

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

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17th Sunday of Year A – 26th July 2020

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. The Family only funeral will be held on Friday 31st July. A Memorial mass, in celebration of Dave's life, to be held once circumstances allow. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Joseph Young, Frank Sieck, Freda McCulley, Mary Knight, Jim Scott, Gladys Nesbitt, Kathryn Duggan, Mary Brennan, Betty Drew.

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 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

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

Told by God that he could have any gift he wanted, Solomon chose the gift of wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118

Response: **Lord how I love your law!**

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| 1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. | 2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. |
| 3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. | 4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. |

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

Those who love God can turn everything to their spiritual advantage.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-46

What God offers us is so precious that it is worth everything we have.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Question of the week

What would you be willing to "sell," or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?