

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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7th Sunday of Easter Year A – 24th May 2020

At the moment Places of Worship form part of Phase 3 of the government's plan to recover from the lockdown. This means that, if all goes well, they could re-open for public worship from 4 July, with social distancing rules in place. We await further guidance.

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

And we pray for Josephine Hayes who died recently. May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries: John Reed, Paddy Costar, Francis McArdle, Canon Howe (2nd PP), Joe Dunn, Frank Burns, Dick Straughan.

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.

We Remember to pray for those children who last weekend were due to celebrate their First Holy Communion and for those young people who were due to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation this week. God willing we will be able to celebrate these in due course.

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.

Novena of prayer in Preparation for Pentecost:

Last Thursday the church celebrated the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, when we pray for a renewed out pouring of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all the faithful. The Diocesan website has some resources to help prepare for this feast including following the traditional novena of prayer. See: www.rcdhn.org.uk

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 next Mass will be on 28th May, by Bishop Terry Draine Middleb'ro Cathedral.

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>.

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

On-line Scripture Resource: the Wednesday Word is a great on-line resource reflecting on the weekly Sunday readings for all the family. Well worth a visit. www.wednesdayword.org/

We are invited to Pray the Rosary each Friday at 9.00am, for Vocations to the Priesthood.

First Reading

Acts 1:12-14

Here we see the disciples gathered in the upper room waiting in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26

Response: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

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| 1. The Lord Is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? | 2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord
to behold his temple. |
| 3. Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer
Of you my heart has spoken
'Seek his face.' | |

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

Peter encourages those who suffer because of their faith in Christ.

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

This is part of Jesus' solemn prayer at the Last Supper. Here he prays for himself and for his disciples.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

**When we are welcoming, forgiving and generous, we may be criticized,
but how does that connect us to Christ?**