

**TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP**

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Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	Assumption of Mary	St O	9.30am	Mass in Thanksgiving	Rev 11:19;12:1-6,10, Cor 15: 20-27 Luke 1: 39-56
			St M	11.00am	Mass in Thanksgiving	
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St M		No Public Service	
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O		No Public Service	
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	St Oswin	St O	10.00am	Fr Tony Duffy	Apoc 12: 10-12, Matt 10: 28-33
Thu	20 <sup>th</sup>	St Bernard	St M	10.00am	Clare Hagen (NBF)	Ezek 36: 23-28, Matt 22: 1-14
Fri	21 <sup>st</sup>	Ded St Mary's Cathedral	St O		No Public Service	
Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Queenship of Mary	St O		No Public Service	
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 22: 19-23, Rom 11: 33-36
			St M	11.00am	Teresa and Geoff Rodgers	Matt 16: 13-20

**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:** Fr Paul McSwaine, Cyril Marriott, William Drew.**We Pray for** Fr Tony Duffy who died recently.**Please note Wednesday and Thursday masses will be at 10am** to allow stewards 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.**For 'Track and Trace' purposes you will need to book to attend Mass on Sundays. (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.**Without volunteers who act as stewards** no church building can re-open. If you would like to volunteer to be part of a second wave of stewards then please either contact Fr Martin directly or use the parish office e-mail address.

If you are over 70 you can volunteer to be a steward but you will be asked to indicate that you have read the government guidelines for clinically vulnerable groups.

**First Reading**

Apoc 11:19:12:1-6.10

*This describes the battle between God and evil, with the ultimate triumph of God.*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 44

*Response:* **On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

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| 1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.<br>On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.<br>Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:<br>forget your own people and your father's house. | 2. So will the king desire your beauty:<br>He is your Lord, pay homage to him.<br>They are escorted amid gladness and joy;<br>they pass within the palace of the king. |
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**Second Reading**

1 Cor 15:20-26

*Christ is the new Adam and the church sees Mary as the new Eve.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 1:39-56

*Here Mary praises God for the goodness shown to her and to the chosen people.*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**What do you trust that God will do for you?**