

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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Sun	5 th	Epiphany of the Lord	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-6 Matt 2: 1-12</i>
			St M	11.00am	Frank Bray	
Mon	6 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St M	9.30am	Bernadette Joyce (SD)	<i>1 John 3: 22-4:6, Matt 4:12-25</i>
Tue	7 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St O	9.30am	<i>Service of Word & Communion</i>	<i>1 John 4: 7-10, Mark 6: 34-44</i>
Wed	8 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Gordon Hogg	<i>1 John 4: 11-18, Mark 6: 45-52</i>
Thu	9 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St M	9.30am	<i>Class Mass: Year 2</i>	<i>1 John 4: 19-5:4, Luke 4:14-22</i>
Fri	10 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Lesley Hanratty (BenH)	<i>1 John 5: 5-13, Luke 5: 12-16</i>
Sat	11 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St O	9.30am	Dec'd Coates & Shanks Family	<i>1 John 5: 14-21, John 3: 22-30</i>
Sun	12 th	Baptism of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Bill Jackson (MJ)	<i>Is 42: 1-7, Acts 10: 34-38 Matt 3: 13-17</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 January:** Arthur McGlade, Jacky Armstrong, Lyn Johnson, Fred Stimpson, June Barnsley, Barnaby Essenhigh, Monica Flynn, Mary Heslop, Kathleen Dunston, Tom McLaughlin.**Anniversaries:** James Birkett, Annie Spence, Bernadette Joyce, Lesley Hanratty, Frances Robson, William Reynolds, Monica Nugent, Violet Collins.**The Next Baptism Preparation Course** takes place on Monday 6 January 7-9pm at St Cuthbert's church, North Shields, for those who have been enrolled for this.**Pilgrimage to Rome May 18-22:** An information evening will be held on Wed 15 Jan 7pm in St Mary's church hall for those who are booked for this.**Christmas Collections** - money raised at Masses at Christmas is generally sent to 'Homeless Charities'. If anyone has any suggestions for suitable charities, please let Allan Muir know.**Northern Catholic Calendars 2020** now on sale at back of Church. Price £3 each.**White Flower Appeal 2020** – the Society for the Protection for unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **next weekend (12th Jan)**. On 21 Oct 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on Northern Ireland by Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up to at least 24 weeks and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales.**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**Diocesan Vacancies: Cleaner,** St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – closing date Mon 13 Jan.
Admission Appeals Panel Member, Dept for Education closing date Tues 21 Jan 2020. *Please check Diocesan website for full details,***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 60:1-6

The prophet cheers the returned exiles with a vision of a restored city which will become a beacon of light for all the nations.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71

Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

This reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Gentiles came from a far country to pay homage to the Christ-child, while the Jewish leaders rejected him.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

The Magi were strangers from another land.

How do you welcome immigrants and strangers in the name of Christ?