

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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Sun	22 nd	4 th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	Tony Murphy (MM)	<i>Is 7: 10-14, Rom 1: 1-7 Matt 1: 18-24</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	23 rd	Weekday of Advent	St M	9.30am	Arthur Bland	<i>Mal 3: 1-24, Luke 1: 57-66</i>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tue	24 th	Christmas Eve	St M	6.00pm	<i>Carols from 5.30pm</i>	<i>Is 9: 1-7, Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14</i>
			St O	8.00pm	<i>Carols from 7.30pm</i>	
Wed	25 th	Christmas Day	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-6 John 1: 1-18</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Thu	26 th	St Stephen	St M	10.30am	Dennis Dale (SD)	<i>Acts 6:8-10 7:54-59, Matt 10: 17-22</i>
Fri	27 th	St John	St O	9.30am	Agnes & Lance Cook (JCook)	<i>1 John 1-4, John 20: 1-8</i>
Sat	28 th	The Holy Innocents	St O	9.30am	Maureen Cairns (DC)	<i>1 John 1: 5-2:2, Matt 2: 13-18</i>
Sun	29 th	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Ecc 3: 2-14, Col 3: 12-21 Matt 2: 13-23</i>
			St M	11.00am	Norman Peffers	

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:** Lyn Johnson, Betty Briggs, Fred Stimpson, Nuala Byron, Jacky Armstrong, June Barnsley, Barnaby Essenhigh, Monica Flynn, Mary Heslop, Kathleen Dunston, Tom McLaughlin and Susan Drumgoole, Maria Mahony, Kearney Family, Arthur McGlade, Theo Abbott, Matthew Ellis.**Anniversaries:** Peter Doig, Desmond Robson, George Marshall, Violet Mackintosh, Sandra Wood, William Tilley, May Cassidy, Maureen Cairns, Lawrence Goveas.**New Reader's list** for St Mary's displayed on notice boards.**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. For further information, please see leaflet by the crib.**Stamps:** Please collect your used stamps and place them in the box in St Mary's porch for St. Joseph's Care Home. Their sale raises useful funds for the Little Sisters of the Poor.**Northern Catholic Calendars 2020** now on sale at back of Church. Price £3 each.**Advent Alms Appeal** from St Cuthbert's Care. Envelopes are back of church if you wish to donate.**Festive Afternoon Tea:** Thank you to all those who helped to organise and who supported this great event.**DePaul Christmas Hampers** for homeless young people in North Tyneside: a big 'Thank You' to parishioners - a grand total of 90 selection boxes were donated and will bring a smile to young people on Christmas morning.**Users of St Oswin's Meeting Room:** The heater by the inner door has been left running at great expense. Please make sure that both heaters have been switched off at the socket. The timer which worked one heater has now been removed so this is only operated via the wall switch. The LED is loose and can only be viewed, at the moment, by looking down the top of the heater. Ignore the switches on the heater fronts. Thank you**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*

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

This reading foretells the birth of a very special child – a child who will be called Emmanuel, that is, God-with-us.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above'. 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test'. Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us'.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples,
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him,
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

These opening lines from Paul's letter to the Romans draw attention to the human and divine 'roots' of Jesus.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-24

This shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?