

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

Parish of

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12th Sunday of Year A – 21st June 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 still await further guidance.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in June: Bernard Cass

And we pray for

Anniversaries: Ben Bendelow, Ruby Stewart, Ambrose Walton, Ian Robert Ainscow, William Walker, Maureen Lally, Maurice Moore

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.

The Next Partnership Development Group Meeting will take place on Tues 23 June at 6.00pm via 'zoom'.

We are invited to Pray the Rosary at home each Friday at 9.00am, knowing that there are other parishioners praying the rosary at the same time

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.

The following Churches have been chosen to open for Private Prayer Only, for a restricted number of hours, in a pilot scheme from Monday 15 June:

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| St Aidan's, | Ashington |
| St Mary's Cathedral, | Newcastle |
| St Patrick's, | Consett |
| St Mary's, | Sunderland |
| St Joseph's, | Hartlepool |

Full details are available on the Diocesan website. Hopefully more will follow in due course.

A Handbook for the Re-opening of Churches is available for viewing on the Diocesan Website. It indicates the measures to be implemented for the safe re-opening of our churches.

Parish Finances: What should we do with the 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 June Edition of the Northern Cross is available on-line. Why not use the lockdown as an opportunity to take out a subscription?

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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

The Order of Mass can be found on Page 4 of your Hymn Book

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

The knowledge that God was with him enables Jeremiah to remain faithful to his difficult task as a prophet

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68

Response: In your great love, answer me, O God.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

St Paul draws a contrast between Christ and Adam: sin came into the world through Adam; abundant grace came through Jesus Christ.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:26-33

Christ encourages his disciples to give open and fearless witness to the Gospel, assuring them of God's special care in all their trials.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?