

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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5th Sunday of Easter Year A – 10th May 2020

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in May:

And we pray for

Anniversaries: Helen Bates, Rosa Arnone, Thomas Delaney, James McGovern, Barbara Hunter, Rosemary Riley, Barry Shirren, Peter Headley, Jim Goulbourne, Alan Keilty, Joseph Cassidy.

Helpline: Please call **251 3770** if you live alone with no one to help, and would like assistance with your shopping. **If you would like to volunteer** to help then please ring this number.

Fr Martin will be saying Mass, on his own, during this time. If parishioners would like a Mass intention to be celebrated then please let the parish office know in the usual way.

Items for the Newsletter can still be submitted electronically via the parish e-mail address or in writing delivered to the presbytery.

United in Prayer: Please join in with parishioners praying the Rosary at home each Friday at 9.00am. In May we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood.

Live streaming of Mass from various cathedrals, basilicas and churches is available via the Internet. Please see the diocesan website

Prayer for the End of the Virus:

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your children.

We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.

Diocesan Day of Prayer for the sick and their families, NHS front-line, social care workers and other key workers

On Thursday 14 May 2020 we are hosting a Diocesan Day of Prayer for the sick and their families, NHS front-line, social care workers and other key workers. The day will be streamed online via the diocesan website and begins with Divine Office from St. Mary's Cathedral at 10.00am. The day ends with Bishop Byrne celebrating Mass for the sick and their families, and for NHS front-line, social care and key workers at **7.00pm**. Further information including liturgical and prayer resources will be made available on the diocesan website.

Each **Thursday at 7.00pm** during the lockdown a Bishop will celebrate a Mass, which will be live streamed, for those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families and for the repose of the souls of the deceased. The schedule is as follows:

14th May Bishop Robert Byrne Newcastle Cathedral
21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral
28th May Bishop Terry Drainey Middleb'ro Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

Parish Finances: Some parishioners have been asking what to do with their weekly envelopes. It is probably best to simply keep these envelopes until the churches re-open. If you prefer, you can always make a donation via the internet or set up a standing order with the parish, to the following HSBC account:
Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin
Account Number: 12011336
Sort code: 40-34-18

The 'Magnificat' Booklet is an excellent resource and is available online free of charge. This provides Morning, Evening and Night Prayer and the daily mass readings at: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that inevitably arose.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

This describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the Christian community.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-12

Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?