

**TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP**

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Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Agnes and Lance Cook (JCook)	Is 2: 1-5, Roms 13: 11-14 Matt 24: 37-44
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Terry Healy (KHealy)	Is 4: 2-6, Matt 8: 5-11
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Francis Xavier	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	Is 11: 1-10, Luke 10: 21-24
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Laura Hails (AHails)	Is 25: 6-10, Matt 15: 29-37
Thu	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Erlinda Arcillas	Is 26: 1-6, Matt 7: 21-27
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Barbara Morris	Is 29: 17-24, Matt 9: 27-31
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Ambrose, Bp	St O	9.30am	Catherine Joyce (KJoyce)	Is 30: 19-26, Matt 9:35; 10:1-8
			St M	11.00am	Celebration of First Reconciliation for Year 4 Children	
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 11: 1-10, Roms 15: 4-9 Matt 3: 1-12
			St M	11.00am	Vera Franco (b'day)	

**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:** New list available. *Please note names need to be re-signed.***Anniversaries:** Sheila McIntyre, Marjorie Robson, Stella Gosling, Catherine Rice, Honor McFarlane, Paddy Charlton, Daniel Bolger, Erlinda Arcillas,**The next Partnership Baptism Preparation Meeting** will take place here at St Mary's church this Thurs 5 Dec 7-9pm for those who have enrolled for this.**First Reconciliation** will be celebrated for the children in Year 4 this coming **Saturday 7 December at 11.00am** in St Mary's church.**'The God who Speaks' Year of the Word 2020:** the Bishops of England and Wales are inviting us to spend a Year learning to listen more closely to **The God Who Speaks**. During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It's an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'. The year begins for us with a celebration of Vespers on **Sun 1 Dec at St Mary's Cathedral at 4.30pm.****Partnership Advent Services**On Thursday **12 Dec** an Advent Penitential Service will be held at St Thomas More Academy at **7.00pm.**On Sunday **15 Dec** an Advent service will be held at St Bernadette's church in Wallsend at **4.00pm.****De Paul Christmas Hampers** for local homeless young people: our Parish has been asked to provide chocolate selection boxes. There will boxes at the back of churches which will be collected on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December.**Coach Trip to York Christmas Market** – this coming Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. Coach will be leaving St Mary's car park at 9am **PROMPT** and leaving York at 5pm.**Please note** there will be no 'First Friday Drop In' next Friday (6 Dec) as we will be holding a Festive Afternoon tea on **Fri 20 December.** More details next week.**Advent Alms Appeal** from St Cuthbert's Care. This year they are asking that we consider supporting their Red Van. The van delivers food parcels and other items to the most needy families in our Diocese. Your Advent Alms will help to keep this essential service on the road. Envelopes are back of church if you wish to donate.**APF Red Mission Boxes** - collections for the December quarter now taking place.**Parish Social and Dinner at Tynemouth Golf Club** on **Fri 13 Dec, 7.15pm for 7.30pm.** If you've not done so, please return your menu slip and money today before leaving church. We would also be very grateful for donations for our raffle (bottles and chocolates please – leave at back of church for collection). *Thank you.***Bidding Prayers:** If anyone is interested in composing the bidding prayers for Sunday masses, would they please speak to Fr Martin. Please note that training will be given.**Prayer for the 'God who Speaks' Year of the Word**  
*Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.**Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.**Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen*

***The Order of Mass can be found on Page 4 of your Hymn Book***

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

*This vision of a world at peace under God challenges Christians to work for this new world as inaugurated by Christ.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 121*

**Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'**

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| 1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:<br>'Let us go to God's house.'<br>And now our feet are standing<br>within your gates, O Jerusalem. | 2. It is there that the tribes go up,<br>the tribes of the Lord.<br>For Israel's law it is,<br>there to praise the Lord's name.<br>There were set the thrones of judgement<br>of the house of David. |
| 3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:<br>Peace be to your homes!<br>May peace reign in your walls,<br>in your palaces, peace!             | 4. For love of my brethren and friends<br>I say: 'Peace upon you!'<br>For love of the house of the Lord<br>I will ask for your good.   |

**Second Reading**

*Romans 13:11-14*

*This contains a wake-up call, and urges us to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ.*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 24:37-44*

*This Gospel urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?**