

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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Places of Worship across the Diocese are gradually being opened for private prayer and for public worship, as long as they are 'Covid-secure', with social distancing rules, risk assessments, use of sanitisers, one way systems etc. in place. This will naturally take some time to implement and so it will be a phased process.

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

And we pray for David Cairns who died recently and for his family at this time. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Joan Smith, Edward Walsh, Patrick McCumisky, Susan Whyte, Frank O'Callaghan

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.

Carmen Crespo would like to thank all parishioners for their friendship and care over the years. She has returned to live in Spain. We wish her well.

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.

Mary's Meals have released a number of videos about their work. Why not take a look at: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/lovereacheseverywhere>

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.

Opening of Churches for Private Prayer:

More churches across the Diocese are opening for individual prayer and some for Mass. Phase 3 of the openings is currently under way. Which is good news as St Mary's is part of Phase 4. *We wait our turn patiently for the diocesan Health and Safety Officer to contact us and to begin the risk assessments.* Full details of all the churches which have re-opened are available on the Diocesan website.

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

Volunteers will be Needed to prepare our Churches for re-opening. A minimum of two Stewards will be required to be present each time a church opens. For information on clinically vulnerable groups, please read page three of our handbook which includes links to HM Government Guidance. If you would like to assist with this then please contact Fr Martin. *(It would be useful to look at the Handbook for the re-opening of Churches).*

Job Vacancies: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Property Surveyor based in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Full-time. Two year fixed term contract.

Justice and Peace Refugee Project Co-ordinator based in Newcastle. 18 hours per week. 12 month fixed term contract.

Department for Education, Administrator (maternity cover) – full-time.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301

An On-line Scripture Resource for all the family is available at: www.wednesdayword.org

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

God has both the knowledge and the power to root out evil people if he so desired. But this reading talks about his leniency, and how we ought to imitate it.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85

Response: **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we can't find the words to express what is on our minds.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30

The Church, and indeed the world, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at the harvest time.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn".

Question of the week

What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?