they answered, 'The Master needs it'. So they took the colt to Jesus, and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he moved off, people spread their cloaks in the road, and now, as he was approaching the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen. They cried out: 'Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!'. Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Master, check your disciples', but he answered, 'I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out'.

Reflection

When momentous events happen, often only a few people are able to grasp their full significance. On Palm Sunday there were only a few in the crowd who had any idea of what the real picture was. The crowd cheered and sang; the children were enjoying every moment of Jesus's entry on a donkey into Jerusalem. It was a colourful pageant and a welcome diversion from the religious duties of the festival period. But only a few knew that the man on the donkey was no mere rabbi, politician or rebel leader. He was, in fact, God's Son. He was the Messiah sent by God to bring good news to his people and to reveal the sort of God that they had. Only a few people could see that the cheering crowd would turn before the week was over and, bored once more, would demand a public spectacle again... this time an execution. In this they were representative of the people at large who rejected the message of Jesus. Most people would have expected him to argue his case and try to defend himself against the charges of treason in order to save his skin. But a few people were convinced that he would remain absolutely faithful to the will of his Father. That's because he knew that his mission depended on this. And while the vast majority of the crowd thought that the whole thing was something of a damp squib and the fun was over after his death, a few understood that his life and death had a purpose. Though he was innocent he gave his life in order to reveal the gift of the resurrection. Some people knew that, but not many. On Palm Sunday we are invited to be among those in the crowd who join in the celebration because we know the love that Christ Jesus has shared with us and we wish to proclaim this still.



Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

We are called to die to ourselves in love for others. How do you live that in your own life?