

**TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP**

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Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/diocesehn](http://www.facebook.com/diocesehn)  
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Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	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	
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup>	Octave of Christmas	St M	9.30am	Jim and Margaret Collins	<i>1 John 2: 12-17, Luke 2: 36-40</i>
Tue	31 <sup>st</sup>	Octave of Christmas	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word &amp; Communion</i>	<i>1 John 2: 18-21, John 1: 1-18</i>
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, Mother of God	St O	10.30am	Tess and Sid Snowball	<i>Num 6: 22-27, Luke 2: 16-21</i>
Thu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	SS Basil & Gregory	St M	9.30am	Barbara Sheridan (KJoyce)	<i>1 John 2: 22-28, John 1: 19-28</i>
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Joseph & Elizabeth Coates	<i>1 John 2: 29-3:6, John 1:29-34</i>
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday before Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Fr Aidan Pickering	<i>1 John 3: 7-10, John 1: 35-42</i>
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Frank Bray	<i>Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-6 Matt 2: 1-12</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 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, Arthur McGlade.**Anniversaries:** Willine McAllister, Sid Snowball, Bernadette Fielding, Richard Leslie, Rose Hyett, Norman Peffers, Mary Collins, Nancy Cawood, Ted Harding, George Hinton, Fr Aidan Pickering, Annie Spence.**Thank you to everyone for your cards, gifts and good wishes for Christmas. Your generosity is truly wonderful. I extend a very sincere thank you to all those volunteers who do so much for the parish community throughout the year. I would like to wish you all a very Happy and prosperous 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. For further information, please see leaflet by the crib.**Northern Catholic Calendars 2020** now on sale at back of Church. Price £3 each.*Congratulations and Welcome to***FINN WILLIAM STEVENSON***Who was baptised at St Oswin's last Sunday***New Team:** Bishop Robert has appointed Fr Peter Leighton as his Vicar General from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. I am very grateful to Bishop Robert for the trust he has placed in me over the past nine months whilst he has been settling in to the Diocese. We wish Fr Peter well in his new role.**Diocesan Academy Policy 2019:** Bishop Robert Byrne and the Diocesan Directors have approved a revised Diocesan Academy Policy 2019. To access, download or read the documentation for this, please go to Diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)**Charity Donations for Past Year:** a total of approximately £3,000 was raised in donations to the following charities in 2019: *Claire Nelson Youth Café, Lourdes Fund, CAFOD, Sick and Retired Priests, Walking With, Unicef Yemen Fund, Tiny Lives, Chuff, Prostrate Cancer, MacMillan Nurses, St Oswald's Hospice, and Mary's Meals*. Many thanks for your continued generosity.**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**

*Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12-14*

*This reading is a brief commentary on the commandment: Honour your father and your mother.*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 127*

*Response:* **O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life!

**Second Reading**

*Colossians 3:12-21*

*This describes the atmosphere which should reign in a Christian community and in a Christian household.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
Let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 2:13-15.19-23*

*Matthew casts the Holy Family as displaced persons and homeless refugees.*

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt. After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**What can you do this week to help someone in your home or a friend to feel more secure and loved?**