

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

Parish of

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St Oswin's Meeting Room BookingsPartnership Web: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk
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Sun	23 rd	21 st Sunday of the Year	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Is 22: 19-23, Rom 11: 33-36 Matt 16: 13-20</i>
			St M	11.00am	Teresa and Geoff Rodgers	
Mon	24 th	St Bartholomew, Apos	St M		<i>No Public Service</i>	
Tue	25 th	Weekday	St O		<i>No Public Service</i>	
Wed	26 th	Weekday	St O	10.00am	Tony Murphy (MM)	<i>Thess 3: 6-18, Matt 23: 27-32</i>
Thu	27 th	St Monica	St M	10.00am	John Collins (MC)	<i>Cor 1: 1-9, Matt 24: 42-51</i>
Fri	28 th	St Augustine of Hippo	St O		<i>No Public Service</i>	
Sat	29 th	Passion John the Baptist	St O		<i>No Public Service</i>	
Sun	30 th	22 nd Sunday of the Year	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Jer 20: 7-9, Rom 12: 1-2 Matt 16: 21-27</i>
			St M	11.00am	John Cass	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Available on request
(For the time being the Blessed Sacrament Chapel remains Closed)**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in August:** Bernard Cass, David Boudge, Bob Devlin, Fred Stimpson, and Steve Bociak.**Anniversaries:** William Burbridge, Eileen Whitfield, Kathleen Burr, Sarah McGee, Eleanor Gilbert, Jeremy Kennedy, Ina McDermott, Anne O'Kane, Esther King.**Please note Wednesday and Thursday masses will be at 10am** to allow stewards time to prepare the churches.**Thank you to those volunteers** who have agreed to act as Stewards to facilitate the re-opening of our churches. Due to the need for social distancing we are allowed a capacity of only **61** at St Mary's (*including use of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel*) and only **36** at St Oswin's. Once we have enough volunteers acting as stewards we aim to eventually increase the number of weekday Masses too. **If necessary this arrangement can and will be reviewed.**Due to limited space you will need to book to attend Mass on Sundays. When attending church your contact details will be taken for 'Track & Trace' purposes. (For weekdays contact details will be collected on arrival). To make sure of a place please ring this dedicated phone line: **07543 768189** on **Thursdays 11am – 1pm & 6pm – 8pm**. (*Please note the revised times*). If you are coming as a family, please make that known when you phone. In good weather the church will be open about 15 minutes prior to Mass. When you enter the church you will be asked to sanitise your hands before being taken to the seats allocated to you by the stewards. Pews will be filled from the front. Once the church capacity is reached no one else will be able to enter the church.**Government regulations** are that those attending church **must wear a face covering** such as a mask, scarf or snood. (those under 11 years of age are exempt or if you have a genuine medical reason). During Sunday Mass the offertory collection will not be passed around, Gift Aid envelopes and cash donations can be placed in the bucket on entry to the church. During Mass, there will be no singing, Children's Liturgy, Bidding Prayers, Offertory Procession or Sign of Peace. (All current rotas for readers, usher's, Extra Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are suspended). Holy Communion will be distributed only in the hand and in silence. At St Mary's everyone will be asked to come forward for Holy Communion whether you are receiving or not, as directed by the stewards. At St Oswin's Holy Communion will be distributed as people leave the church. At the end of Mass, you will be asked to leave by the designated route, indicated by the stewards, and not to congregate outside of the church but to make your way home. **You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are feeling unwell.** While the pandemic endures there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass.**Volunteers who act as stewards:** If you would like to volunteer to be part of the second wave of stewards then please either contact Fr Martin directly or use the parish office e-mail address.**Gift Aid:** the annual letters confirming your contributions will not be issued this year but if anyone requires this for tax returns, please contact Allan Muir either via parish email or telephone 253 2252.**Bishop Robert** has posted a pastoral message on line. Please visit the Diocesan website.

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Here we read about one man being dismissed from high office, and the keys of authority are passed to another. The New Testament applies this text to Jesus.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137

Response: **Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he know from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

This is a hymn of praise to the wisdom of God, which is far too deep for us to fathom.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

This contains Peter's declaration of faith in Jesus, and Jesus' promise to make him the rock on which he will build his Church.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Question of the week

If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?