

**TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP**

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Twitter: [Twitter@diocesehn](https://twitter.com/diocesehn)**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020****SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 40: 1-11, 2 Peter 3: 8-14 Mark 1: 1-8
			St M	11.00am	Denis Cassidy (BC)	
Mon	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Ambrose	St M		No Public Service	
Tue	8 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Conception	St O		No Public Service	
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Jean Matthews	
Thu	10 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Bill Devlin	Is 41: 13-20, Matt 11: 11-15
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St O		No Public Service	
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Guadalupe	St O		No Public Service	
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 61: 1-11, Thess 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-28
			St M	11.00am	Barbara Shippen (B'day) (SS)	

**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 December:** Katie Eckert, Helen Brunton, Olive Dargavel, Nuala Byron, Fred Stimpson, Bob Devlin, Bernard Cass, David Boudge and Leo Smith.**And for Sarah Jane (Jean) Matthews** who died recently. A Requiem Mass for Jean will take place at St Oswin's on Wed 9 Dec at 10.00am. Covid restrictions limit the number attending to 30 only. May she rest in peace.**Anniversaries:** Daniel Bolger, Erlinda Arcillas, Paddy McNally, Mary Ann Raine, John Robinson Aileen Riseborough, Joanna DeGroof.**Our Christmas Mass times will be as follows:**

Christmas Eve	6.00pm	St Mary's
	8.00pm	St Oswin's
Christmas Day	9.30am	St Oswin's
	11.00am	St Mary's

These Masses will last around 30 minutes and carols will be played in church from 15 min before. Due to limited space **we strongly recommend that you book to attend Mass** both for Christmas and for Sundays. To make sure of a place, from this week please ring the dedicated phone line:**07543 768189 on Wednesdays & Thursdays  
11am–1pm & 6pm–8pm.****One bubble only per booking please.** Those unable to gain a place at a Christmas Mass will be given priority for the Sunday Masses on the 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.**Government regulations** are that those attending church **must wear a face covering**. (those under 11 years of age are exempt or if you have a genuine medical reason). **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.**St Cuthbert's care Advent Appeal:** This year St Cuthbert's Care has been invited to deliver an online Advent Appeal. If you would like to support their work, please visit [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk). You will also find lots more information, including free **Resources for Advent**.**Why not set up a monthly Standing Order** to make your contribution towards the upkeep of the church? This would help keep our counting team safe. The information you need is as follows: The church account is with HSBC.Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin  
Account Number: 12011336  
Sort code: 40-34-18**Prayer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent***Merciful God, you sent John the Baptist to preach repentance. Forgive us for the times when we have done wrong, when we have hurt other people and damaged our earth. Lead us to make a change, to live differently, preparing a way and making your paths straight. Amen.*

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11*

*The people are urged to prepare a way for the Lord who is coming to save them.*

Console my people, console them, says your God. "Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes." A voice cries, "Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God." Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 84*

**Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

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| 1. | I will hear what the Lord God has to say,<br>a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.<br>His help is near for those who fear him<br>and his glory will dwell in our land. | 2. | Mercy and faithfulness have met;<br>justice and peace have embraced.<br>Faithfulness shall spring from the earth<br>and justice look down from heaven |
| 3. | The Lord will make us prosper<br>and our earth shall yield its fruit.<br>Justice shall march before him<br>and peace shall follow his steps  |    |   |

**Second Reading**

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

*If the Lord appears to be slow in coming, it is to give people an opportunity to be ready when he comes.*

There is one thing, my friends that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 1:1-8*

*John the Baptist urges the people to prepare for the imminent coming of the Saviour.*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

**Question of the week**

**With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?**