

**TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP**

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Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	Maureen & David Cairns	Ecc 3: 2-14, Gen 15:1-6;21:1-3 Colossians 3: 12-21
			St M	11.00am	Norman Peffers	
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	The Holy Innocents	St M		No Public Service	
Tue	29 <sup>th</sup>	St Thomas Becket, Bp	St O		No Public Service	
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup>	Octave of Christmas	St O	10.00am	Jim & Margaret Collins (MC)	1 John 2: 12-17, Luke 2; 36-40
Thu	31 <sup>st</sup>	Octave of Christmas	St M		No Public Service	
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, Mother of God	St M	10.00am	Betty Briggs (SS)	Num 6:22-27, Gals 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	SS Basil & Gregory	St O		No Public Service	
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Ecc 24: 1-12, Eph 1: 3-18 John 1: 1-18
			St M	11.00am	Ron Shipley (TS)	

**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, Nuala Byron, Fred Stimpson, Bob Devlin, Bernard Cass, David Boudge, Leo Smith and Fr Bernard.**Anniversaries:** Maureen Cairns, Lawrence Goveas, Willine McAllister, Sid Snowball, Richard Leslie, Rose Hyatt, Norman Peffers.**Please note** weekday Mass this week will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January and not the usual Thursday.Due to limited space **we strongly recommend that you book to attend Mass** for Sundays. To make sure of a place, please ring the dedicated phone line:**07543 768189 on Thursdays  
11am–1pm & 6pm–8pm.****Message from Bishop Robert**

At Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work for your parish and the diocese in this time of pandemic. To those who have helped to keep our churches open for Mass and those who have reached out to the less fortunate I want to say a big thank you. It is by our faith and unity that we can be a sign to the world of the love Christ showed us in becoming one of us in the holy season. I would like to wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Thank you to everyone for your cards, gifts and good wishes for Christmas. Your generosity is truly wonderful. I extend a very sincere thank you to all those volunteers who, during this year in particular, have done so much to help keep our church buildings open and safe. I would like to wish you all a very Happy, safe and prosperous New Year.  
*Fr Martin***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.**Northern Catholic Calendars 2021** – are now on sale, as you leave Church, price **£3.00**. Please return your payment in the envelopes provided.**Mass Intentions:** As fewer public masses are being celebrated at the moment there is a backlog of mass intentions. These will be celebrated in due course. Thank you for your patience and understanding.**Prayer for Christmas***Christ Jesus, as we celebrate your birth in a stable we remember all those among us who are left out, who live in poverty, who are homeless and who long to go home. Make room in our hearts for our sisters and brothers, so that we may reach out to them in love. AMEN.*

**First Reading**

*Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14*

*Writing 200 years before the birth of Christ, the author of Ecclesiasticus, Ben Sirach, talks of the need to preserve the Jewish family way of life, which he thought was being threatened by the dominating Greek culture of the time.*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 127*

Response: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his way!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life!

**Second Reading**

*Colossians 3:12-21*

*Paul stresses that patience, tolerance, and forgiveness are essential ingredients for the family unit. Such united families are a real blessing for the whole community.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints: he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
Let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 2:22.39-40*

*This tells us about the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple, and also provides us with a glimpse of his life at Nazareth.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**Question of the week**

**How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?**